



Staff Report – Public Hearing

June 1, 2026 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing Regarding the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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BACKGROUND: The Six Year Transportation Improvement Program, also known as the Six Year Street Plan, is to be updated by municipalities each year prior to commencement of the Washington State fiscal year of July 1 as required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.77.010. This year's program is for calendar years 2027 through 2032. Projects that have obligated (committed) construction funding are pulled from the list each year.

SUMMARY: The 2027 through 2032 plan will consist of the project list, map and appendices. The schedule of public events is as follows:

- Introduction to Council at the May 18, 2026 Workshop – done
- **Public Hearing – June 1, 2026**
- Resolution Adoption – June 15, 2026

In accordance with the RCW, the purpose of the Plan is to assure that each city shall perpetually have available advanced plans looking to the future for not less than six years as a guide in carrying out a coordinated transportation program. Most of the projects on the list do not currently have a funding source. The project list is much larger than available funding sources. Some grant sources require a project to be on the agency's Six Year Street Plan to be eligible for funding. Typically, the priority number assigned is only for broader community planning purposes and is not necessarily of importance for reasons of timing or eligibility of funding.

Staff proposed the following updates to the 2026 through 2031 plan from last year to Council at the May 18 Workshop:

- Based on recent adjustments to the North Shore Area roadway system;
 - Revisions to the North Shore Boulevard alignment, termini of segments, and cost estimates (see priorities 4 and 5.)
 - Removal of three segments of north/south roadway in the SunCal development (previously priorities 40 through 42.)
 - Addition of three (development-driven) roundabouts on North Shore Boulevard (see priorities 41 through 43.)
- Cost and time adjustments to several listed projects.

After receiving comments from Council members at the May 18 Council Workshop, staff has made the following additional updates:

- NW Brady Road
 - Road Improvements have been added to the bike and pedestrian improvements in the list description.
 - This project has been moved from priority 22 to priority 14.
- NW McIntosh Road
 - This project has been moved from priority 30 to priority 15.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: This plan allows projects to be eligible for various grants. These grants benefit all citizens in general by providing completed projects with sources that offset local funding.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Improve transportation...safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: Limited funding is available for projects.

BUDGET IMPACT: The plan itself has no budget impact, but funding limitations will prohibit the completion of most projects on the list in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council hold a public hearing, consider public testimony, and direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution for adoption of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.