



Staff Report – Public Hearing

June 5, 2023 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing 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 updated each year prior to commencement of the Washington State fiscal year of July 1 per the requirements of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.77.010. This year's program is for calendar years 2024 through 2029. Projects that have obligated (committed) construction funding are pulled from the list each year.

SUMMARY: 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 presented a draft of the map and list of projects for the program at the May 15 Council Workshop. Drafts were also posted in the Camas Washougal Post Record and on the City's website.

The plan consists of the list, map and appendices. The drafts are attached to this agenda item. Staff is proposing only minor changes to the 2023 through 2028 plan from last year. The main change on the attached draft is as follows:

NW 38th Avenue NW Parker to Grass Valley Park has been removed as construction funding will be obligated in 2023.

As of May 26, 2023 no major public comments have been received. Staff will provide Council any public comments that are received prior to the public hearing. No further revisions have been made to the draft since the May 15 Council Workshop.

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.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: Limited funding is available for projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council conduct a public hearing, consider public testimony and direct the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution to adopt the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting.