



Staff Report – Public Hearing for Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

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Public Hearing for Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

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SUMMARY: 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 2022 through 2027. Projects that have obligated (committed) construction funding are pulled from the list each year.

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 6 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 17 Council Workshop. Based on Council comments, staff made the following revisions to the draft:

- The NE 43rd Avenue Improvements Project moved from priority 26 to priority 14.
- The Downtown Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project has been added as priority 15.

This program has been placed on the City's website for the purpose of soliciting public comments. The only comment received to date is a request for a single bike lane project on NE Goodwin Road from Ingle Road to the Heritage Trailhead.

Attached are the Program List, map and appendices as well as the NE Goodwin Road bike lane request.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

Conduct a Public Hearing in preparation of Resolution by Council on June 21, 2021.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

N/A

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

This plan is posted on the website and there is opportunity for public testimony at this Public Hearing.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

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.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

N/A

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

No.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

There are many projects in this plan that include ADA accessibility enhancements.

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

None.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

After the public hearing, this plan is to be adopted by Council Resolution.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

Projects in the comprehensive plan are included in the Six Year Street Plan.

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 21, 2021 Council Meeting.