

# Washington State TIP Requirements

## What the law requires:

Under RCW 35.77.010, cities in Washington must:

- Prepare a six-year list of transportation projects showing what the City plans to build or improve.
- Update the list every year to keep it current.
- Include estimated costs, funding sources, and timing for each project.
- Hold at least one public hearing before adopting the plan.
- Submit the adopted program to the state (Washington State Department of Transportation) after approval.

Additional related provisions in RCW 35.77 outline how cities classify streets, report expenditures, and coordinate transportation planning efforts.

## Why this matters:

These requirements ensure that cities plan ahead, remain transparent with the public, and stay eligible for state and federal transportation funding.

## Helpful Resources for Councilmembers:

- RCW 35.77.010 (Six-Year Transportation Program Requirement)
- RCW 35.77 (City Streets and Transportation Statutes)
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) – guidance on transportation planning and funding programs
- Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) – funding programs that require TIP inclusion

Citizen engagement is key to reviewing, prioritizing, and adopting the City's Transportation Improvement Plan.