



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6278
June 6, 2023
Regular Business**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6278: Adoption of 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Review (Public Hearing continued from May 2 Meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and authorize \$55,000 of budget authority from the Street Fund to complete SP0009 – Mercer Way Shoulder Study in fiscal year 2024.	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
STAFF:	Matt Mornick, Finance Director Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director Clint Morris, Capital Division Manager Lia Klein, Transportation Engineer Ian Powell, Street Engineer
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Summary of Public Comments Received 2. Detail of Proposed Expenditures 2024-2029 and Street Fund Forecast with Mercer Way Shoulder Study Added 3. Detail of Proposed Expenditures 2024-2029 and Street Fund Forecast
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to continue the public hearing opened on May 2 regarding the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and for the City Council to adopt the TIP.

- The 2023 public comment period is March 21 to June 6. A public hearing was opened during the May 2 City Council meeting ([AB 6258](#)) and continued to the June 6 City Council meeting.
- Seven additional comments have been received since the May 2 meeting.
- At the May 2 meeting, the City Council moved to add the Mercer Way shoulder study for demarcation as a shared pedestrian/bicycle facility.

BACKGROUND

The Six-Year TIP is a planning tool used to identify specific projects that serve to maintain, preserve, and maximize use of the existing roadway and trail systems. It balances revenues and expenditures within the Street Fund over the six-year period.

RCW 35.77.010 requires cities to formally adopt a TIP annually and submit it to WSDOT and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) by July 1. Once the TIP is adopted, projects are budgeted and funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) during the biennial budget process.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Project schedules, details, and costs were updated from the 2023-2028 TIP. Street resurfacing projects were updated based on pavement conditions, timing with utility construction projects, and increasing material costs. The focus of much of the pedestrian facility improvements have shifted to the Town Center with the anticipation of increased pedestrian activity in the Town Center with the opening of the East Link station.

Public feedback was solicited via the City's various outreach platforms including Let's Talk from March 21 to June 6 and was incorporated in the final development of the 2024-2029 TIP. All public comments received by May 25 are shown in Exhibit 1.

The City Council reviewed the 2024-2029 TIP materials on May 2, 2023, and directed staff through a motion to add the Mercer Way shoulder study for demarcation as a shared pedestrian/bicycle facility. Staff proposes a scope that includes research of similar facilities; review of standards and guidelines; review existing conditions and constraints; review of legal considerations; evaluation facility treatment options, and planning level cost estimate. This work would be performed by a consultant with relevant transportation experience. The estimated cost of this work is \$55,000. If approved, funds would be appropriated in a quarterly budget amending ordinance.

Exhibit 2 reflects the draft TIP and Street Fund Forecast with the Mercer Way shoulder study added in 2024. The unchanged version of the TIP and Street Fund Forecast presented at the May 3 Council meeting is shown in Exhibit 3.

NEXT STEPS

Conclude the public hearing and adopt the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in either Exhibit 2 or Exhibit 3.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Authorize \$55,000 of budget authority from the Street Fund to complete SP0009 – Mercer Way Shoulder Study in fiscal year 2024.
2. Adopt the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as reflected in Exhibit 2.