



City of Stevenson

Public Works Department

(509)427-5970

7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371
Stevenson, Washington 98648

TO: City Council

FROM: Carolyn Sourek, Public Works Director and Leana Kinley, City Administrator

DATE: 5/18/23

SUBJECT: 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Executive Summary:

This is the annual review of all street improvement projects planned in the city limits. Projects represent those already in progress through grants and those identified through an evaluation process. The list is used to meet requirements for grant funding applications. There are two public hearings held and the final list is required to be adopted by July 1st of each year. This is the first public hearing for the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. There will be a second Public Hearing at the June 15th City Council meeting. More workshops can take place if necessary.

Overview:

All Cities, Towns, and Counties are required to adopt a 6-year Transportation Improvement Program. Elements of the program should contain fiscally constrained projects for the first four years, and projects of regional significance shall be submitted to the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for inclusion in their respective TIP's, where applicable. The RTPO then submits their regional TIP to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The transportation projects that are listed in the TIP go through a process in which the City of Stevenson uses a prioritization system to determine which road systems will be upgraded/rebuilt and in what order. Road projects may not always take place in order of prioritization due to funding eligibility and grant program criteria. The City Council has the ultimate say in which projects are approved and the order in which these projects will be completed. The projects reflected are a continuation of those in process, recommendations from the transportation study and others identified through an evaluation process based on citizen input and infrastructure condition.

The list presented last year was a departure from prior years in that it included a list of only those projects the city could realistically tackle in 6 years rather than a list of all projects for the foreseeable future. This year's list is a further refinement of the process. The street budget cannot support all projects listed if the prior year's TIP were rolled over. A copy of that list and a rough estimate of the city's portion of the costs is included as exhibit A.

Staff reviewed the projects and a second list, exhibit B, contains only projects which would be eligible for grants. This list limits the activities to existing resources. What is not listed are any projects where internal resources may be used. This would also descope the paving of gravel roads to city standards and staff would work to surface the gravel roads in a manner that is within the budget yet may not meet city standards.



City of Stevenson

Public Works Department

(509)427-5970

7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371
Stevenson, Washington 98648

The difference between the two options is the level of service provided to the community. To have better roads to city standards, more resources (revenues-taxes/fees) need to be put towards the effort. Options include-creating a Transportation Benefit District and implement a vehicle licensing fee up to \$20 and/or implement a sales tax up to .1%, implement an internal utility tax on the water and sewer utilities, or establish a stormwater utility fund to cover a portion of the costs from the Street Fund (more information on this in the Information section of the council packet).

Action Needed:

Review lists presented, provide feedback, ask questions, add what is missing, help brainstorm the updated TIP and determine whether a special workshop is desired (and set a date if necessary) for revisions at the June 15th council meeting.