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TO: City Council

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SUBJECT: 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Executive Summary:

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a proposed list of all street projects planned within the city limits for the 6 years following adoption. The TIP, reviewed annually, represents those projects already in progress through grants as well as those preliminary projects identified through an involved evaluation process. The list is used to meet requirements for grant funding applications and to aid in budgeting. There are two public hearings held to gain feedback on proposed projects and the final list is required by state law (RCW 35.77.010) to be adopted by the City Council by July 1st of each year. The second public hearing for the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is held in conjunction with the June 16th City Council meeting. There were workshops held on May 12th and June 8th, and the initial Public Hearing was held at the May 19th City Council meeting. The list has been revised with two options being presented based on feedback from the workshops and written public comment. A special council meeting to continue the Public Hearing may be required, if necessary.

Overview:

For a general review on what the list is and where it goes, please review the memo in the May 19th City Council packet available on the city website at <https://www.ci.stevenson.wa.us/meetings>.

The city held a second workshop on the 6-year TIP on June 8th, which was attended by approximately 20 members of the community, three councilmembers and the mayor. The draft minutes of that meeting can also be found at the link above. In addition to the workshop, comments were provided in response to the one of the proposed options for addressing potential safety concerns related to the Kanaka Creek RR Underpass. Comments have also been received related to the Del Ray component of the proposed City-wide project addressing minimum street standards. These comments follow this memo as part of the record.

The city has revised the draft TIP presented at the May 19th City Council meeting. There are now two options presented for discussion and Council selection. Both of these options now have modified the initial proposal to address the safety concerns at the Kanaka Creek Underpass. Closure to general vehicular public use is not being considered as an immediate project for this TIP.

Option A: Maintains the goal to improve the safety and provide a minimum level of service standard for all city streets, focusing on gravel roads.

- The city's 1972 Austin Grader has been excised as it has exceeded its useful life with a cracked engine and brake failure. Replacement cost and frequency of use were factors in the decision to remove it from the fleet without immediate plans in the equipment management plan for



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replacement. Any future grading will require a private contract or be included with the other maintenance requests to Skamania County. Road condition improvement and maintenance request for remaining gravel streets, moving forward, will take more time to address, due to the reliance on others for support.

- This option addresses absent or failing infrastructure and will provide all city residents with a minimum level of service.
- To advance this goal, the proposed project for 2023 begins transitioning the eight currently gravel roads by evaluation, designing to a minimum standard, and producing cost estimates for each road.
- The first road proposed to be paved is Lakeview, followed by Ash Alley (downtown core), Holly Street (requested by Cemetery District) and the Kanaka Underpass (to address ongoing maintenance concerns). The remaining streets are to be constructed in later years of this TIP.
- Maintaining all eight currently gravel roads on the TIP allows the city to acquire additional right of way as part of a short plat (SMC 16.02.210(A)), if necessary.

Option B: Does not further the city goal of identifying and progressing a minimum safety and operational standard for currently owned city streets.

- Streets listed for improvement have been requested by neighboring property owners or users. The timing of design and construction of road improvements remain the same as Option A.

Supporting Documents:

- TIP summary sheets, Options A and B
- TIP project sheets (in order as listed on TIP)
- Remaining projects identified and not listed on 6-year TIP
- Public comments

Definitions:

- Chip Seal – a pavement surface treatment that combines one or more layer of asphalt with one or more layer of fine aggregate
- Grind and Inlay – involves grinding a layer of the pavement down, removing the grinded out asphalt, and then pouring a brand-new layer of asphalt down restoring the structural strength of the roadway.
- Overlay – Asphalt overlay is a paving method of applying a new layer of asphalt to a deteriorating surface.

Action Needed:

Approve the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan Option [A or B] [as presented or with changes as discussed].

Or

Direct staff to make updates for a continuation on the topic at a special meeting to be held ____ (no later than June 30, 2022).