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SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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).

Programs are required to be adopted by July 1st of each year and requires at least one public hearing (RCW 35.77.010). Copies shall be submitted to WSDOT within 30 days of adoption. Due to COVID-19, the public hearing for this year's update will take place on July 16, 2020. We have confirmed this delay will not impact the city's projects.

All projects receiving Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds must be in the regional TIP and STIP in order to authorize the funds. In addition, all regionally significant projects in the state (whether state or federally funded), including WSDOT projects, that have committed or reasonably available funding and are expected to begin within the next four years from STIP adoption are required to be in the regional TIP and STIP.

The transportation projects that are listed in 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 initial plan for this revision was for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program project, which has been delayed. The projects reflected are a continuation from last year's approved TIP, with date changes. We recommend a transportation study be completed next year for a comprehensive picture on the condition of the infrastructure and to inform project prioritization.

Please see attached sheet for description of acronyms used in the TIP worksheet.