



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2012

TO: Transportation Commission

FROM: Kristi L. Oosterveen, Program Administrator, 425-452-4496

SUBJECT: Transportation Commission Transmittal Memorandum to Council for the Proposed City of Bellevue 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Purpose

The proposed 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was introduced to the Transportation Commission on March 8, 2012 and subsequently approved by the Transportation Commission after the close of the mandated public hearing held on April 12, 2012. At that time, Commissioners requested that staff revise the draft recommendation memo to Council to include Commission's recognition of the City's current financial climate and their continued awareness of this when discussing future project timing and investments.

Requested Action

Staff request your approval, or your specific edits and approval, of the revised draft Transportation Commission transmittal memorandum (Attachment 1).

Next Steps

Proposed TIP Update Timeline

- May 21, 2012 – City Council considers a Commission-recommended 2013-2018 TIP.
- June-July, 2012 – Formatting and submittal of the adopted 2013-2018 TIP to PSRC and WSDOT.

Attachment

Revised Draft Transportation Commission Recommendation Transmittal Memorandum

City of
Bellevue



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2012

TO: Mayor Lee and Members of the City Council

FROM: Transportation Commission

SUBJECT: City of Bellevue 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Update Recommendation

We are pleased to recommend the City Council's adoption of the proposed City of Bellevue 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. This project list was developed by staff and reviewed by the Commission at our meeting on March 8. The Transportation Commission held a Public Hearing on the associated project list at our meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

State law (RCW 35.77.010) mandates that all local jurisdictions annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. The six-year Local TIP serves as a rough work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act. Council adopted the current 2012-2017 Local TIP on May 16, 2011 (Res. 8231).

Since local TIPs need not be revenue constrained, jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available. The Proposed City of Bellevue 2013-2018 Local TIP includes projects from the adopted 2011-2017 CIP, the adopted 2009-2020 Transportation Facilities Plan, and other project priorities emerging from current or recent transportation planning and analysis work. The proposed TIP also includes other regional or outside agency-led projects (many on the three major freeway corridors serving Bellevue) in which the City could be a partner, but not necessarily the lead agency. While the TIP is not a revenue constrained document, we certainly recognize the challenges the City faces with current revenue constraints and a fluctuating financial climate. We will be cognizant of this when discussing or recommending the timing and investment to projects in implementation plans such as the Transportation Facilities Plan and Capital Investment Program Plan.

The particular importance of the local TIP is that, in most instances, projects must be included in a local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. The proposed local TIP includes many projects that would compete well against state and federal grant program criteria.

Due to the TIP's value in local and regional transportation planning and funding efforts, we recommend adoption of the proposed City of Bellevue 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program at your earliest convenience.