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Public Hearing on the 2018-2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Report

Issue:

Whether to hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires local governments to outline their specific transportation needs in a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Cities must identify projects in the TIP before they can receive state and federal funding. City staff updates the TIP each year so that all projects identified in the *Capital Facilities Plan* (CFP) are in the TIP. The City submits the TIP to WSDOT annually in July.

It is important to note that City staff works closely with state and federal agencies to understand funding criteria. Every year, staff reviews projects and makes revisions to the TIP so the City is in the best position to successfully secure funding.

The cost estimates and project schedules in the TIP are preliminary and will be updated when funding is requested. The TIP is organized as follows:

1. Fully Funded Projects. These projects have received grant funding and are in the process of being implemented.
2. Capacity Projects. These projects do not meet current levels of service (capacity) as defined by the *Olympia Comprehensive Plan* (Comp Plan). They often have multiple funding sources including impact fees, grants, and City general fund dollars.
3. Annual Programs. These programs fund multiple projects within specific categories; they are listed in alphabetical order in the TIP:
 - Access and Safety Improvements.
 - Bike Improvements.
 - Sidewalks and Pathways.
 - Street Repair and Reconstruction.
4. Parks, Arts and Recreation Projects, in priority order. These projects are included in priority order to qualify them for state and federal funding.

A table summarizing the 2018-2023 TIP is attached. The WSDOT 2018-2023 Six-year TIP in the required WSDOT format, which will be sent to WSDOT, is also attached. Adoption of the TIP is scheduled for December 6, 2016.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

City staff distributed the draft 2018-2023 TIP and gave notice of the Public Hearing to the following organizations: City-recognized neighborhood associations, the West Olympia Business Association, Intercity Transit and WSDOT, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), the cities of Lacey and Tumwater, Thurston County, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Olympia Safe Streets Campaign and other interested parties.

Options:

1. Hold a Public Hearing on the 2018-2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Council is scheduled to adopt a resolution approving the 2018-2023 TIP on December 6, 2016. Prior to adoption, any changes to the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Plan will be incorporated into the TIP. The City will meet state law for updating the TIP annually and be eligible for grant funding on the listed projects.

2. Do not hold a Public Hearing on the 2018-2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Financial Impact:

The 2017-2022 TIP identifies 17 projects totaling approximately \$98 million. The City is seeking approximately \$32.6 million in federal funding and \$13.2 million in state funding. The CFP establishes specific funding sources and commitment for funding of the projects in the TIP.

Attachment(s):

TIP Project Summary 2018-2023
TIP Project Maps
TIP WSDOT Technical Report, 2018-2023