



Agenda Bill

City Council Regular Meeting - 20 May 2019

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Agenda Bill Title

Public Hearing and Discussion on the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Summary

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Following the hearing, Council may review, discuss and provide direction to staff. State Law requires that each city develop a local TIP and that it be updated each year before July 1st (RCW 35.77.010).

The TIP is a short-range planning document that is updated annually based on needs and policies identified through a variety of sources. Staff has evaluated last year's TIP with respect to the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and the Stormwater Master Plan to ensure that the new TIP is aligned with the goals of both documents, and specifically with the TMP's multimodal layered network concept.

The primary importance of the Six-Year TIP is to act as a planning tool for the development of transportation facilities within the City. It is used as a tool in preparing the City's capital budget, and it is used to coordinate transportation projects with our utility districts and other agencies. In most cases, local projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs.

This TIP includes the following changes to last year's TIP:

- The projects have been renumbered and are in order of priority.
- Two projects have been deleted because they are/will be completed by next year (the S 146th/144th St Roadway Project through NERA and the S 156th St/4th Ave S HAWK Signal).
- Project 27.0 (new project numbering), SW 144th/146th St from Ambaum Blvd. to 21st Ave SW, has been changed from medium priority to high priority after discussion with school district representatives.

Currently, the only funds available for transportation capital projects, other than outside grant funds, are included in the adopted budget. There is no funding for new projects. There are generally four City funds that provide funding for transportation capital projects. These are: the Street Fund, the Transportation Benefit District Fund, the Capital Project Reserves Fund and the Public Works Reserve Fund.

The Street Fund includes revenue from motor vehicle fuel tax, solid waste franchise fees, solid waste utility tax, commercial parking tax, and right-of-way use permits. This revenue pays for street maintenance operating costs (including City staff on the Street Maintenance crew), debt service for about half of the overlay bond, and a portion of the yearly Pavement Management Program. Occasionally, there are remaining funds that can contribute to an additional transportation capital project.

The Transportation Benefit District Fund receives revenue from a \$20 vehicle registration fee. This revenue supplements the above funding by providing approximately \$400,000 to debt service for transportation projects and \$400,000 for the yearly Pavement Management Program. If Initiative 976 passes, the City could no longer assess Transportation Benefit District vehicle registration fees. This would mean that the City would have to find another source to fund the \$400,000 in debt service currently paid by those fees. It also means that funding for the yearly Pavement Management Program would be reduced by about half resulting in a drastic decrease to the pavement condition of City streets. On the other hand, if Initiative 976 fails, the City could consider increasing its vehicle registration fees from \$20 to \$40 to provide additional funds for transportation capital projects.

Through 2019, the Capital Project Reserve Fund received its revenue from 10% of the City property tax levy. However, starting in 2020 all property tax levy funds will go to the General Fund to help address the structural imbalance caused by the loss of the Sales Tax Annexation Credit.

The Public Works Reserve Fund receives most of its revenue from Real Estate Excise Tax. Most of this fund's revenues are used to cover debt service. Occasionally, remaining funds are used to fund a capital project.

As has been noted in recent budget presentations, the City is proposing to implement a franchise fee or utility tax on water and sewer districts. The City is also increasing its contract fee with Seattle City Light (effective in January 2020). Both of these changes will contribute to the General Fund structural imbalance and therefore are not available to fund capital projects.

Grant funding is heavily relied on for capital projects. Most grant funding sources require a City match.

Options

- Council may accept or reject the identified changes to the proposed TIP, or they may direct staff to make additional changes.

Advisory Board Recommendation

N/A

Administrative Recommendation

Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, provide direction to staff, and consider placing Resolution No. 416 on the June 4th Consent Agenda for adoption.

Suggested Motion

N/A

Fiscal Impact

FUND: N/A

COST OF PROPOSAL: N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED: N/A

Attachments

[Resolution No. 416, Adopting 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

[Resolution No. 416, Exhibit A TIP Complete - Draft](#)

[2020-2025 TIP Map](#)

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 416

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2020 THROUGH 2025 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BURIEN

WHEREAS, State law (Ch. 35.77 RCW) requires cities to develop a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and update it annually; and

WHEREAS, in order for cities to compete for transportation funding grants from Federal and State sources, most granting agencies require that projects be included in the Transportation Improvement Program document; and

WHEREAS, as required by State law and after proper notice, the City Council held a public hearing at its regular meeting on May 20, 2019, to consider public testimony on the City's proposed 2020 through 2025 Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the city to adopt the proposed 2020 through 2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption. The 2020 through 2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, which is set forth in the attached Exhibit A and which has been filed with the City Clerk, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Burien City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS ____ DAY OF ____, 2019.

CITY OF BURIEN

Jimmy Matta, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Lisa Marshall, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:
Passed by the City Council:
Resolution No.