

DATE: January 25, 2022

TO: Chair Ramos and Transportation and Mobility Commission members
CC: Rebecca Kennedy, Ryan Lopossa

FROM: Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager

RE: **2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) updates**

This memo provides background on proposed updates to the 2023-2028 TIP. Staff will be presenting this information to the Transportation and Mobility Commission (TMC) in a workshop on February 1st, 2022.

Based on feedback from the TMC during the November 2nd, 2021 workshop, staff has implemented several updates to the TIP, including:

- Change “multimodal” category to “active transportation”.
- Change “capacity” category to “arterial improvements”.
- Change “traffic” category to “signal and lighting improvements”.
- Updated the scoring criteria for social equity to reflect the most recent version of the citywide vulnerability index (see attached map).
- Transit is now included in the scoring criteria for congestion management.
- Pedestrian and bicycle improvements now have a graduated scale in the scoring criteria for active transportation (0-100 lineal feet; 100-500 lineal feet; greater than 500 lineal feet).
- Confirmed that multi-use path is included in project description for 18th Street project.
- Will add text indicating that there is a large backlog of unfunded projects.
- Included a member from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to help score projects and provide a regional perspective.
- Developed improved outreach and communication materials for community stakeholders, to facilitate better understanding of the purpose of the TIP, where projects are located within the City, and how it advances projects that directly serve socially vulnerable areas as well as the overall transportation network within the City. This includes an emphasis on improved outreach and communication to community-based organizations and stakeholders led-by and serving historically excluded and underrepresented groups, including but not limited to Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities, low-income communities, and people with disabilities. In addition, the staff have updated the TIP interactive web map, which allows interested community members to look at projects and filter them by location, type of project

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and soon will include the City's Vulnerability Index. The updated combined Transportation Improvement Program and Capital Improvement Program (planned capital projects for utilities) interactive web map is available here: www.cityofvancouver.us/tip

The following items were brought up by the TMC and have been included in work underway through the Transportation System Plan Update, which includes development of a more permanent prioritization process for projects included in the TIP as well as other transportation related programs. Due to additional analysis and information needed to integrate these, we were unable to include them in the TIP process this year.

- Potentially factor project costs into the scoring criteria. This may be challenging to implement because arterial improvements cost so much more than active transportation and signal improvements. Staff are investigating ranking by category and other solutions to address this.
- Potentially include level of stress analysis into the scoring criteria.
- Include alignment with the City's Climate Action Plan in the scoring criteria. Staff is waiting for policy guidance from City Council, anticipated to be available in June or July this year when the Climate Action Plan is adopted.

The updated project lists for 2023-2028 (which include updated project scores) are attached to this memo.

During the February 1 workshop, staff will be asking the TMC for additional feedback and questions on the proposed changes and updated project lists, in anticipation of a TMC public hearing for a formal recommendation on adoption of the 2023-2028 TIP that will be forwarded to City Council.

Attachment(s):

- Updated Vulnerability Index map
- Updated 2023-2028 TIP project lists
- 2022-2027 TIP to 2023-2028 TIP changes summary