



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 8.A.
For Meeting of: June 17, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Public hearing to consider: A) Resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the period of 2026 through 2031, and to amend the Transportation Systems Plan 2040; and B) Resolution amending the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element (No budgetary impact)

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Preston, Director of Community and Economic Development

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

A) Each year the City of Yakima (City) is required by state statute to update its Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation. This plan must include all transportation projects for which state gas tax revenue or federal revenue will be used.

Attached is the complete 2026 - 2031 Six-Year TIP, which describes all projects currently on the list. The City will continue to seek funding for projects that do not currently have secured funding. City Council and the public are welcome to add other arterial system projects to the TIP. The Six-Year TIP project listing will be finalized at this hearing and sent to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) after approval. In order to utilize federal funds, such as those administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), projects must be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a prioritized program of transportation projects, compiled from local and regional plans, along with the Washington Transportation System Plan (WTP), which provides a backbone for developing projects for the inter-modal transportation network in the State of Washington.

The STIP contains federally funded projects plus state and local projects that are regionally significant. These projects have been identified through the planning process as the highest priority for the available funding to the state's Transportation Program. Planning activities of state and local governments are essential parts of integrated regional planning processes. Long range transportation planning is a part of the comprehensive land use planning carried out by local governments. Public participation is an integral part of the planning process at all levels. Local agencies are required to develop and adopt a Six-year Transportation Program; holding at least one public hearing during its development.

B) The City is required to amend the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element by incorporating the adopted Six-Year TIP for 2026 to 2031. This will ensure that we are in compliance with the Growth Management Act and that we are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as required. The amendment is limited to incorporating only those projects that are adopted in the Six-Year TIP and is

not subject to the once a year change required under the laws of the Growth Management Act.

The Public Hearing notice has been provided to all Yakima-area media outlets.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt both Resolutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution A](#)

[Resolution B](#)

[2026-2031 TIP](#)