



**2025-2030
Transportation
Improvement
Program (TIP)**



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What is the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (Six-Year TIP)?

[RCW 35.77.010](#) requires that cities and towns in Washington State develop and adopt a Six-Year TIP. The Six-Year TIP is a short-range transportation planning and funding document that is updated annually.

Development of the Six-Year TIP is guided by the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan and other adopted long-range transportation planning documents. The Six-Year TIP includes projects that the City of Bellingham is planning to design and build over the next six years, as well as the planned funding sources and amounts for each of these projects. Projects listed in the first three years of the document are shown as having secured funding while projects in the last three years can be partially, or completely, unfunded. Projects included in the last three years of the City’s Six-Year TIP are reasonably expected to be funded through a combination of city and outside funding sources.

Bellingham uses the Six-Year TIP to guide development of the Six-Year Transportation Capital Plan in the City’s Budget. The Six-Year TIP’s dual role as both a planning and funding document, provide a valuable bridge between the City’s adopted long-range transportation plans and the City’s budget process, which focuses more on the near-term and is fiscally constrained.

Bellingham voters approved the [Transportation Fund](#) in November 2020, which is a 0.2% sales tax, that will remain in effect until December 31, 2030. Funds generated by the City’s Transportation Fund are allocated to three priority programs identified in the Six-Year TIP:

- Street Preservation
- Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements
- Clean Energy Transportation

Funds generated by the Transportation Fund are also allocated to specific large-scale projects identified in the Six-Year TIP that relate directly back to the three priority programs listed above.

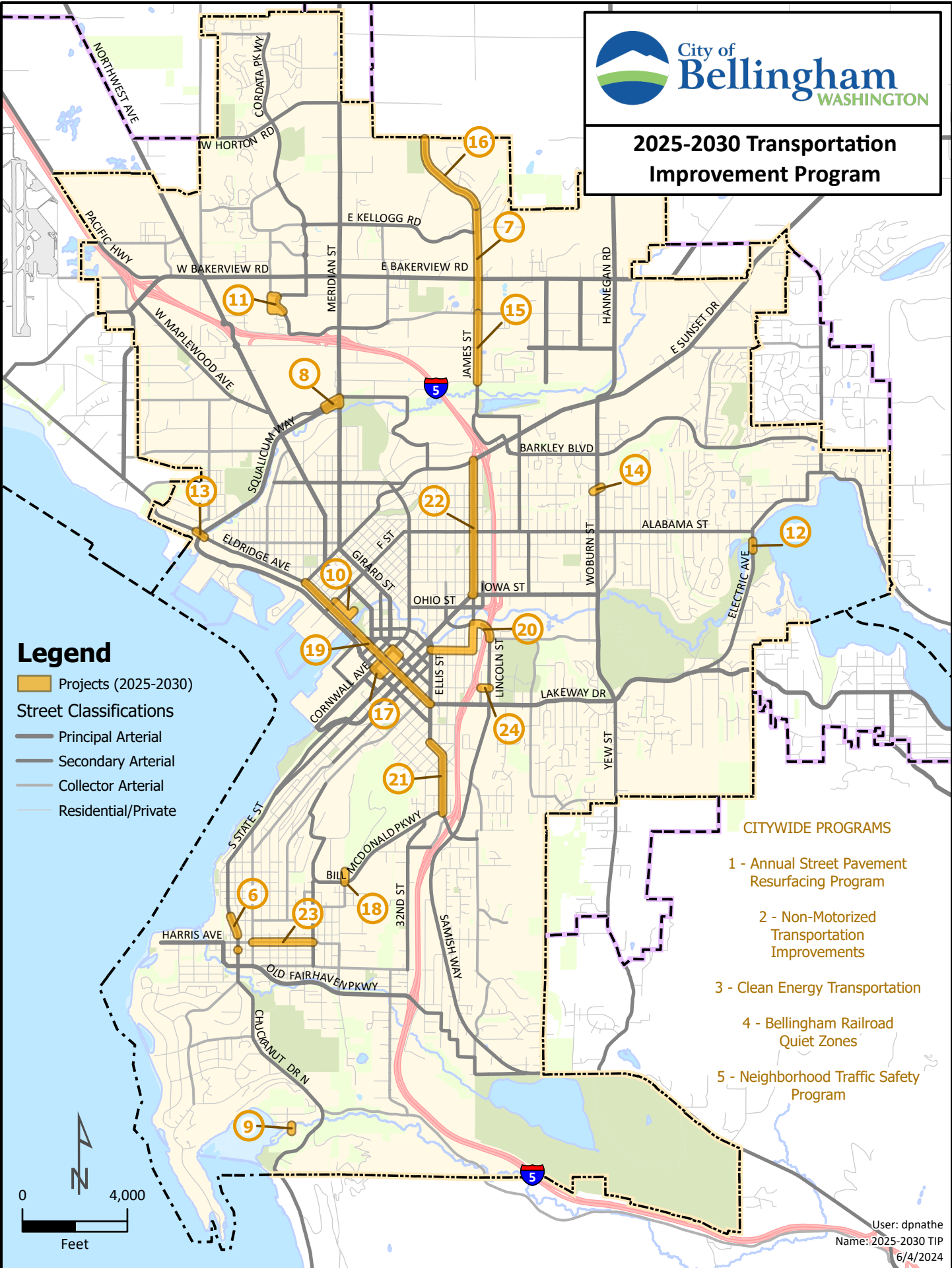
At the regional and state level the Six-Year TIP is used to qualify projects for grant opportunities. So, the Six-Year TIP also helps guide Bellingham's transportation related grant application strategy.

The RCW states that jurisdictions must review and update the Six-Year TIP every year. It also requires that cities hold a public hearing on the Six-Year TIP prior to Council adoption. The deadline for adoption is July 1 of the year prior to the first year of the TIP (For example, the 2001-2006 TIP needs to be adopted by July 1, 2000). Then, within 30 days of adoption, the TIP must be filed with the state secretary of transportation.

Please Note: The Washington State Department of Transportation also maintains a separate "TIP" in coordination with state, local, tribal, and public transportation agencies. The full name of this document is the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, also referred to as the "STIP". It is a four-year multimodal transportation program required by the United States Department of Transportation and only includes projects that will receive Federal funding. Although these two documents are both called Transportation Improvement Programs, they are not related. This can cause a great deal of confusion.



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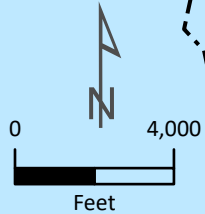
Projects (2025-2030)

Street Classifications

- Principal Arterial
- Secondary Arterial
- Collector Arterial
- Residential/Private

CITYWIDE PROGRAMS

- 1 - Annual Street Pavement Resurfacing Program
- 2 - Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements
- 3 - Clean Energy Transportation
- 4 - Bellingham Railroad Quiet Zones
- 5 - Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program



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2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project List

NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION (PROJECT #)	FUNDING SOURCE	Cost Estimates (\$ 000's)						PROJECT TOTALS	
				PREVIOUS BUDGET	FUNDED			UNFUNDED			
					2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		2030
PROGRAMS											
1	Street Preservation Program	Repair and resurfacing of streets, adjoining curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as installing accessible curb ramps. Pavement resurfacing is an annual maintenance program to protect the City's investment in public roadways and to ensure an adequate quality walking, riding, and driving surface at an optimized life-cycle cost.	Street	--	2,600	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,900	3,100	
			T-Fund Resurface	--	3,950	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,600	3,600	
			Subtotal	--	6,550	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,500	6,700	41,850
2	Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements Program	Construct safe and equitable connections and street crossings for people walking, bicycling, and rolling to help complete and enhance the citywide pedestrian and bicycle transportation network and the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) transit network. Specific improvement projects are prioritized based on safety, equity, accessibility, connectivity, and trip potential; scale and complexity; cost; and grant competitiveness.	T-Fund Non-Motorized	--	1,000	1,700	1,550	2,000	2,850	4,000	
			Subtotal	--	1,000	1,700	1,550	2,000	2,850	4,000	13,100
3	Clean Energy Transportation Program	Construct transportation projects that implement Bellingham's Climate Protection Action Plan goals for clean energy (carbon-free) transportation, as well as WTA's 2040 Long-Range Transit Plan. Examples of eligible projects include transit speed and reliability improvements, WTA fleet electrification and charging facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, Bellingham Station expansion, and other capital expenditures for clean energy transportation.	T-Fund Climate Action	--	700	800	900	1,000	1,100	1,200	
			Subtotal	--	700	800	900	1,000	1,100	1,200	5,700
4	Bellingham Railroad Quiet Zones Program	Construct safety improvements at all City street at-grade BNSF railroad crossings to establish two separate Quiet Zones. At-grade crossing treatments will vary depending on the needs of the specific site. Preliminary cost estimates are approximately \$1,000,000 or more per crossing.	REET 2	--	250	250	250	250	250	250	
			Subtotal	--	250	250	250	250	250	250	1,500
5	Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program	Implement creative, data informed, and community-driven solutions for local traffic issues, which are identified through an inclusive and equitable community engagement process.	Street	--	100	200	200	200	200	200	
			Subtotal	--	100	200	200	200	200	200	1,100
PROJECTS											
6	12th St/Finnegan Way Corridor Multimodal Safety Improvements between McKenzie Avenue and 11th Street	Construct flashing crosswalk at 12th/McKenzie, full traffic signal at 12th/Mill/Finnegan with green bike boxes, complete sidewalk on west side of Finnegan Way between Mill & 11th, and flashing crosswalk at 11th/Finnegan Way. (#ES566)	Street		250						
			T-Fund Non-Motorized		1,050						
			TIB UAP	400							
			Subtotal	400	1,300						1,700

7	James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements between Telegraph Rd and Gooding Ave (Segments 3 & 4)	Construct 12-foot-wide multiuse pathway on west side as identified in the 2019 James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study. Project will upgrade streetlighting to improve safety and reconstruct culverts to improve fish passage. (#ES565)	Street		1,150	475						
			T-Fund Non-Motorized	800	1,150	475						
			Pvt Mitigation (Ord/TIF)	0	100	50						
			Subtotal	800	2,400	1,000						4,200
8	Meridian/Birchwood Multimodal Transportation Improvements, Phases 1 & 2	Improve operations on critical freight route and multimodal transportation link by merging Squalicum Pkwy with Birchwood Ave and decommission the Squalicum Pkwy and Meridian Ave traffic signal. Construct greenway trail connecting to Cornwall Park, remove fish barriers and improve salmon habitat in Squalicum Creek. Phase 2 will reconstruct traffic signal at Squalicum and Birchwood as a roundabout. Acquisition of BNSF railroad right-of-way is required. (#ES564)	Street		100	100	100	1,200				
			T-Fund Resurface		200	200	200	200				
			SJ Hospital IMP (SEPA)	126								
			Federal STBG, TA & CRP	900				1,740	2,050			
			Parks Greenways Trail		550							
			Port of Bellingham		150							
			County EDI	1,000	1,625							
			Unknown						3,559			
			Subtotal	2,026	2,625	300	2,040	7,009	0			14,000
9	Rainier Avenue Bridge Replacement (Chuckanut Creek)	Replace temporary bridge installed over Chuckanut Creek after original bridge was washed out during November 2021 floods. Study underway to determine best permanent solution and project cost. (#ER017)	Street	250	250							
			Federal FEMA		600	2,000	2,000					
			Subtotal	250	850	2,000	2,000				5,100	
10	Old Town Urban Village Streetscape Improvements	Construct streetscape improvements in coordination with property owners per an existing development agreement on C, D, and E Streets between Holly and Bancroft and along Astor Street between C and F Streets. Underground overhead power lines where feasible. (#ES562)	REET 2	700	1,800							
			County EDI Loan	1,500								
			County EDI Grant		1,500							
			Subtotal	2,200	3,300						5,500	
11	Bellis Fair Family Housing and Learning Center Frontage Improvements and Trail Connections	Construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk on west side of Bellis Fair Pkwy south of Eliza, as well as new mid-block crosswalk to serve as frontage improvements for planned Opportunity Council development of existing "motorcycle lot" parking lot. New trail connections will be constructed within existing City right of way on west and south of development. (#ES571)	T-Fund Non-Motorized		250							
			Parks Greenways Trail		50							
			Subtotal		300						300	
12	Electric Avenue Bridge Reconstruction (Bloedel-Donovan)	Reconstruct and widen existing bridge (built in 1959). New bridge would include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides.	Street				550					
			T-Fund Non-Motorized				550					
			Federal Bridge Program					6,600				
			Subtotal				1,100	6,600			7,700	
13	Eldridge Avenue Bridge Reconstruction (Squalicum Creek)	Reconstruct and widen existing bridge (built in 1937). New bridge would include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. (#ER018)	Federal Bridge Program	3,200	800	21,000						
			Subtotal	3,200	800	21,000				25,000		

14	Railroad Trail Bridge Over Woburn Street	Construct grade-separated pedestrian-bicycle bridge, as identified in Barkley Urban Village Environmental Impact Study (EIS), that is accessible for all ages and abilities. As a designated truck route, bridge would be designed to meet current WSDOT bridge clearance requirements.	Pvt Mitigation					2,100				
			Subtotal					2,100			2,100	
15	James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements between Orchard St and Telegraph Rd (Segments 1 & 2)	Construct 12-foot-wide multiuse pathway on west side as identified in the 2019 James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study. Project will change road elevation between Orchard and McLeod, add left turn lanes, and upgrade streetlighting to improve safety, as well as reconstruct culverts to improve fish passage.	Street				1,000	1,000	1,500			
			T-Fund Non-Motorized				2,000	2,000	2,000			
			Unknown					4,400	4,400			
			Subtotal				3,000	7,400	7,900		18,300	
16	North James Street Multimodal Arterial Connection between Gooding Ave and Van Wyck Rd	Construct street extension with one vehicle lane in each direction, turn lanes, with separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. This is long-term project that is required to be built by future phases of private development.	Pvt Mitigation	600						10,000		
			Subtotal	600						10,000	10,600	
17	Downtown Signalized Intersection Accessibility & Safety Improvements	Replace and upgrade six intersections in downtown (Cornwall and Railroad at Magnolia, Holly, and Chestnut) with new traffic signals and curb treatments to improve accessibility and safety.	Street		850	1,450						
			Unknown					1,200				
			Subtotal		850	1,450		1,200			3,500	
18	25th Street Pedestrian Improvements between Bill McDonald Parkway and Sehome Arboretum	Partner with Western Washington University House of Healing project to complete new sidewalk connection on east side of 25th St.	T-Fund Non-Motorized		600							
			Subtotal		600						600	
19	Holly Street Bike Lane between Broadway and Ellis Street	Replace and improve Holly St Bike Lane between Ellis St and Bay St applying lessons learned from bike lane pilot project installed in May 2024, and extend bike lane west from Bay St to Broadway.	T-Fund Non-Motorized		500	2,500						
			Subtotal		500	2,500					3,000	
20	Meador Avenue/Lincoln Street/James Street/York Street Multimodal Improvements between Ellis Street and Fraser Street	Construct 12-ft multiuse path along north/east side of curved section of Meador/Lincoln through I-5 undercrossing. Install traffic signal or compact roundabout at Lincoln and Fraser intersection. Add markings and signs on James and York to delineate bike boulevard connecting Meador Ave and Ellis St.	Street				500					
			T-Fund Non-Motorized					500				
			Unknown						3,100			
			Subtotal				1,000	3,100			4,100	
21	Samish Way/Maple Street Streetlight Improvements between Bill McDonald Parkway and Ellis Street	Install electrical services and upgraded streetlights on Samish Way and Maple St within the Samish Way Urban Village to improve safety and comfort for people traveling the corridor.	T-Fund Non-Motorized					750				
			Subtotal					750			750	
22	James Street Multimodal Improvements between Iowa Street and Sunset Drive	Construct protected bicycle lanes, improved crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, and improved safety and comfort for all users of the corridor. This would be accomplished by rechannelizing the street to one vehicle travel lane in each direction and center turn lane, as well as removing some on-street vehicle parking. Project would also improve existing mid-block crossings and enhance streetlighting.	T-Fund Non-Motorized						100	550		
			T-Fund Resurface							100	550	
			Subtotal							200	1,100	1,300

23	Harris Street Multimodal Corridor Improvements between 14th Avenue and 21st Avenue	Construct sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes on both sides of street, up-grade curb ramps, and improve streetlighting.	Street						500	1,900	
			Subtotal						500	1,900	2,400
24	Potter Street Roundabouts at King Street and Lincoln Street	Construct roundabouts at two intersections, as well as connecting facilities for walking and biking to improve multimodal safety, as well as transit and vehicle operations.	T-Fund Climate Action							1,000	
			Unknown							3,000	
			Subtotal							4,000	4,000

2025-2030 TIP PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE SUMMARIES										
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	Cost Estimates (\$ 000's)							PROJECT TOTALS	
		Previous Budget	FUNDED			UNFUNDED				
			2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		
STREET FUNDS		250	5,300	4,925	4,950	5,000	5,100	5,200	30,725	
TRANSPORTATION FUND - Resurfacing		0	4,150	4,500	4,600	4,700	4,700	4,150	26,800	
TRANSPORTATION FUND - Nonmotorized		800	4,550	4,675	4,600	4,750	4,950	4,550	28,875	
TRANSPORTATION FUND - Climate Action & WTA Transit		0	700	800	900	1,000	1,100	2,200	6,700	
REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX (REET) FUNDS 1 OR 2		700	2,050	250	250	250	250	250	4,000	
STATE FUNDS (TIB, WSDOT, Gas Tax, WWU, WCC, etc)		400	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	
FEDERAL FUNDS (STBG, SRTS, HSIP, TA, CRP, Bridge, etc)		4,100	1,400	23,000	3,740	8,650	0	0	40,890	
PRIVATE MITIGATION FUNDS (SEPA-TIA; MTIF; Other)		726	100	50	0	2,100	0	10,000	12,976	
OTHER (Parks, Port, County, EDI, WTA, BSD, etc)		2,500	3,875	0	0	0	0	0	6,375	
UNKNOWN FUNDS		0	0	0	0	12,259	4,400	3,000	19,659	
TOTAL 2025-2030 TIP FUNDS		9,476	22,125	38,200	19,040	38,709	20,500	29,350	177,400	