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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

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Date: September 23, 2026

Subject: 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission receive a presentation on the City of Kirkland's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process and an update on high profile transportation CIP projects.

Background

The Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan and sets policy to help prioritize future transportation projects needed in Kirkland through 2044. The TSP guides the creation of a balanced transportation system that supports safety, mobility, commerce, quality of life, and connectivity for all modes of transportation.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a State-mandated planning document that is updated annually and identifies major transportation capital projects anticipated to be built or compete for grant funding over the next six years. It serves as a funding plan for planning, maintaining, and improving streets, sidewalks, transit improvements, and other fixed assets.

Public Works and Finance staff work with multiple departments to identify capital and preservation needs and develop the six-year CIP. The 2027–2032 CIP process began with a City Council study session on September 1, 2026¹. Council will continue its review at a study session on November 4, 2026, with adoption of the 2027–2032 CIP scheduled for December 8, 2026. As part of the annual CIP process, Council adopts funding allocations for the first two years of the program, aligning the CIP with the City's overall operating budget.

Project highlights and an overview of the CIP development process are included in the accompanying presentation.

¹ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-council/agenda-documents/2026/september-1-2026/3b_study-session.pdf