

Memo

To: Brett Lenart

From: Deborah Gosselin

Re: Transportation Commission CIP Recommendations

Staff from Systems Planning and Engineering were involved with furnishing feedback and engaging with the Transportation Commission during development of their CIP related recommendations. The comments below are designed to address a suggested implementation strategy assuming Planning Commission endorses these recommendations.

Implementable this fall:

Safe Routes to School and related: These projects are already identified as individual projects once created at the request of parent groups at local schools. For example, we are adding a “Safe Routes to School: Northside STEAM” project to the draft plan this fall as we have applied for safety funding based on such a request.

We have also created a “School Safety Projects” “bucket” in the draft CIP as a way to identify funding to match grants through sources such as Safe Routes to School or to accomplish other school safety measures.

7th Street Transportation Project: We have moved it from Other Transportation to Alternative Transportation in the draft CIP.

Implementable next fall in full CIP plan:

Restructuring of Alternative Transportation into new categories (Transit and Active Transportation): There will be reprogramming needed to the CIP database and reports and we will need to consider prioritization criteria for Transit. This will be achievable over the next few months.

Bicycle Network project: We can add a Bicycle Network “bucket” similar to the Sidewalk Gap project but need time to evaluate and implement a prioritization system similar to that used for sidewalk gaps.

Sidewalks with Stairs: Engineering has also already begun the process to identify all such locations. By next fall, per the recommendation, we can create either a program or series of projects related to these locations.

Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard: We will add this project next fall as recommended. It can then be prioritized with other Alternative Transportation projects.

Other:

Design Considerations per first recommendation: Staff are already working with a Transportation Commission subcommittee to further discuss design elements related to traffic calming, speed, accessibility, etc.