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MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 8, 2024

Subject: Adoption of the Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopts the Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) through approval of Resolution R-5660.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The TSP has been updated in coordination with the K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update and covers a 20-year planning horizon.
- Primary elements of the TSP are included in the Transportation Element and Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, such as the goals and policies and the prioritized and fiscally constrained projects.
- The TSP is a stand-alone and more detailed document that includes the essential components of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element but with additional context, analysis, mapping, and the full, fiscally unconstrained (unfunded) list of projects identified to meet the goals. The TSP identifies the larger, 20-year vision for how the proposed projects and programs can achieve the stated goals.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Strategic Plan plays a critical role in directing Kirkland's future transportation studies, implementation, and investments in the transportation system. It covers a 20-year planning horizon and outlines the needed capital investments to support the envisioned land use to 2044. The Plan also addresses new technologies, multimodal transportation, safety, and more. The TSP will guide staff work plans in the near- and long-term and position the City as a regional leader in multimodal transportation.

The Transportation Commission spent a significant portion of its work program developing and guiding the TSP since July 2022, and Council has offered feedback at six of its meetings.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Transportation Commission held a public hearing on September 25, 2024, to solicit public testimony on the Draft TSP for consideration during its deliberations. The Transportation Commission ultimately recommended Council consider adoption of an amended version of the TSP. The Council then reviewed the recommended Draft TSP at its October 1, 2024 meeting and

provided additional input and revisions to the TSP. Council had no additional input at the November 6, 2024 Council meeting. Therefore, staff have not made any additional changes. Council could adopt the TSP through adoption of Proposed Resolution R-5660.

NEXT STEPS:

Following Council adoption of the TSP, the Transportation Element will be adopted as part of the broader 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update, scheduled for Council consideration on December 10, 2024. Once adopted, staff will post the Plan on the city webpage.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution R-5660 with Final TSP and Appendices