

**Subject:** Resolution #813 - City of Ruston's 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (6-Year TIP)

**Dept. Origin:** Planning Dept.

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**For Agenda of:** August 19, 2025

**Proposed Council Action:**

Hold a Public Hearing on Ruston 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update. Following Public Hearing Approve Resolution #813 adopting the TIP.

**Exhibits:** Resolution #813 & 6-Year TIP

Initial & Date

**Concurred by Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved/form by City Atty:** JSR /8-7-25

**Approved by Planning Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by City Engineer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION / BACKGROUND**

State law<sup>1</sup> mandates all local jurisdictions to annually adopt and submit to the state a six-year program of transportation improvements, known as the Local TIP. To be eligible to seek federal and state funding, the City must comply with state law and adopt an annual TIP.

**Background.** The six-year Local TIP serves as a general work plan for the development of local transportation systems and, as such, represents an important planning component under the State's Growth Management Act.<sup>2</sup> The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) use Local TIPs as a tool for coordinating the transportation programs of local jurisdictions with those of regional agencies. PSRC monitors Local TIPs for projects of regional significance (to be modeled for air quality conformity) and projects supported by federal funds. These projects are incorporated into the Regional TIP, which is then forwarded for inclusion in the State TIP. In most instances, projects must be included on a Local TIP to be eligible for state and federal grant programs. Local TIPs need not be revenue constrained; jurisdictions can include projects they would choose to implement within the timeframe, if funding were available.

The updated TIP reflects any changes since last year as well as the movement of projects which have been funded. The City issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance on July 5, 2025, and the comment period has now passed. The resolution adopting the 6-Year TIP may be approved following the public hearing which will be held on August 19, 2025.

**Discussion and Action.** The draft TIP is being presented to the Council for consideration and discussion on August 19th and for Action. Action cannot be taken until *after* the required Public Hearing has been held.

<sup>1</sup> RCW 35.77.010.

<sup>2</sup> Chapter 36.70A RCW.

## **FISCAL CONSIDERATION**

There is no direct fiscal impact of adopting the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program. However, the projects listed on the TIP become eligible for federal and state grant funding.

## **RECOMMENDATION / MOTION**

***Hold a public hearing.***

MOTION 1: I move to open the public hearing on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

[HOLD PUBLIC HEARING.]

MOTION 2: I move to close the public hearing.

***Adopt the new 6-year TIP.***

MOTION 3: I move adoption of Resolution No. 813 authorizing the adoption of the City of Ruston's 2026-2031 Local Transportation Improvement Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 813**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
RUSTON, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF  
THE CITY OF RUSTON'S 2026-2031 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

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**WHEREAS**, RCW 35.77.010 requires the City to adopt a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (Local TIP) annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the SEPA Responsible Official has issued a Determination of Non-significance on July 5, 2025 for the Local TIP and the comment period has passed; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RCW 35.77.010, on August 19, 2025, after proper notice, the City Council held a public hearing on the 6-Year TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2025, following the public hearing and during its regular meeting, the Council considered the Local TIP and approved its adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that adoption of the Local TIP is in the best interests of the City of Ruston;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Adoption of 6-Year TIP.** The attached Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, which is attached to this Resolution as Attachment 1 is hereby adopted by the City of Ruston.

**Section 2. Directions to Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this Resolution with attached Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program with the Washington State Secretary of Transportation not more than thirty days after its adoption.

**RESOLVED** this 19th day of August, 2025.

**APPROVED:**

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Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mario Ortega, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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