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RESOLUTION NO. M-4191

A RESOLUTION confirming the Transportation System Plan update goals and the direction of the Project Prioritization Framework used to prioritize future project lists, including transportation projects in the City's 20-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and 6-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, goal one of the City's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan is to "Ensure our built environment is one of the safest, most environmentally responsible and well maintained in the Pacific Northwest" and included Objective 1.1 which stated: "Develop and maintain a safe, balanced, and innovative transportation system that will meet the needs of future generations"; and

WHEREAS, The City adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2017 with the vision and intent of providing safe, accessible streets for all users, ages and abilities regardless of their preferred mode of travel; and

WHEREAS, City Council identified safety, equity and climate action as guiding priorities in developing the 2023-24 biennial budget and when setting goals for the update to the City's Transportation System Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council affirmed in a workshop on June 14, 2021 that the City values of climate, equity and safety should guide the Transportation System Plan Update process;

WHEREAS, City Council adopted a resolution guiding the Transportation System Plan Chartering Process that includes affirmation via resolution at key steps in the update process, including for the project goals and prioritization framework; and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Moves outreach team conducted multiple rounds of outreach to ask the public about their ‘transportation values’ to help draft the transportation system plan goals, including community roundtables in May – September of 2021 and six small group discussions focused on engaging equity communities, including BIPOC, disabled, and low-income communities; held six in-person events from August – September 2021 using a transportation values wheel exercise; and conducted surveys in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian between August – October of 2021 around transportation values to shape the draft Goals; and

WHEREAS, the outreach team heard the following themes and ‘values’ during the outreach events and surveys that were incorporated into the transportation goals, including “make it easier to walk, bike, or roll; address traffic safety; address network barriers and provide more direct connections; reduce congestion during rush hour; and make transit a better experience; and

WHEREAS, the City Council affirmed during a workshop on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that the Transportation System Plan goal statements reflect City Priorities, with safety, equity and climate action forming the top tier of goals, and the feedback of the Council, Transportation and Mobility Commission, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Transportation System Plan (TSP) will identify transportation projects, policies, and programs for the next twenty years and infrastructure projects included in the plan will feed into the transportation element of the City’s 20-year Capital Facilities Plan and into the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Transportation System Plan will provide a prioritization framework to evaluate transportation projects in two phases for consideration by the City Council in order to group projects into near-term (TIP), medium-term, and long-term time frames; and

WHEREAS, phase one of the screening uses the lens of equity, safety, climate, and transportation choice by conducting a geographic analysis that applies the City's equity index score, accounts for crash rates and type, considers access to essential places, and accounts for future growth to shape where it is most important to invest in transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a second prioritization phase would consider when, e.g.- what timeframe to build projects by considering cost and potential funding opportunities, the ability to coordinate with the pavement or sidewalk maintenance programs, potential environmental or right-of-way impacts that could be costly and require a lengthy process, and where 'quick wins' could be achieved by closing gaps in otherwise continues mobility facilities; and

WHEREAS, the two prioritization phases will not create quantitative project scores, but will guide staff in their recommendations for project phasing, and provide information for City Council to use in their consideration when providing direction as to which transportation system plan projects are advanced into the 6-year financially constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

- The Vancouver Transportation System Plan shall include the following goals:
  1. **Transportation Choice:** People in Vancouver have multiple comfortable, convenient options to get where they need to go.

2. **Safety:** Our transportation system keeps people safe when they walk, roll, bicycle, take transit, or drive.
3. **Climate:** Our transportation system helps to reduce our impact on the climate and our natural environment.
4. **Equity:** Transportation in Vancouver supports the needs of all and counteracts historic and current inequities.
5. **Regional Connectivity:** People and goods flow seamlessly through the region, advancing our shared prosperity.
6. **Maintaining Our Assets:** We take good care of our transportation infrastructure and invest strategically in new tools that help us operate the system better.

AND

- The Vancouver Transportation System Plan shall include a Project Prioritization Framework that uses a two-phased approach focused on where in City investment is most needed based on equity, safety, climate and transportation choice factors; and what timeframe is most feasible considering cost, funding and coordination opportunities, potential environmental or right-of-way impacts, and ability to secure ‘quick wins’ to close network gaps, to guide recommendations on project prioritization for the Transportation Improvement Program; and that this Framework is intended to provide guidance for Council decision making but in no way precludes any transportation priority the Council may wish to advance.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Vancouver City Council this 3rd day of October, 2022.

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