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These 'Comments' are intended for the 5/21/24 'Public Hearing' on the 'Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program'.

Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Hines and City Council members,

" The six-year plan for each city or town shall specifically set forth those projects and programs of regional significance for inclusion in the transportation improvement program within that region". (RCW 35.77.010).

This proposed Tacoma 'Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program' (amended for 2024 & 2025-2030) does not include any funding for streets, travel routes, intersection changes that will be necessary for the off-site traffic-related operations of that Bridge Industrial (2.5 mill sq ft) warehouse business. Site preparation and construction has already started on this warehouse in 2024..

with completion slated for late 2026.

A number of road changes are required to support the operation of the truck/vehicle traffic generated by the warehouse...as the warehouse traffic will share the streets and travel routes with local traffic.

The South Tacoma area road/infrastructure upgrades and maintenance projects included in this current plan (i.e. South Tacoma Way..between S. 47th Street S. 56th streets) are tentatively scheduled for the 2027-2030 time period..and, are listed currently as "unfunded").

Based on this project list, no projects are planned to be completed prior to 2027!

Significant housing construction (a population increase) is planned/ongoing in the 'Tacoma Mall Mixed Use Growth Center'..that is located just 1 mile from the Bridge Industrial warehouse site. A significant increase in traffic in the South Tacoma area (Tacoma Mall Growth area and warehouse site) is expected to occur BEFORE 2027. The Tacoma Mall has also had an expansion with the retail stores and restaurants in the area. Lots of traffic congestion here in the Mall area now. AND..more housing construction planned just north of the Mall property.

Unfortunately, recent transit (bus system) changes and additions have not included additional routes through/from South Tacoma.

Why are the above factors not being addressed and included in the current proposed 'Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program'? The 'Bridge Industrial Warehouse/Fulfillment Center' (Bridge Point Tacoma) IS a "significant " regional project'!

In addition, road improvements likely will be required very soon.. between the site (along South 56th Street) and the I-5 interchanges during the 2 year construction phase of this warehouse project. A North-South road is "planned" to connect the North part of the site with South 56th Street..to be used by truck traffic in the future. However, plans for when that North-South road will be built remain unknown to the public. Would this 'North-South' road be built soon..and, then be used during the construction time period? At the start of this project, a large number of trucks (filled with gravel and dirt) were seen accessing this construction site coming from I-5 by using the South 56th Street exit.

The City of Tacoma cannot wait until 2027 to start work on the South Tacoma street improvements and infrastructure that is needed with these new housing projects and with the construction (and, operation) of the 'Bridge Point Tacoma' warehouse site. The City officials are already well aware of the road improvements needed to be funded for this area of Tacoma.

Respectfully submitted,

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