Learn Cost Saving Ideas at the East Link Light Rail Drop-In Meetings

In November 2011, the Sound Transit Board and the Bellevue City Council established a framework to develop East Link and to share the additional cost of a downtown tunnel. Since then, Sound Transit and the city have been engaged in a collaborative design process that includes the study of potential cost savings ideas to reduce project costs. Initial information on cost savings ideas was published in a Cost Savings Report in June 2012.

There are three upcoming drop-in meetings in October for residents to provide input. Information on cost savings ideas will be available at these meetings, with an emphasis on updates closest to the meeting location. Your feedback will help the Bellevue City Council and the Sound Transit Board as they intend to narrow the cost savings ideas in October, with a final decision in Spring 2013.

**Bellevue Way**
Tuesday, Oct. 2
5 – 7 p.m.
New Hope International Church
10808 SE 28th St.

**112th Ave S.E.**
Wednesday, Oct. 3
5 – 7 p.m.
Hilton Bellevue Hotel
300 112th Ave SE

**Downtown Bellevue**
Thursday, Oct. 4
4 – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall
450 110th Ave NE

Additional opportunities to get more information and to comment on the Eask Link Project at City Council Meetings:
- Oct. 1, City Council briefing on cost savings, update on ideas selected for further analysis
- Oct. 8, City Council study session on draft land use code amendment language related to East Link Memorandum of Understanding
- Oct. 15, City Council discussion and possible recommendation on narrowing cost savings options for further environmental analysis
- Oct. 22, City Council public hearing on draft land use code amendment language related to East Link Memorandum of Understanding
Cultural Conversations to talk about the evolving American dream

Cultural Conversations, a monthly discussion group created by women working to build cultural understanding and community connections, began its third year last month. More than 70 women joined in the conversation of fostering community unity at the September meeting. The upcoming session on October 16 (1-2:30 pm, Crossroads Community Center) will explore the evolving nature of the American dream.

Paula Matthysse, Outreach Director for the Eastside Community Network will lead the conversation and facilitate discussions. How do we see ourselves as participants in the American Dream today? For those who were born and raised here, has the perception of the American dream changed? What does the American dream mean to those who have a new life in this country? Participants will share stories and explore subjects of immigration, civil rights, diversity, racial equality, history and perspectives on individual identity and community connections to the American dream.

For more information, contact Ying Carlson at 425-452-4342 or ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov or Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2800 or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.

More art tours available for neighborhood groups

Hurry and sign up for guided art tours of the 2012 sculpture exhibit, Bellwether reGeneration. Enthusiasm has been so great for the tours offered to neighborhood groups, the Public Art staff has agreed to offer additional tours through October 21. Tours are available weekdays for groups of 6-12 neighbors. The standard tour lasts about 90 minutes. If there are individuals in your group who are constrained by time or mobility, a shorter tour is available which will only tour the 29 art pieces in and around City Hall. The groups will gather and enjoy complementary coffee at Vovito Caffe and Gelato in The Bravern, across NE 6th from City Hall. To reserve your tour, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-6836 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.
Recycling Collection Day

**Saturday, October 13, 2012 9a.m. – 3p.m.**

Fall is a great time to clean out the garage. Drop off recycling at **First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE.** Televisions, computer monitors, mattresses, tires and propane tanks will be accepted for a small fee (cash only). Electronic equipment, appliance and scrap metal, clean scrap wood, textiles, reusable household goods, cardboard and more can also be disposed of at this event. Shredding of confidential materials is also available. Cars, passenger vans and pickups only, no flat bed or dump trucks allowed. For more information, please call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

Green Cleaning Workshops

Would you like to learn how to make your own nontoxic cleaners or to decide which products are truly “green”? Want to reduce your use of products with Poison, Danger, Warning, or Caution on the label? Are you a City of Bellevue resident? If you answered “yes” to all three of these questions, sign up for the City of Bellevue’s upcoming Green Cleaning workshops. Participants will receive a free green cleaning kit, chances for door prizes and a certificate for completing the class.

- **October 18th**
  - 7:00-8:00PM
  - Mercer Slough Environmental Center
  - 1625 118th Ave. SE

- **October 22nd**
  - 7:00-8:00PM
  - Lake Hills Library
  - 15590 Lake Hills Blvd

**Registration is required**, and slots are limited. First come, first served. To sign up or to find out more information, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6932

Neighbors enjoy September 11th Event Honoring Our Elders

On September 11, The Microsoft Store and Bellevue Hyatt Regency partnered with the City of Bellevue to present a breakfast event, “Honoring Our Elders: Celebrating Our National Day of Service and Remembrance” at the Crossroads park.

180 guests enjoyed an elegant breakfast along with Microsoft employees and police and firefighters who acted as table hosts and enjoyed this opportunity to engage one-on-one with seniors in our community. The event included entertainment and a moving moment of silence in honor of the victims of 9-11.

Seniors visited information booths including City of Bellevue Neighborhood Outreach programs, volunteering and service opportunities in Bellevue, senior safety tips from the Bellevue Police, free computer training from Microsoft at Bellevue Square and health screenings by Bellevue firefighters.
Neighborhoods hold block parties

Old fashioned picnics and BBQ’s took place in the driveways, cul-de-sacs and parks of over forty Bellevue neighborhoods this summer. Neighbors provided the food and fun and Neighborhood Outreach pitched in with flyers, banners and ticket giveaways courtesy of the Seattle Mariners. As part of the Neighbor Link program, most neighborhoods held food drives in conjunction with their party.

Neighborhood Outreach loves to receive your comments and photos. Below, we share a few with you:

“I just wanted to thank you again for helping us with our Neighborhood Block Party….we all had a wonderful time! I thought you’d enjoy seeing a few pictures that we took! We also donated 48lbs of food to Hope Link ($72. Value)! We all had so much fun that we are going to plan another Block Party next summer!”

“Thanks to the City of Bellevue for supporting our neighborhood barbecue. The banners looked great and helped us spread the word to area families. We had over 90 attendees, collected 80 lbs. of food for Hopelink -- and here is what the family that won the Mariners tickets posted on their Facebook page:
Tickets to Mariners game: Free
Parking: $18
Garlic fries and waters: $24
Nicholas getting a game ball and Madison getting on the big screen: Priceless”

October meetings
(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

10/1 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Distribute preliminary budget documents, East Link: cost savings work plan findings (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Right-of-Way (ROW) Code amendment, Authorization for Police Chief to engage in certain Interlocal Agreements http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm
10/2 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Presentation on the “Storefronts” Program; Cultural Compass Update; and regular commission business http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm
10/2 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Public hearing on the proposed land use code amendments related to permitting for the East Link Light Rail Project http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm
10/2 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Presentation on the Crisis Solutions Center; Debrief the Human Services Funding Process http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm
10/2 East Link Light Rail Information Drop In Session – Bellevue Way (5:00-7:00, New Hope International Church, 10808 SE 28th St.) Information on cost savings ideas for the light rail project will be available, with an emphasis on updates on Bellevue Way.

10/3 East Link Light Rail Information Drop In Session – 112th Ave SE (5:00-7:00, Hilton Bellevue Hotel, 300 112th Ave SE.) Information on cost savings ideas FOR the light rail project will be available, with an emphasis on updates on 112th Ave SE.

10/4 East Link Light Rail Information Drop In Session – Downtown Bellevue (4:00-6:00, Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE.) Information on cost savings ideas for the light rail project will be available, with an emphasis on updates on Downtown Bellevue.

10/4 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Review budget notebooks & Preliminary Budget; Solid Waste Contract; Wastewater System Plan Recap Policies & Evaluation Criteria
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

10/4 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30am, 1E-120) City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan Briefing, and Committee Reports http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/9 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

10/10 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Presentation on meeting protocols, Annual Comprehensive Plan amendments; Shoreline Master Program update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

10/15 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Budget discussion, East Link: cost savings work plan update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Recognition of Corporate Sponsors for 9/11 Honoring Our Elders event, Recognition of 100 Best Communities for Youth Award, Storm Preparedness Briefing, “Storm Ready” designation from National Weather Service, Consent Calendar, Public hearing on vacation of a portion of NE 28th Street, Revised ordinance for Kimberlee Park III http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/16 Human Services Commission (6:00, 1E-113) Early Learning Update; Update from Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

10/22 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on Medical Marijuana collective gardens and enactment of ordinance extending interim official control, Public hearing on proposed LUCAs relating to East Link, Budget discussion, Regional Issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm


Bellevue’s Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.