



Bellevue Transit Master Plan

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SUBJECT: Bellevue Transit Master Plan Status Report

INTRODUCTION

The Transit Master Plan (TMP) is a comprehensive look ahead to the type of system that will be required to meet Bellevue's transit needs through 2030. The TMP is being overseen by the City's Transportation Commission whose work is guided by Council approved [project principles](#) and input from members of the Planning, Arts, and Human Services Commissions and the Parks and Community Services Board.

On February 27, 2014 staff will provide Transportation Commission members - and members of other boards and commissions - a status report on the Transit Master Plan. Staff will invite Commissioners and Board members to review and discuss the following three topics:

1. **Draft Transit Speed and Reliability Report** – On November 14, 2013 Bellevue staff released the [Draft Capital Element Background Report \(Volume 1: Speed and Reliability\)](#) which included a preliminary list of potential projects to improve bus speed and reliability on Frequent Transit Network corridors referenced in Bellevue's [Transit Service Vision Report](#). Preliminary project descriptions and visualizations provided Transportation Commissioners and other interested stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the potential improvements being considered. Over the course of several Commission meetings, staff responded to requests for additional information on many of the projects contained in the Draft Report. During this evaluative stage, a number of suggested projects were eliminated from further consideration due to one or more 'fatal flaws' identified. The current list of speed and reliability improvements is based on months of technical review

and input from the Transportation Commission. On February 27, 2014 Bellevue staff seeks Commission concurrence on the Draft Transit Speed and Reliability Report (see attached). Pending Commission acceptance of the speed and reliability project list, the contents of this document will be integrated into the Draft Transit Capital Vision Report that will be presented to the Transportation Commission at its March 27 meeting. Still, these projects will remain conceptual, and the final details of design will be developed as the projects proceed further along in the implementation process.

Attachment: Draft Transit Speed and Reliability Report (February 2014)

2. **Draft Pedestrian-Bicycle Access to Transit Report** – Bellevue staff will preview the Draft Pedestrian-Bicycle Access to Transit Report, which addresses the importance of providing non-motorized facilities for people to reach transit services and presents a preliminary screening identifying those projects proposed by the 2009 Pedestrian-Bicycle Transportation Plan that should be considered a priority from the perspective of transit. This draft report will also provide an introduction to a more detailed transit accessibility and connectivity analysis being conducted by staff, which will use network analysis techniques to prioritize this preliminary project list according to the degree of transit accessibility benefit provided. This preliminary draft report will be made available at the February 27, 2014 meeting. Bellevue staff will make refinements to that document based on feedback received, and an updated report will be presented to the Transportation Commission in the spring.
3. **Draft Benefits of Transit Report** – Bellevue staff will preview the Draft Benefits of Transit Report, which explores transit's contributions to economic, environmental, individual, and community considerations. This information responds to questions raised at previous Transportation Commission briefings. A preliminary draft report will be made available at the February 27, 2014 meeting. Bellevue staff will make refinements to that document based on feedback received, and an updated report will be presented to the Transportation Commission at its March 27 meeting.