Complete Streets

Staff (and Special Committee on Complete Streets) seeks a Transportation Commission recommendation on a draft Complete Streets Ordinance for Bellevue to:

- Establish legislative intent for a Complete Streets Policy Framework
- Complement Comprehensive Plan policies
- Affirm modal plans in the context of a Complete Streets policy framework
- Support Vision Zero
Complete Streets Ordinance for Bellevue

Through a Complete Streets Ordinance, Council would:

■ Adopt a new Complete Streets section in Bellevue City Code (Transportation Development Code)
  • Plan for a complete streets network
  • Provide for exceptions
  • Utilize latest design guidance

■ Request Transportation Commission study the Comprehensive Plan to determine if new or amended policies are needed for 2017
Complete Streets - Defined

- **Complete Streets** are corridors and networks that are scoped, planned, designed, built, operated and maintained to enable safe access for all users.

- Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities must be able to safely move along and across a Complete Street.

- **RCW 47.04.320(1)** states that <Complete Streets> ordinances should “provide safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users.”
Complete Streets – in Bellevue

- Not new to Bellevue – City has an integrated and sustained Complete Streets ethic embedded in plans, policies and implementation
- A Complete Streets Ordinance and policy framework would help to better organize, coordinate and prioritize efforts
Complete Streets is a national movement adopted and implemented by more than 899 state and local governments.
56 Complete Streets Jurisdictions in Washington

- Aberdeen
- Airway Heights
- Algona
- Anacortes
- Battle Ground
- Bingen
- Bremerton
- Burien
- Burlington
- Carnation
- Colfax
- Coulee City
- Darrington
- Davenport
- Deer Park
- Des Moines
- Edmonds
- Electric City
- Ephrata
- Federal Way
- Fircrest
- Grandview
- Ione
- Issaquah
- Kent
- Langley
- Leavenworth
- Mabton
- Moses Lake
- Mountlake Terrace
- Ocean Shores
- Pomeroy
- Quincy
- Redmond
- Renton
- Republic
- Ridgefield
- Rosalia
- SeaTac
- Seattle
- Sedro Woolley
- Snoqualmie
- Soap Lake
- Spokane
- Sunnyside
- Tacoma
- Toledo
- Toppenish
- Tukwila
- Union Gap
- Wapato
- White Salmon
- Wilbur
- Winthrop
- Wilbur
- Pierce County
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council

As of September 8, 2016
Complete Streets Award Program

- May 2016 - Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) introduced the Complete Streets Award Program to encourage jurisdictions to adopt and implement Complete Streets policy

- Award is flexible money that may be given to any city or county in Washington state that has adopted a Complete Streets ordinance

- Must show an integrated and sustained ethic of planning and building streets that use context sensitive solutions to accommodate all users, including pedestrians, transit riders, bicyclists, and motorists
“$500,000 for cities and counties with highly-integrated policies and a track record of complete street project design and development”.
Complete Streets Award Program

- To be eligible for a Complete Streets Award, a jurisdiction must have an adopted complete streets ordinance.
- 54 cities and one county in Washington meet this eligibility requirement (as of 9/8/2016).
- Bellevue has policies, plans and projects that demonstrate an integrated and sustained complete streets ethic, however...
  - *These efforts do not satisfy the eligibility requirement of having a Complete Streets Ordinance adopted by October 1, 2016.*
Complete Streets Draft Ordinance

Commission Action September 8. Motion to:

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