

# Eastside Transportation Association

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**Congestion is the Problem! We can do Something about it!**

## **BETTER Bike Bellevue**

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December 13, 2023

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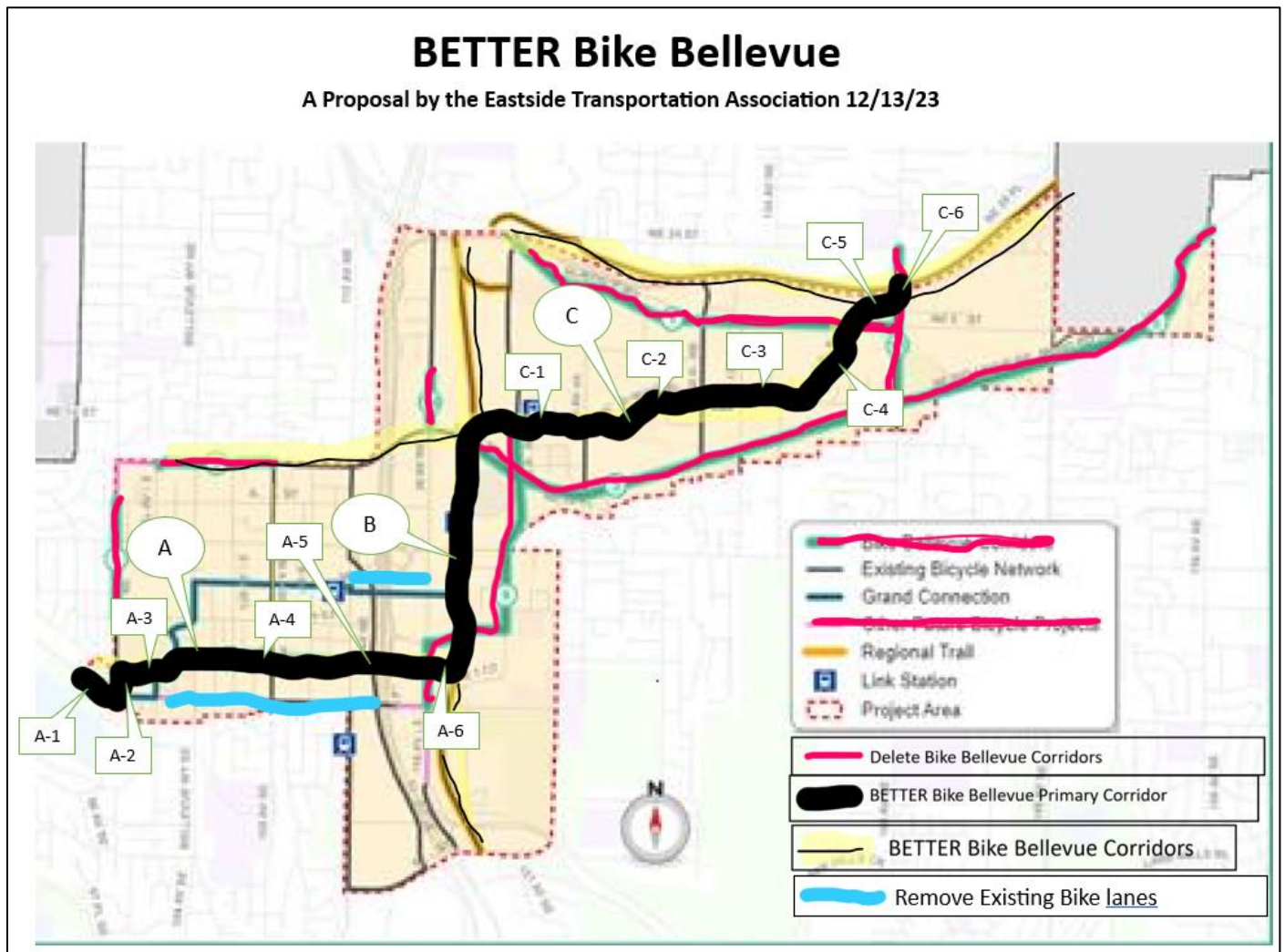
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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** Brian Hartnett <hartnett22@gmail.com>  
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**To:** TransportationCommission  
**Cc:** betsi@betsiforbellevue.com  
**Subject:** Bellevue bike lanes

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Adding bike lanes without maintaining or increasing capacity for cars and mass transit on roads like Northup and Bel-Red makes zero sense and I do not support it.

Brian Hartnett  
6007 Hazelwood Ln SE, Bellevue

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**From:** Plummer David F. <pdf3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** onebellevue@googlegroups.com  
**Cc:** kevin Wallace; Zahn, Janice; Heidi Dean; Mariya Frost; TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Bellevue Bike Program  
**Attachments:** Bellevue Bike Pitch Charts, 14 Dec 23.pdf

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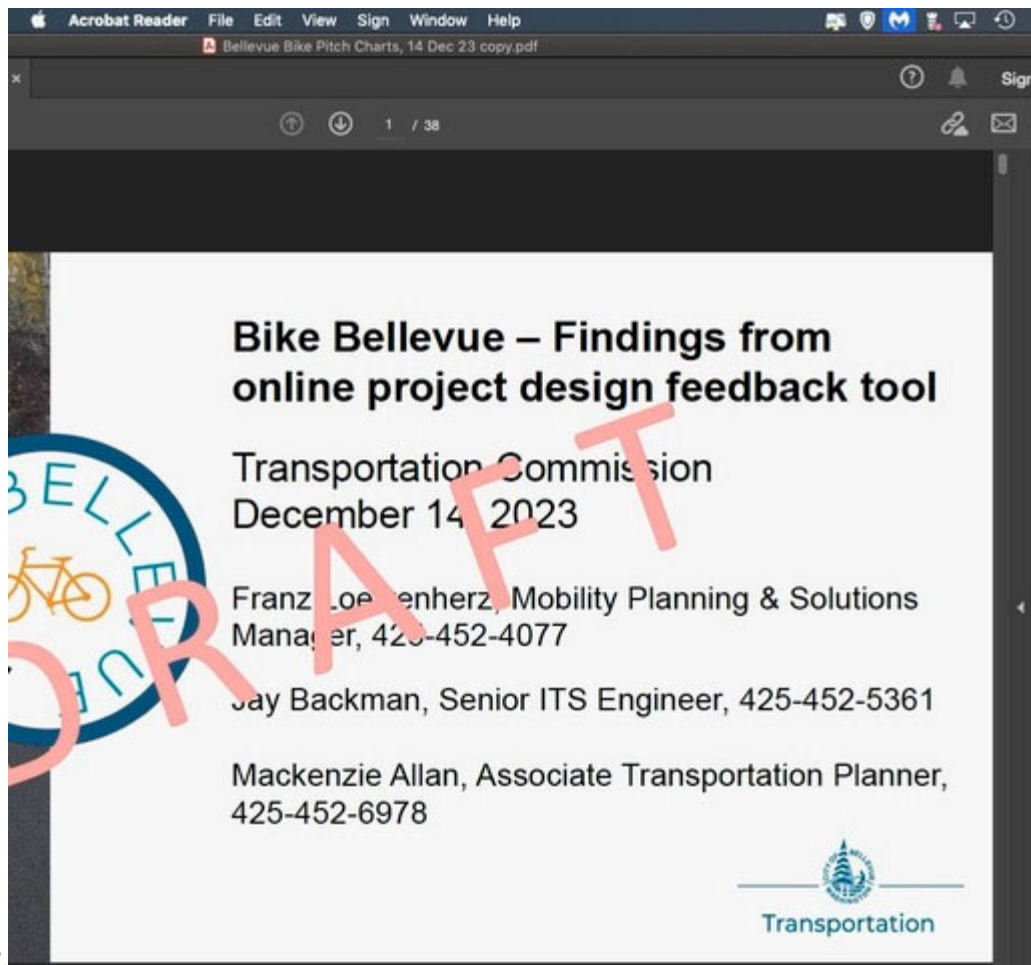
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## Bike Bellevue Background

CIP (PW-W/B-85) description: *"Growth Corridor High Comfort Bicycle Network Implementation" (AKA: Bike Bellevue)*

- \$4.5 million in 2013-29 CIP.
- Design and implement rapid-build bicycle projects on existing streets in the Downtown, Wilburton, and BelRed neighborhoods.
- Establish grid of safe and comfortable connections to key destinations for people of all ages and abilities.

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## DRAFT Project Area Map





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**From:** Robert x <rocobutenko@gmail.com>  
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The proposed changes and closure of car lanes is basically the tyranny of a vocal minority (many not even citizens of Bellevue) upon the majority of citizens of Bellevue. So do some proper statistical surveys and let's have a vote of the people on this issue.

We are against the new rules and they would significantly diminish our quality of life here in Bellevue.

Respectively,

E. Robert Butenko and Charyl Butenko  
13250 N.E. 55th Place  
Bellevue, WA 98005

**From:** [Cynthia M Cole](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Bike Bellevue  
**Date:** December 13, 2023 5:34:45 AM

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commission,

I am opposed to the current proposals to create new bike lanes on Bel Red and Northup Way, by reducing vehicle traffic capacity on these arterials. Traffic getting from Lake Hills to downtown Bellevue is already congested and time-consuming. Adding bike lanes and creating less capacity for cars and other vehicles will make it even worse. These roads are currently shared by cars, trucks, school buses, Amazon, UPS, FedEx, and yes, the occasional bike traveler.

Taking away all purpose travel lanes suited for vehicle traffic and converting them to bicycle use only will turn our current travel experience into an Armageddon-style nightmare.

The majority of the residents of Bellevue prefer using their personal vehicles, for many reasons. I have grandchildren who I often pick up from school and take to various appointments while their parents are still working. Imagine picking up a child at Spiritridge Elementary School, traveling to the dentist near Overlake Hospital, then to piano lesson in Lake Hills. Impossible to do this within any reasonable amount of time using the bus, much less traveling by bicycle.

It can take up to 40 minutes for me to drive to downtown Bellevue from my home in Lake Hills. Due to current traffic congestion issues, I often take the path of least resistance and drive to Issaquah for my shopping errands. With this alternative, I am always moving, and it often takes less time and definitely involves less frustration.

I travel every day, at various times, on the East Bellevue Greenway. Plus, I live along the Greenway. At most I will see one bike a day traveling along this route.

Less than 1% of people travelling on our roads do so using bicycles, especially in the rainy winter months. Please prioritize the majority of Bellevue residents, not the bike activists.

Cynthia Cole

Lake Hills Resident for over 30 years

**From:** [vicbishop@earthlink.net](mailto:vicbishop@earthlink.net)  
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**Subject:** Bike Bellevue Comment - BETTER Bike Bellevue  
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Chair Stash and Transportation Commissioners,

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Thank you.

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Chair, ETA Legislative Committee  
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Bellevue City Council  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

December 11, 2023

Subject: Bike Bellevue

Dear Councilmembers,

As a coalition of concerned Bellevue residents, employees and business owners, we are increasingly concerned, and frustrated, with the transportation staff's engagement strategy for Bike Bellevue. Specifically, City transportation staff have recruited Seattle activists to respond to the purportedly objective survey of constituents' views on the Bike Bellevue plan and have not provided the same level of outreach to the leadership of Bellevue's neighborhoods which are impacted by its proposals.

As shown in the attached emails we obtained via public records request, staff responsible for Bike Bellevue are:

- 1) Actively engaging the Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Bike Blog, Complete Streets Bellevue, and Eastrail Partners to reach out to "their various communication channels" to get people in the bicycling community to respond to the survey (Attachment 1)
- 2) Printing hundreds of pages of Bike Bellevue materials for Chris Randels at Complete Streets Bellevue and Lara Gardner at Eastside Urbanism upon request (Attachment 2 & 3)
- 3) Encouraging Lara Gardner at Eastside Urbanism to reach out to Bellevue businesses to see if they "would be willing to receive suggested communications from Eastside Urbanism that has a different approach to the communications that we need to follow." (Attachment 4)

In contrast, we recently connected with several neighborhood leaders, well known to City staff, who were completely unaware of the plan or the fact that it proposes to eliminate traffic lanes on major arterials they depend on to get around Bellevue.

This certainly appears to be an effort to get bicycle activists to put their thumb on the scale of a community survey, the results of which will be presented to you as unbiased. Perhaps the Council could introduce the transportation staff to Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Manager.

There has also been a lack of transparency about the plan's potential negative impact to the majority of people who live, work, and visit Bellevue by any mode of transportation other than a bicycle. The Transportation Department's public communication materials include a [poster](#) and a [mailer](#). Neither of these convey the fact that the Bike Bellevue plan will eliminate general purpose lanes on roadways. The mailer says "Bike Bellevue will add bike lanes to existing streets in the core areas of Downtown, Wilburton and Bel-Red." There is a rendering of the proposed plan showing a two-way bike lane next to one westbound lane on NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, but nowhere does it mention that:

- Westbound NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street is currently a two-lane road each way;
- the Bike Bellevue plan would cut out half of the westbound lane capacity; and
- the City has already spent tax dollars to design a multiuse path *next to* the road, providing an even better alternative.

This is deceptive, and it strains credulity to conclude that a department full of transportation engineers made an innocent mistake on a matter of such vital importance to Bellevue's *multimodal* transportation network. It brings into question the city's commitment (staff and Council) to equitable engagement practices.

It's not too late for you to direct the staff to be more transparent with their communications and to use taxpayer resources to communicate both the negatives and positives about the Bike Bellevue plan. Before making any decisions, we urge the City to take a step back and clearly inform all constituents that:

- Bike Bellevue will result in the removal of general-purpose vehicle lanes on significant roadways such as Bel-Red Road, Northup Way, 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE at Children's Hospital, NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE 1<sup>st</sup>/NE 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.
- The existing vehicle lanes are shared with all modes of transportation: cars, trucks, buses – even bikes – and all except bikes will be negatively impacted by this proposal.
- There are alternatives that will result in an excellent network for safer bicycling without reducing roadway capacity.

Second, the Neighborhood Outreach Manager should be tasked with leading direct discussions with the neighborhoods that will be impacted by this plan to ensure that they are aware of these facts and can support alternatives or oppose the plan.

Your Council Vision document states, “we seek input from our residents and businesses, and this input informs city decision-making. We make decisions in a transparent manner and support public engagement and connectivity.” The City staff's adopted governing principles has a section called “integrity” which commits them to “give a consistent message to all audiences.” Clearly these values have not been met by the transportation staff in the roll-out of the Bike Bellevue plan.

Bellevue is better than this. The public deserves a process that is transparent, clear, credible, accurate, and trustworthy. We kindly request the Council's oversight to ensure the City staff uphold Bellevue's adopted core values, eliminate the bias, provide clear and transparent information, and revise the Bike Bellevue plan to provide alternatives that enable an equitable outcome for all of Bellevue's travelers.

Sincerely,

Phyllis White - Wilburton  
Vic Bishop - West Lake Sammamish  
Heidi Dean - Newport Hills  
Renay Bennett - Bellecrest  
Todd Woosley - Enatai  
David Plummer - Crossroads  
Kevin Wallace – Lakemont  
Bob Wallace – Lakemont  
Joan Wallace - Lakemont

Betsi Hummer – Lake Hills  
Carl Vander Hoek – Old Bellevue  
Stuart Vander Hoek – Old Bellevue  
Anna Flora – Old Bellevue  
Barbara Hughes – Bridle Trails  
Anne Coughlin – NE Bellevue  
John Carlson – Wilburton  
Pam Johnston - Bridle Trails  
Loretta Lopez – Bridle Trails

Scott Lampe – Lochleven  
Tammy Miller – Wilburton  
Glenn Kalmus – Wilburton  
Suresh Velagapudi - Wilburton  
Christian Ellstrom – Wilburton  
Kelly White – Wilburton  
Linda Lorraine Ulrich – Wilburton  
Sachin Lande – Wilburton  
Amativa Bhattacharya – Wilburton  
Yin Mei – Wilburton  
Mon Wig – Somerset Hill  
Leslie Geller – Eastgate  
Lee White – Wilburton  
Cheryl Wang – Wilburton  
Ching-Chao Wang – Wilburton  
Michelle Wannamaker – Eastgate  
Aaron Laing – Enatai  
Bill Popp – Enatai  
Alan Smith – Bellecrest  
Erin Powell Dilloo – Bellecrest  
Brooks Beaupain – Enatai  
Eric C. Adams – Bridle Trails  
Norm Hansen - Bridle Trails  
Pat Hansen – Bridle Trails  
Richard Hughes – Bridle Trails  
Deron Ferguson – Bridle Trails  
Umesh Hadan – Bellecrest  
Deborah Giddings – Bridle Trails  
Kathy Connors – West Bellevue  
John Connors – West Bellevue  
Joan Bordner – West Bellevue  
Bret Bordner – West Bellevue  
Liz Hale – Bellecrest  
Paul Clark – Downtown  
Jennifer Clark – Downtown  
Steve Engen – Wilburton  
Maki Engen – Wilburton  
Michelle Weisman – Downtown  
John Wu - Wilburton  
Liangwei Ge - Wilburton  
Dr. Dana Min – NW Bellevue  
Andrea Riveras – Downtown  
Laurence Loh – West Bellevue  
Evelyn Loh – West Bellevue

Earl Williams – Factoria  
Barbara Lyle – Factoria  
Gloria Roll – NW Bellevue  
Dr. Richard Stead – West Bellevue  
Rima Gasparyan – Lake Hills  
William Wahl – West Bellevue  
Brandon Diersch – NW Bellevue  
Claudia Marcu - Newport  
Robert Connor – Newcastle  
Sonny Foster – Newport  
Ron Gregush – NW Bellevue  
Marilyn Nelson – Woodinville  
Jami Toy – Woodridge  
Bret Bordner – NW Bellevue  
Denis Khanykov - Somerset  
Marcia Dillon – Lake Hills  
Jessica Rothe – NW Bellevue  
Yerbolat Dosby – West Bellevue  
Michael Trau – Cougar Mountain  
Yael Halevy – West Bellevue  
Ashley Anderson – Medina  
Rick Barnett – Medina  
Rebecca Hamilton – Somerset  
Grigoriy Zlotnik – Lake Hills  
Tamara Williams – Bellevue  
Lori Payne – Bellevue  
Robert Knosp – Lake Hills  
Richard Randall – Bellevue  
Jonathan Shultz – West Bellevue  
Aiko Kinoshita – West Lake Sammamish  
Elisabeth Best – Downtown  
William Stephan – West Bellevue  
Jean John – West Lake Sammamish  
Kelley Price – Kirkland  
Rima Kelertas – Bellevue  
Jan Ellis – Lake Hills  
David Cagle – Wilburton  
Dawn Correll – Bellevue  
Lisa Ross – Wilburton  
James Paulson – NE Bellevue  
Lauren Lin – NE Bellevue  
Morgan Gaston – Downtown  
Marilyn Robertson – Bridle Trails  
Basel Salam – Lake Hills

Laura Lawler – Crossroads  
Michael Mann – Newport  
Tricia Foster – Newport  
Megara Potts – West Lake Sammamish  
Mike Koehn – West Bellevue  
Betina Finley – NW Bellevue  
Faye Kraft – NW Bellevue  
Greg Mowrer – West Lake Sammamish  
Marlene Freeman – Bellevue  
Linda Shulman – Bridle Trails  
Michael Steinhaus – NE Bellevue  
Ruth Salazar – West Bellevue  
Erin Abernethy – Bellevue  
Suzanne Travis – NW Bellevue  
Steve Travis – NW Bellevue  
Natalie Johnson-Marghani – Wilburton  
Anita Neil – West Bellevue  
Milan Richter – Bellevue  
Renee MacLachlan – Bellevue  
Gary Arnold – NW Bellevue  
Emily Atar – Bellevue  
Michele Sweet – West Lake Sammamish  
Ana Ryker – West Lake Sammamish  
Harrison Ryker – West Lake Sammamish  
Jean Van Court – Somerset  
Linda O’Byrne – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Molly Richardson – Somerset  
Jamie Brakken – Issaquah  
Candice Soderquist – Beaux Arts  
Daniel Thompson – Mercer Island  
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Al Rosenthal – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Larry Brickman – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Marilyn Nelson – Wilburton  
Shelley Muth - Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Tim Rausch – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Jianzhou Wu – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Craig Proctor – Newport  
Tim Myers – Bridle Trails  
Jeannie Mucklestone – Medina  
Jean Heiser – Bellevue  
Ronda Patrick – NW Bellevue Neighborhood  
Kelly Jenkins – Downtown  
Sharon Cunningham – Bellevue

Jim Neal – Downtown  
Robert Schmitt – West Bellevue  
Gary Wu – BelRed  
Diane Tebelius – West Lake Sammamish  
David Bingham – West Bellevue  
Kasie Harvey – Downtown  
Todd Hulett – Woodridge  
Dana Tilson – Woodridge  
Mario Torres – Bridle Trails  
Paul Vander Hoek – Bridle Trails  
Matthew Weaver – Woodridge  
Jacqueline Perry – Wilburton  
Tamara Alsaled – West Bellevue  
Katy Mowrer – West Lake Sammamish  
Trisha Gillem – West Bellevue  
David Herbig – Somerset  
Jennifer Rush – Wilburton  
Lori VanderZanden – West Lake Sammamish  
Mimi Wehner – West Lake Sammamish  
Tara Kennewick – Bridle Trails  
Mischelle Jenkins – Clyde Hill  
Kathy Browsers – Downtown  
Riki Tokuno – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Kim Bentz – Bellevue  
Glen Muramoto – Newport  
Steven King – Lake Hills  
Virginia Skordal – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Kathy Gleich – West Bellevue  
Tina Babington - Downtown  
David Cagle – Wilburton  
Bradley VanBeek – Crossroads  
Rod Mclachlan – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
James Helm – Woodridge  
Michelle Wehner – West Lake Sammamish  
Julianne Mezs – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Shawn Donohue – NE Bellevue  
Linda Igoe – Lake Hills  
Rick Davis – Newport  
Diane Thompson – NW Bellevue  
Pinda Bazley – Bridle Trails  
Jun Lai – Wilburton  
Audrey Gao – Wilburton  
Charlie Guo – Wilburton  
Jianxia Gao – Wilburton



Patrick Song – Wilburton  
D Neu – Woodridge  
Mike Cero – Mercer Island  
Mike Nykreim – Newport  
John Hilscher – Downtown  
Phil Gable – Somerset  
Robert Van Hare – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Randolph Dearth – Lake Hills  
Carol Dearth – Lake Hills  
Eileen Marshall – Wilburton  
Karen Johnson – NE Bellevue  
Dean Johnson – NE Bellevue  
Dena Gregory – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Elizabeth Conyard – Somerset  
Karl Helmgren – NE Bellevue

## Attachment 1

**From:** Loewenherz, Franz

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:51 PM

**To:** [tom@seattlebikeblog.com](mailto:tom@seattlebikeblog.com); Vicky Clarke <[vickyc@cascadebicycleclub.org](mailto:vickyc@cascadebicycleclub.org)>; Katherine Hollis <[Katherine@easttrailpartners.org](mailto:Katherine@easttrailpartners.org)>; Christopher Randels <[crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org)>

**Subject:** Bike Bellevue - Please assist in sharing information through your communication channels starting next Friday, Sept 15

**Importance:** High

Hello Tom, Vicky, Katherine, and Chris –

I hope this email finds you well and that you are as excited as I am about [Bike Bellevue](#). In 2022, the [Bellevue City Council approved funding](#) to plan and implement rapid-build bicycle infrastructure in the urban core neighborhoods and subsequently [directed staff to work with the Transportation Commission](#) to prepare a Bike Bellevue recommendation plan for implementation.

As you know, past efforts to advance bicycle facility improvements in the City of Bellevue have proved to be challenging, involving time-consuming and costly consultative processes that ultimately delivered only incremental segments of the broader vision for a safe and connected connector. Bike Bellevue represents a coordinated approach to implementing [network improvements](#) with a single engagement process through which stakeholders arrive at a clearly articulated strategy for investments for multiple years that will help the city achieve its goals more efficiently and effectively.

Next Thursday, September 14 staff will share the following information with the Bellevue Transportation Commission: 1. [Agenda Memo](#), 2. [Att A. DRAFT Project Area Map](#), 3. [Att B. Bike Bellevue Project Principles](#), 4. [Att C. DRAFT Design Concepts Guide, September 2023](#), 5. [Att D. Draft Community Engagement Plan](#). Please consider Attachment C highlighted above to better understand the proposed bike network improvements (see Appendix F through Appendix P).

A notable near-term community engagement activity is the launch of an online project design feedback tool on September 15, 2023. Through this [Konveio tool](#), the public can submit comments and offer their perspective on feedback from others on the proposed designs for each of the eleven Bike Bellevue corridors. The deadline for comment via Konveio is November 15, 2023.

I'm hoping that your community-based organization can assist us in getting the word out about Bike Bellevue through your various communication channels. We would appreciate your highlighting in your public messaging that starting next Friday people can provide feedback via the Konveio tool. Also, we would benefit from your help identifying participants for our subsequent focus group conversations (more to come on this later). Please let me know if you'd benefit from additional information.

Thank you,

Franz

**Franz Loewenherz**

He/him/his ([Why does this matter?](#))

Mobility Planning and Solutions Manager

[Vision Zero](#), [Bike Bellevue](#), [Transit](#)

[Transportation Department](#), [City of Bellevue](#)

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## Attachment 2

RE: Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?



Allan, Mackenzie (she/her)

To: Loewenherz, Franz; crandels@cs-bellevue.org



Reply



Reply All



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Mon 10/23/23 12:14 PM

Hello Chris,

I'm happy to drop off a copy of the Draft Guide and Bike Bellevue flyers. How many flyers would you like, and what date/time would be best for drop off?

Thank you,  
Mackenzie



**Mackenzie Allan**

Associate Transportation Planner

Transportation, City of Bellevue

(She/Her)

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**From:** Loewenherz, Franz <[FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 12:05 PM

**To:** [crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org); Allan, Mackenzie (she/her) <[MAllan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MAllan@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?

Hello Chris – Appreciate your interest and support. Looping in [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) who could potentially meet you tomorrow and provide a copy of the DRAFT Guide and flyers. Thank you, Franz

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**From:** [crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org) <[crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 11:52 AM

**To:** Loewenherz, Franz <[FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?

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Hi Franz,

I hope you had a good weekend! I was planning on doing some in-person outreach with Eastside Urbanism to people and businesses around the Bike Bellevue corridors. I therefore wanted to ask if you or your department would have a physical copy of the Draft Design Guide that you could let us use for this, as well as any promotional materials or flyers that the city's been using in its outreach? Happy to coordinate a time for me to come by City Hall to pick up any materials you'd be willing to part with.

Thanks,



**Chris Randels**

Founder, Complete Streets Bellevue

[completestreetsbellevue.org](http://completestreetsbellevue.org)

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Pronouns: he/him

### Attachment 3 (2 emails)



Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.>

To: Loewenherz, Franz; Backman, Jay (They/Them/Theirs) C.;  
 Allan, Mackenzie (she/her)  
Cc: Lara Lara

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Fri 11/03/23 1:16 PM

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Hi Franz, Jay, & Mackenzie

Lara and I were able to do some outreach to businesses and apartments in the Spring District last week (Mox, Bellevue Brewing, AMLI, Arras, and REI, to be specific). At the apartments, one thing we repeatedly heard was having some sort of digital slide that they would be able to put on their lobby TVs, so that residents passing by would have basic information on the project and perhaps a QR code & link to the Konveio portal to provide feedback (maybe also the Transportation Commission email address to send comments as well).

Do either of you have something prepared that could serve this purpose? Particularly at Arras we had great interest from their staff in this, so I think this would be a productive material to produce if something isn't already available. Multiple Spring District apartments (and other fancy complexes throughout the city) seem to have lobby TVs that share important announcements, so this would likely be useful at multiple locations beyond even the ones we visited.

Additionally, the flyers you shared with me were very helpful in our outreach, thank you Franz & Mackenzie. Wanted to ask if the city would be willing to print out about 100 copies of the Bike Bellevue poster from the [resources page](#) on 8.5" x 11"? The apartments also said that having physical flyers in the common areas with a map and links to relevant info would be helpful. Either Lara or I could swing by sometime next week to pick them up.

Thanks for the assist!

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**Chris Randels**

Founder, Complete Streets Bellevue

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Loewenherz, Franz

To: Christopher Randels; Backman, Jay (They/Them/Theirs) C.;  
 Allan, Mackenzie (she/her)  
Cc: Lara Lara; Hagstrom, Gillian

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Fri 11/03/23 1:38 PM

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Hi Chris – Appreciate your and Lara helping us get the word out about the Bike Bellevue Konveio platform. We've received 891 comments via that platform as of November 1. Regarding the buildings that are willing to promote via lobby TV's we can have [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) coordinate on this task early next week to see how we might adapt the images in [Bike Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](http://Bike Bellevue (bellevuewa.gov)) for this purpose. Can you please forward their contact information so that Mackenzie can run point on coordinating with them on the digital requirements for those venues? Also, Mackenzie can coordinate with you on the physical poster and flyer production early next week as well. Admittedly we don't have much time as the Konveio platform will end on November 17. Appreciate your help! Thank you, Franz

FYI - Here's the agenda memo and attachments for the 11/9 TC meeting: [Agenda Memo](#), [Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#), [Attachment C](#), [Attachment D](#), [Attachment E](#)

## Attachment 4

RE: Materials



Loewenherz, Franz

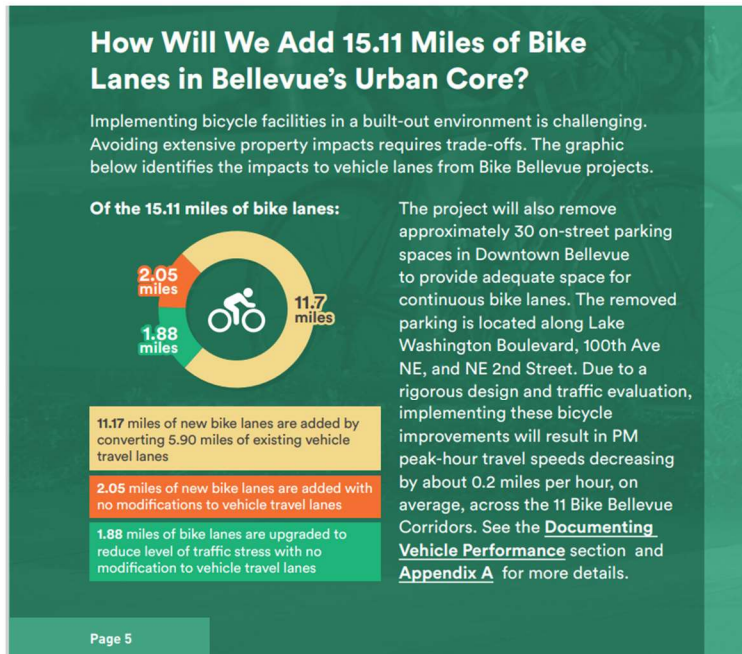
To ○ Lara Lara; ○ Allan, Mackenzie (she/her); ○ Hagstrom, Gillian  
Cc ○ Christopher Randels; ○ Backman, Jay (They/Them/Theirs) C.

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Fri 11/03/23 3:33 PM

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Hi Lara – We need be careful in our communications. We have received critiques from others in the community that we are not being transparent enough in Bike Bellevue communications about the impacts to travel lanes and parking and that this should be the focal point of our headline about the project (see [11092023 Bike Bellevue Attachment C.pdf \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#) – pages 141 and 142). We’ve received similar communications from others in various venues. As a result, you’ll observe in our updated DRAFT Guide that we now include the messaging below on page 5. Perhaps if you’ve developed rapport with the managers at these buildings, they would be willing to receive suggested communications from Eastside Urbanism that has a different approach to the communications that we need to follow. Otherwise [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) will coordinate with [@Hagstrom, Gillian](#) early next week in preparing content that is similar to our poster. Thank you, Franz



**From:** [Cynthia M Cole](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Bike Bellevue  
**Date:** December 13, 2023 5:34:47 AM

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commission,

I am opposed to the current proposals to create new bike lanes on Bel Red and Northup Way, by reducing vehicle traffic capacity on these arterials. Traffic getting from Lake Hills to downtown Bellevue is already congested and time-consuming. Adding bike lanes and creating less capacity for cars and other vehicles will make it even worse. These roads are currently shared by cars, trucks, school buses, Amazon, UPS, FedEx, and yes, the occasional bike traveler.

Taking away all purpose travel lanes suited for vehicle traffic and converting them to bicycle use only will turn our current travel experience into an Armageddon-style nightmare.

The majority of the residents of Bellevue prefer using their personal vehicles, for many reasons. I have grandchildren who I often pick up from school and take to various appointments while their parents are still working. Imagine picking up a child at Spiritridge Elementary School, traveling to the dentist near Overlake Hospital, then to piano lesson in Lake Hills. Impossible to do this within any reasonable amount of time using the bus, much less traveling by bicycle.

It can take up to 40 minutes for me to drive to downtown Bellevue from my home in Lake Hills. Due to current traffic congestion issues, I often take the path of least resistance and drive to Issaquah for my shopping errands. With this alternative, I am always moving, and it often takes less time and definitely involves less frustration.

I travel every day, at various times, on the East Bellevue Greenway. Plus, I live along the Greenway. At most I will see one bike a day traveling along this route.

Less than 1% of people travelling on our roads do so using bicycles, especially in the rainy winter months. Please prioritize the majority of Bellevue residents, not the bike activists.

Cynthia Cole



Lake Hills Resident for over 30 years

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** p johnston <pamjjo@msn.com>  
**Sent:** December 10, 2023 4:31 PM  
**To:** Loewenherz, Franz; Singelakis, Andrew  
**Cc:** TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Bike Bellevue: Lane closures => Cut through traffic

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-pamela Johnston  
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**From:** [Loewenherz, Franz](#)  
**To:** [Terry, Cheryl](#)  
**Subject:** FW: BIKE LANES in BELLEVUE  
**Date:** December 13, 2023 7:31:36 AM

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Hi Cheryl – Please add this one to the collection. Thanks, Franz

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**From:** Nammy <kentuckynammy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7:43 PM  
**To:** Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** BIKE LANES in BELLEVUE

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Seriously????? Bike lanes on the three streets leading from downtown to the East....This is such a crazy idea hatched by people who don't live in the Wilburton community....Yes, BIKE CLUBS!!!!!! How dare you even entertain such a ridiculous situation? Traffic at any given time in the area is insane and this stupid idea takes it to a whole new level. How many folks riding bikes have you seen lately??? Certainly, you can count on one hand in the last month! Bike Club members should NOT be able to force this issue down the throats of those of us who have lived for 30-40 years in Wilburton. I SAY NO to this proposal!

Eugenia Dorn 425-454-2033 (phone number since 1970 and darn proud)

**From:** [Loewenherz, Franz](#)  
**To:** [Terry, Cheryl](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Council FW: Bike Bellevue  
**Date:** December 12, 2023 8:24:44 AM

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Please add.

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**From:** Singelakis, Andrew <ASingelakis@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 8:10 AM  
**To:** Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Cc:** Stevens, Paula <PStevens@bellevuewa.gov>; Adell, Dana M. <DAdell@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Council FW: Bike Bellevue

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**From:** [noreply@salesforce.com](mailto:noreply@salesforce.com) <[noreply@salesforce.com](mailto:noreply@salesforce.com)> on behalf of Council Office  
<[counciloffice@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:counciloffice@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 8:05 AM  
**To:** Singelakis, Andrew <[ASingelakis@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ASingelakis@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Adell, Dana M. <[DAdell@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DAdell@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Council FW: Bike Bellevue

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Forwarding this Council@ email as fyi.

Thank you,

**Michelle Luce** (She/Her) | **Centered Elguezabal** (He/Him)  
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From: Barbara Hughes <[barbara\\_hughes@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara_hughes@hotmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:46 PM  
To: Council <[Council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Council@bellevuewa.gov)>; TransportationCommission

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<[board@bridletrailscommunity.org](mailto:board@bridletrailscommunity.org)>  
Subject: Bike Bellevue

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Bellevue resident Phyllis White, who is sick, has today sent you an update to the opposition to Bike Bellevue. This document includes 67 comments that stood out, and 209 signatures from Bellevue residents and nearby cities. Please recognize that these are Bellevue residents who want their signatures and comments to be heard. Please do not regard this petition as being of less worth than emails from Seattle bike activists.

Tonight I wish to focus on the appalling lack of outreach to Bellevue residents. City staff appear to have favored communication and outreach with Seattle bike activists, over Bellevue residents and businesses.

For example, Cascade Bicycle Club (a Seattle, Magnuson Park based organization) is the *nation's* largest statewide bicycling nonprofit, with 10,000-members and 35 staff. They are calling on all their members to sign on to a standard pre prepared letter with only their name, zip and email. Are these folks actually living in Bellevue? For those with a desire to see bike lanes in all cities, this may be a lovely option – but they may not have read in detail the complicated Bike Bellevue proposal, and they will not suffer the impacts if we get this wrong.

Cascade Bicycle Club is big and powerful. They are currently advertising a well-paid job vacancy for a Policy and Advocacy Manager who will ‘Collaborate with the team to mobilize supporters to participate in campaigns, has an Understanding of Seattle’s political landscape and an Understanding of internal City of Seattle policy processes, including City Council’.

Residents in Bellevue neighborhoods do not have 35 staff, in fact we have none – in the neighborhoods we are all ordinary people and volunteers. We need time to understand your complicated, layered proposals. Time to try and inform our neighbors. We need you to work collaboratively to inform and educate us, not just to favor information and resources to bike activists.

My concern is not about biking – it is about your process where staff are unfairly favoring Seattle activists over Bellevue residents. This has a ripple effect – please see attached

regarding a (maybe Tacoma based?) bike activist contacting another organization who then blasted out to their members. So this continues, whilst most Bellevue residents remain uninformed by their own city.

Thank you,

Barbara Hughes

Bellevue 98005

Encl:

People for Climate Action, Bellevue received a ‘heads up alert from PCA member **Chris Randels**, a well known biking enthusiast’, and PCA is encouraging the following to support their letter to Council which is included in their email to members To boost the impact, we'd like to encourage many letters of support from PCA members to the city. Letters could be short and sweet or longer, if you choose. Here are the three email addresses that we recommend you send comments to:

[transportationcommission@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:transportationcommission@bellevuewa.gov)

[Council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Council@bellevuewa.gov)

[trreception@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:trreception@bellevuewa.gov)

The letter below, crafted by PCA leader April Stevens, is what PCA leadership sent to the above city officials:

To: Bellevue City Council, Bellevue Department of Transportation, Transportation Commission,

People for Climate Action - Bellevue (PCA-B), Leadership Team supports the Bike Bellevue proposal. The current lack of flat, east-west corridors for bikes clearly demonstrates an inadequacy needing to be addressed. The designated bike routes and protected infrastructure proposed along Bel-Red Road would connect Downtown and the Spring District with Lake Hills and Crossroads. These connections are important neighborhood destinations and are crucial to the success of the whole city's bike network. Furthermore, Bike Bellevue will help improve multimodal connections to all East Link stations.

PCA's focus has been, and continues to be, on reducing GHG emissions and supporting the City of Bellevue in their stated goal of reducing them by 50% by 2030. Bike Bellevue would aid in this effort. In a city survey, 62% of respondents indicated they would ride a bike more often if the streets were made safer and had comfortable bike lanes. Bike Bellevue estimates the corresponding reduction in driving would be equivalent to eliminating the annual GHG emissions generated by 240 - 890 cars.

This is a turning point for our city. Right now, as we are planning our future growth for the next 20 years, we have the opportunity to make a difference in what that will look like. Just as light rail has come to provide residents with more public transportation options, we too need to provide safer options for walking and biking.

Now is the time to be bold and do everything we can to reduce our GHG emissions. Bellevue should take leading edge actions to ensure a livable future. Bike Bellevue is an important part of this vision.

Please take the time to send a message of support!

[Take Action for Better Biking | Cascade Bicycle Club](#)

[Butts on Seats In Support \(p2a.co\)](#)

[IN SUPPORT - Cascade Bicycle Club](#)



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**To:** [Terry, Cheryl](#)  
**Cc:** [McDonald, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Council FW: I DO NOT SUPPORT CURRENT BIKE PLAN  
**Date:** December 11, 2023 4:31:42 PM

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As I noted in previous emails to you about the plan, it does not meet the needs of the residents of Bellevue. Who decided to put forth the current plan?

I want bike paths. BUT NOT THIS PLAN. I want completely separate paths NOT ON THESE STREETS. I do not want to lose westbound lanes that take us to Overlake Medical Center.

**Please stop all consideration of this plan until the new members of the council are sworn in. Once they are sworn in, start the review process in a fresh and inclusive manner (by including community leaders and citizens who don't/can't bike) AND share any and all of the previously developed bike plan which was not pro-actively shared with residents.**

Please insist on a performance review of the staff who prepared the plan and, if they are not relieved of their duties immediately, must attend a mandatory ethics class.



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**From:** [Loewenherz, Franz](#)  
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Dear Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and Councilmembers,

Attached is a letter previously submitted to the Council on November 20, 2023, containing 33 signatures. The letter contains an additional 176 signatures, totaling 209 endorsements from residents of Bellevue and neighboring cities, and is representative of the collective concerns from residents regarding the public engagement process of the Bike Bellevue plan.

This email serves as an extension of our earlier correspondence emailed today and following below in this email, providing supplementary information for today's public comments. The letter was referred to as a petition letter in my previous email today.

Thank you for your service and consideration of our petition letter for the betterment of our city's future.

Warm regards,

Phyllis White  
Wilburton, Washington

From: [phyllisjwhite@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisjwhite@comcast.net)

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Date: 12/11/2023 1:18 PM PST

Subject: Bike Bellevue

Dear Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and Councilmembers,

I am Phyllis White, a resident of Bellevue, and I deeply care about our

city's well-being and future. I am reaching out to share concerns shared not only by myself but also by so many other Bellevue residents about the current Bike Bellevue plan.

While I appreciate the goal to create a safe, connected, and sustainable multimodal transportation network for everyone, what is missing is input from Bellevue's residents and employees. The current approach does not adequately address the input and perspectives of Bellevue residents and those who work here. The City's outreach efforts have leaned towards special interest groups, and the information provided to the public is incomplete, unclear, and lacks transparency. The potential impact of eliminating existing car lanes, a significant part of the plan, has not been clearly communicated, creating an unfair advantage in steering the plan's direction.

The Bike Bellevue plan's substantial feedback, with 1,719 comments from 214 "unique contributors" and 59 emails from 56 "unique email addresses", is also causing concerns about the identities of these contributors and email addresses. Over 200 signatures support our petition letter opposing the Bike Bellevue plan in its current form and are representative of the views of Bellevue residents, neighboring city residents, and employees, who use our Bellevue streets, including both biker riders and those using vehicles.

For the Bike Bellevue plan to succeed, it must be built on transparency, meaningful and fair outreach, and accurate information. I urge the City Council to consider the insights shared and expressed by Bellevue residents and those who use our Bellevue streets.

I've included some comments from those who signed our petition letter. I hope that you, as our City's Council, will consider their voices and a more inclusive engagement process that addresses these concerns and that all residents are included in the process shaping the future of transportation in Bellevue.

We look forward to a better engagement process where we can spend more time discussing these projects that will ultimately provide alternatives and solutions with an equitable outcome.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving our community.

Best regards,

Phyllis White

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Bellevue City Council  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

December 11, 2023

Subject: Bike Bellevue

Dear Councilmembers,

As a coalition of concerned Bellevue residents, employees and business owners, we are increasingly concerned, and frustrated, with the transportation staff's engagement strategy for Bike Bellevue. Specifically, City transportation staff have recruited Seattle activists to respond to the purportedly objective survey of constituents' views on the Bike Bellevue plan and have not provided the same level of outreach to the leadership of Bellevue's neighborhoods which are impacted by its proposals.

As shown in the attached emails we obtained via public records request, staff responsible for Bike Bellevue are:

- 1) Actively engaging the Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Bike Blog, Complete Streets Bellevue, and Eastrail Partners to reach out to "their various communication channels" to get people in the bicycling community to respond to the survey (Attachment 1)
- 2) Printing hundreds of pages of Bike Bellevue materials for Chris Randels at Complete Streets Bellevue and Lara Gardner at Eastside Urbanism upon request (Attachment 2 & 3)
- 3) Encouraging Lara Gardner at Eastside Urbanism to reach out to Bellevue businesses to see if they "would be willing to receive suggested communications from Eastside Urbanism that has a different approach to the communications that we need to follow." (Attachment 4)

In contrast, we recently connected with several neighborhood leaders, well known to City staff, who were completely unaware of the plan or the fact that it proposes to eliminate traffic lanes on major arterials they depend on to get around Bellevue.

This certainly appears to be an effort to get bicycle activists to put their thumb on the scale of a community survey, the results of which will be presented to you as unbiased. Perhaps the Council could introduce the transportation staff to Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Manager.

There has also been a lack of transparency about the plan's potential negative impact to the majority of people who live, work, and visit Bellevue by any mode of transportation other than a bicycle. The Transportation Department's public communication materials include a [poster](#) and a [mailer](#). Neither of these convey the fact that the Bike Bellevue plan will eliminate general purpose lanes on roadways. The mailer says "Bike Bellevue will add bike lanes to existing streets in the core areas of Downtown, Wilburton and Bel-Red." There is a rendering of the proposed plan showing a two-way bike lane next to one westbound lane on NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, but nowhere does it mention that:

- Westbound NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street is currently a two-lane road each way;
- the Bike Bellevue plan would cut out half of the westbound lane capacity; and
- the City has already spent tax dollars to design a multiuse path *next to* the road, providing an even better alternative.

This is deceptive, and it strains credulity to conclude that a department full of transportation engineers made an innocent mistake on a matter of such vital importance to Bellevue's *multimodal* transportation network. It brings into question the city's commitment (staff and Council) to equitable engagement practices.

It's not too late for you to direct the staff to be more transparent with their communications and to use taxpayer resources to communicate both the negatives and positives about the Bike Bellevue plan. Before making any decisions, we urge the City to take a step back and clearly inform all constituents that:

- Bike Bellevue will result in the removal of general-purpose vehicle lanes on significant roadways such as Bel-Red Road, Northup Way, 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE at Children's Hospital, NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE 1<sup>st</sup>/NE 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.
- The existing vehicle lanes are shared with all modes of transportation: cars, trucks, buses – even bikes – and all except bikes will be negatively impacted by this proposal.
- There are alternatives that will result in an excellent network for safer bicycling without reducing roadway capacity.

Second, the Neighborhood Outreach Manager should be tasked with leading direct discussions with the neighborhoods that will be impacted by this plan to ensure that they are aware of these facts and can support alternatives or oppose the plan.

Your Council Vision document states, “we seek input from our residents and businesses, and this input informs city decision-making. We make decisions in a transparent manner and support public engagement and connectivity.” The City staff's adopted governing principles has a section called “integrity” which commits them to “give a consistent message to all audiences.” Clearly these values have not been met by the transportation staff in the roll-out of the Bike Bellevue plan.

Bellevue is better than this. The public deserves a process that is transparent, clear, credible, accurate, and trustworthy. We kindly request the Council's oversight to ensure the City staff uphold Bellevue's adopted core values, eliminate the bias, provide clear and transparent information, and revise the Bike Bellevue plan to provide alternatives that enable an equitable outcome for all of Bellevue's travelers.

Sincerely,

Phyllis White - Wilburton  
Vic Bishop - West Lake Sammamish  
Heidi Dean - Newport Hills  
Renay Bennett - Bellecrest  
Todd Woosley - Enatai  
David Plummer - Crossroads  
Kevin Wallace – Lakemont  
Bob Wallace – Lakemont  
Joan Wallace - Lakemont

Betsi Hummer – Lake Hills  
Carl Vander Hoek – Old Bellevue  
Stuart Vander Hoek – Old Bellevue  
Anna Flora – Old Bellevue  
Barbara Hughes – Bridle Trails  
Anne Coughlin – NE Bellevue  
John Carlson – Wilburton  
Pam Johnston - Bridle Trails  
Loretta Lopez – Bridle Trails

Scott Lampe – Lochleven  
Tammy Miller – Wilburton  
Glenn Kalmus – Wilburton  
Suresh Velagapudi - Wilburton  
Christian Ellstrom – Wilburton  
Kelly White – Wilburton  
Linda Lorraine Ulrich – Wilburton  
Sachin Lande – Wilburton  
Amativa Bhattacharya – Wilburton  
Yin Mei – Wilburton  
Mon Wig – Somerset Hill  
Leslie Geller – Eastgate  
Lee White – Wilburton  
Cheryl Wang – Wilburton  
Ching-Chao Wang – Wilburton  
Michelle Wannamaker – Eastgate  
Aaron Laing – Enatai  
Bill Popp – Enatai  
Alan Smith – Bellecrest  
Erin Powell Dilloo – Bellecrest  
Brooks Beaupain – Enatai  
Eric C. Adams – Bridle Trails  
Norm Hansen - Bridle Trails  
Pat Hansen – Bridle Trails  
Richard Hughes – Bridle Trails  
Deron Ferguson – Bridle Trails  
Umesh Hadan – Bellecrest  
Deborah Giddings – Bridle Trails  
Kathy Connors – West Bellevue  
John Connors – West Bellevue  
Joan Bordner – West Bellevue  
Bret Bordner – West Bellevue  
Liz Hale – Bellecrest  
Paul Clark – Downtown  
Jennifer Clark – Downtown  
Steve Engen – Wilburton  
Maki Engen – Wilburton  
Michelle Weisman – Downtown  
John Wu - Wilburton  
Liangwei Ge - Wilburton  
Dr. Dana Min – NW Bellevue  
Andrea Riveras – Downtown  
Laurence Loh – West Bellevue  
Evelyn Loh – West Bellevue

Earl Williams – Factoria  
Barbara Lyle – Factoria  
Gloria Roll – NW Bellevue  
Dr. Richard Stead – West Bellevue  
Rima Gasparyan – Lake Hills  
William Wahl – West Bellevue  
Brandon Diersch – NW Bellevue  
Claudia Marcu - Newport  
Robert Connor – Newcastle  
Sonny Foster – Newport  
Ron Gregush – NW Bellevue  
Marilyn Nelson – Woodinville  
Jami Toy – Woodridge  
Bret Bordner – NW Bellevue  
Denis Khanykov - Somerset  
Marcia Dillon – Lake Hills  
Jessica Rothe – NW Bellevue  
Yerbolat Dosby – West Bellevue  
Michael Trau – Cougar Mountain  
Yael Halevy – West Bellevue  
Ashley Anderson – Medina  
Rick Barnett – Medina  
Rebecca Hamilton – Somerset  
Grigoriy Zlotnik – Lake Hills  
Tamara Williams – Bellevue  
Lori Payne – Bellevue  
Robert Knosp – Lake Hills  
Richard Randall – Bellevue  
Jonathan Shultz – West Bellevue  
Aiko Kinoshita – West Lake Sammamish  
Elisabeth Best – Downtown  
William Stephan – West Bellevue  
Jean John – West Lake Sammamish  
Kelley Price – Kirkland  
Rima Kelertas – Bellevue  
Jan Ellis – Lake Hills  
David Cagle – Wilburton  
Dawn Correll – Bellevue  
Lisa Ross – Wilburton  
James Paulson – NE Bellevue  
Lauren Lin – NE Bellevue  
Morgan Gaston – Downtown  
Marilyn Robertson – Bridle Trails  
Basel Salam – Lake Hills



Laura Lawler – Crossroads  
Michael Mann – Newport  
Tricia Foster – Newport  
Megara Potts – West Lake Sammamish  
Mike Koehn – West Bellevue  
Betina Finley – NW Bellevue  
Faye Kraft – NW Bellevue  
Greg Mowrer – West Lake Sammamish  
Marlene Freeman – Bellevue  
Linda Shulman – Bridle Trails  
Michael Steinhaus – NE Bellevue  
Ruth Salazar – West Bellevue  
Erin Abernethy – Bellevue  
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Steve Travis – NW Bellevue  
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Harrison Ryker – West Lake Sammamish  
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Molly Richardson – Somerset  
Jamie Brakken – Issaquah  
Candice Soderquist – Beaux Arts  
Daniel Thompson – Mercer Island  
Truyen Vu – Woodridge  
Al Rosenthal – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Larry Brickman – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
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Tim Myers – Bridle Trails  
Jeannie Mucklestone – Medina  
Jean Heiser – Bellevue  
Ronda Patrick – NW Bellevue Neighborhood  
Kelly Jenkins – Downtown  
Sharon Cunningham – Bellevue

Jim Neal – Downtown  
Robert Schmitt – West Bellevue  
Gary Wu – BelRed  
Diane Tebelius – West Lake Sammamish  
David Bingham – West Bellevue  
Kasie Harvey – Downtown  
Todd Hulett – Woodridge  
Dana Tilson – Woodridge  
Mario Torres – Bridle Trails  
Paul Vander Hoek – Bridle Trails  
Matthew Weaver – Woodridge  
Jacqueline Perry – Wilburton  
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Trisha Gillem – West Bellevue  
David Herbig – Somerset  
Jennifer Rush – Wilburton  
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Mimi Wehner – West Lake Sammamish  
Tara Kennewick – Bridle Trails  
Mischelle Jenkins – Clyde Hill  
Kathy Browsers – Downtown  
Riki Tokuno – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Kim Bentz – Bellevue  
Glen Muramoto – Newport  
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Jun Lai – Wilburton  
Audrey Gao – Wilburton  
Charlie Guo – Wilburton  
Jianxia Gao – Wilburton

Patrick Song – Wilburton  
D Neu – Woodridge  
Mike Cero – Mercer Island  
Mike Nykreim – Newport  
John Hilscher – Downtown  
Phil Gable – Somerset  
Robert Van Hare – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Randolph Dearth – Lake Hills  
Carol Dearth – Lake Hills  
Eileen Marshall – Wilburton  
Karen Johnson – NE Bellevue  
Dean Johnson – NE Bellevue  
Dena Gregory – Cougar Mountain/Lakemont  
Elizabeth Conyard – Somerset  
Karl Helmgren – NE Bellevue

## Attachment 1

**From:** Loewenherz, Franz

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:51 PM

**To:** [tom@seattlebikeblog.com](mailto:tom@seattlebikeblog.com); Vicky Clarke <[vickyc@cascadebicycleclub.org](mailto:vickyc@cascadebicycleclub.org)>; Katherine Hollis <[Katherine@easttrailpartners.org](mailto:Katherine@easttrailpartners.org)>; Christopher Randels <[crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org)>

**Subject:** Bike Bellevue - Please assist in sharing information through your communication channels starting next Friday, Sept 15

**Importance:** High

Hello Tom, Vicky, Katherine, and Chris –

I hope this email finds you well and that you are as excited as I am about [Bike Bellevue](#). In 2022, the [Bellevue City Council approved funding](#) to plan and implement rapid-build bicycle infrastructure in the urban core neighborhoods and subsequently [directed staff to work with the Transportation Commission](#) to prepare a Bike Bellevue recommendation plan for implementation.

As you know, past efforts to advance bicycle facility improvements in the City of Bellevue have proved to be challenging, involving time-consuming and costly consultative processes that ultimately delivered only incremental segments of the broader vision for a safe and connected connector. Bike Bellevue represents a coordinated approach to implementing [network improvements](#) with a single engagement process through which stakeholders arrive at a clearly articulated strategy for investments for multiple years that will help the city achieve its goals more efficiently and effectively.

Next Thursday, September 14 staff will share the following information with the Bellevue Transportation Commission: 1. [Agenda Memo](#), 2. [Att A. DRAFT Project Area Map](#), 3. [Att B. Bike Bellevue Project Principles](#), 4. [Att C. DRAFT Design Concepts Guide, September 2023](#), 5. [Att D. Draft Community Engagement Plan](#). Please consider Attachment C highlighted above to better understand the proposed bike network improvements (see Appendix F through Appendix P).

A notable near-term community engagement activity is the launch of an online project design feedback tool on September 15, 2023. Through this [Konveio tool](#), the public can submit comments and offer their perspective on feedback from others on the proposed designs for each of the eleven Bike Bellevue corridors. The deadline for comment via Konveio is November 15, 2023.

I'm hoping that your community-based organization can assist us in getting the word out about Bike Bellevue through your various communication channels. We would appreciate your highlighting in your public messaging that starting next Friday people can provide feedback via the Konveio tool. Also, we would benefit from your help identifying participants for our subsequent focus group conversations (more to come on this later). Please let me know if you'd benefit from additional information.

Thank you,  
Franz

**Franz Loewenherz**

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## Attachment 2

RE: Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?



Allan, Mackenzie (she/her)

To: Loewenherz, Franz; crandels@cs-bellevue.org



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Mon 10/23/23 12:14 PM

Hello Chris,

I'm happy to drop off a copy of the Draft Guide and Bike Bellevue flyers. How many flyers would you like, and what date/time would be best for drop off?

Thank you,  
Mackenzie



**Mackenzie Allan**

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**To:** [crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org); Allan, Mackenzie (she/her) <[MAllan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MAllan@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?

Hello Chris – Appreciate your interest and support. Looping in [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) who could potentially meet you tomorrow and provide a copy of the DRAFT Guide and flyers. Thank you, Franz

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**From:** [crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org) <[crandels@cs-bellevue.org](mailto:crandels@cs-bellevue.org)>

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**To:** Loewenherz, Franz <[FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** Materials for Bike Bellevue Outreach?

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Hi Franz,

I hope you had a good weekend! I was planning on doing some in-person outreach with Eastside Urbanism to people and businesses around the Bike Bellevue corridors. I therefore wanted to ask if you or your department would have a physical copy of the Draft Design Guide that you could let us use for this, as well as any promotional materials or flyers that the city's been using in its outreach? Happy to coordinate a time for me to come by City Hall to pick up any materials you'd be willing to part with.

Thanks,



**Chris Randels**

Founder, Complete Streets Bellevue

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### Attachment 3 (2 emails)



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Cc: Lara Lara

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Hi Franz, Jay, & Mackenzie

Lara and I were able to do some outreach to businesses and apartments in the Spring District last week (Mox, Bellevue Brewing, AMLI, Arras, and REI, to be specific). At the apartments, one thing we repeatedly heard was having some sort of digital slide that they would be able to put on their lobby TVs, so that residents passing by would have basic information on the project and perhaps a QR code & link to the Konveio portal to provide feedback (maybe also the Transportation Commission email address to send comments as well).

Do either of you have something prepared that could serve this purpose? Particularly at Arras we had great interest from their staff in this, so I think this would be a productive material to produce if something isn't already available. Multiple Spring District apartments (and other fancy complexes throughout the city) seem to have lobby TVs that share important announcements, so this would likely be useful at multiple locations beyond even the ones we visited.

Additionally, the flyers you shared with me were very helpful in our outreach, thank you Franz & Mackenzie. Wanted to ask if the city would be willing to print out about 100 copies of the Bike Bellevue poster from the [resources page](#) on 8.5" x 11"? The apartments also said that having physical flyers in the common areas with a map and links to relevant info would be helpful. Either Lara or I could swing by sometime next week to pick them up.

Thanks for the assist!

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Hi Chris – Appreciate your and Lara helping us get the word out about the Bike Bellevue Konveio platform. We've received 891 comments via that platform as of November 1. Regarding the buildings that are willing to promote via lobby TV's we can have [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) coordinate on this task early next week to see how we might adapt the images in [Bike Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](http://BikeBellevue(bellevuewa.gov)) for this purpose. Can you please forward their contact information so that Mackenzie can run point on coordinating with them on the digital requirements for those venues? Also, Mackenzie can coordinate with you on the physical poster and flyer production early next week as well. Admittedly we don't have much time as the Konveio platform will end on November 17. Appreciate your help! Thank you, Franz

FYI - Here's the agenda memo and attachments for the 11/9 TC meeting: [Agenda Memo](#), [Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#), [Attachment C](#), [Attachment D](#), [Attachment E](#)

## Attachment 4

RE: Materials



Loewenherz, Franz

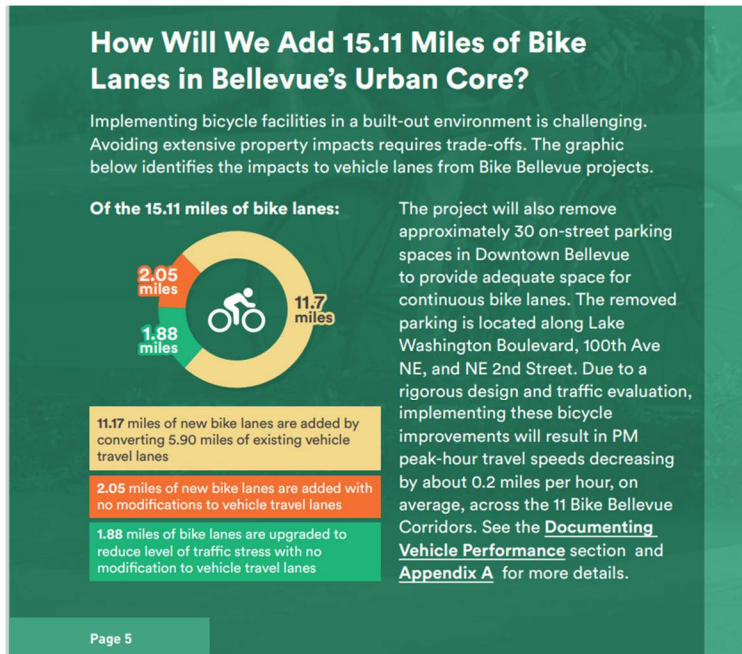
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Hi Lara – We need be careful in our communications. We have received critiques from others in the community that we are not being transparent enough in Bike Bellevue communications about the impacts to travel lanes and parking and that this should be the focal point of our headline about the project (see [11092023 Bike Bellevue Attachment C.pdf \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#) – pages 141 and 142). We’ve received similar communications from others in various venues. As a result, you’ll observe in our updated DRAFT Guide that we now include the messaging below on page 5. Perhaps if you’ve developed rapport with the managers at these buildings, they would be willing to receive suggested communications from Eastside Urbanism that has a different approach to the communications that we need to follow. Otherwise [@Allan, Mackenzie \(she/her\)](#) will coordinate with [@Hagstrom, Gillian](#) early next week in preparing content that is similar to our poster. Thank you, Franz





### Comments left by those who signed on to the letter online via petition:

"I have lived here for over 15 years. There are not enough bike commuters, especially during inclement weather, to necessitate this plan. Traffic moves slow enough through Downtown that I see bikes and cars travel together just fine. I would like to see the accident numbers that support this plan." –Dana Min

"NE 12th lost a large portion of a well established park to a widened bike, multi-use path, which is barely used by bikers!....they stay on the street. So, now they want to take away more of the street....? Where are these bikers supposedly appearing from? Why aren't they using that existing new path as intended ? Are there really going to be "that many" to warrant all the proposed road changes??!!" – Gloria Roll

"Please be more transparent" –Dr. Richard Stead

"I find no one appears to use the bike lanes that take out traffic lanes which will be needed for the increasing density of all the large buildings." –William Wahl

"Traffic in Bellevue can be bad at times but, taking a car travel lane for a bike lane is not the way to rectify the traffic. Should you decide to go thru with it I will make every effort to stay away and shop elsewhere." –Robert Connor

"This intentional "lane dieting" plan is social engineering at its worst to justify the lightrail passenger quota. You are creating a traffic nightmare for locals and neighborhoods. What youve done to 108th at main st near bellevue high school to add a bike lane is atrocious! Youve literally turned that intersection into a living hell for locals. This bike lane plan is nothing short of corruption and misuse of taxpayer dollars." –Sonny Foster

"Please do not eliminate auto lanes for bike lanes." –Marilyn Nelson

"Traffic is congested already. Having less driving lanes will impact all of us who have to drive to get to places." –Jami Toy

"Bicycle lines, the same as the light rail lines should not be build instead of already lacking car lanes, but build in addition if such an improvements are needed. The normal meat of transportation is still a car for the majority of people." –Denis Khanykov

"Please do not eliminate vehicle travel lanes in order to build bike lanes." –Marcia Dillon

"Do not reduce street capacity for bike lanes. The signs about planned redevelopment of existing commercial buildings along these same streets will only increase traffic congestion. These lanes are critical to enabling residents to move around town." –Jessica Rothe

"Bike lanes do not work! They do not promote safer biking, they do not promote additional biking, they do not reduce and environmental impact on a community. They are always confusing to vehicular traffic. To spend the resources of economics to move through a city on a relatively small number of residents is not a prudent decision." –Rick Barnett

"Bellevue already has traffic and congestion problems with the current vehicle lanes we have. Taking away a lane and making a bike path will make congestion worse. Not enough people commute on bikes to work to justify removing a vehicle lane to put in a dedicated bike lane. I agree that biking is a great way to commute for those who are able, but this proposed plan will spend money (A LOT) to create an even bigger traffic problem." –Rebecca Hamilton

"Traffic is already awful in Bellevue. The Seattle "road diets" were a mistake. Learn from the failure of others and DO NOT convert car-lanes to bike-lanes." –Tamara Williams

"Most of us can't bike for a variety of reasons. Our work schedules, physically unable, inclement weather. Please don't put bikes, which few people use for transport, above cars, which most of us use. Focus on good traffic flow in busy areas. Thank you." –Lori Payne

"As the city grows, much more vehicle traffic than bicycle traffic will have to be accommodated. Taking away auto lanes is a guaranteed loser--don't do it." –Robert Knosp

"While I support safer bike travel and less emphasis on car driving, I agree that this process needs to be more transparent." –Aiko Kinoshita

"THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IS IRRESPONSIBLE." –William Stephan

"I work in and drive in Bellevue often. This is a terrible idea." –Kelley Price

"I disagree with the current bike lane plan as it takes up the two main streets that actually "run through" east to west- Bel Red and Northup. Northup is also the main route to 520 and is already backed up during rush hours. I don't believe that both these streets should have a lane taken from them especially Northup. There are no other ways to get onto 520. With all the apartments being built along Northup, the routes to 520 will be in even more demand. I'd argue having a bike lane in such a high traffic/high demand route such as Northup will be less safe for bikers as drivers get frustrated with delays." – Rima Kelertas

"This will only create more danger for bikers in an already congested city that has grown immensely and had no road improvements, It will create a false sense of security. Bike areas off road are what is needed and would be very much appreciated. Follow Redmond's (the biking capital) example. They have not thrown bikers in the roadway but have built separate biking areas. That works!" –Jan Ellis

"Prioritize ease of traffic over bike lanes!!!!!" –Lisa Ross

I am signing this petition to express concern about the disproportionate benefit to a minority set of users and the negative impact to residents and businesses that this plan proposes. Prioritizing more bicycle lanes that represent 0.1% of trips at such a high cost is not sound fiscal or public policy. Decreasing vehicle lane capacity utilized by 99.9% of trips and necessary to accommodate growth is inequitable and short-sighted. We are alarmed that this plan is not going to council for approval. Please ask staff why this \$19M plan is not going before council for a decision. Businesses have a choice on where to locate. Many have chosen Bellevue over alternatives for a variety of reasons. A predominant reason is ease of access for employees and customers compared to Seattle. Customers, deliveries, employees, freight, and visitors are all dependent on adequate vehicle travel lane capacity and availability of parking to remain successful and attractive. If the city of Bellevue does not prioritize



these then customers and employers will choose another location or shop online. Many retail spaces sit vacant today, many more in Seattle. Many office towers are the same, leading to fewer daytime employees spending money in Bellevue. The main reason that employees state they are not returning to the office is commute times. Many employees in Bellevue cannot afford to live in Bellevue or bicycle to work. According to the city, Bike Bellevue will create zero work trips by bike in the project area by 2035 under the Build scenario. Retail and office vacancy post COVID is already high. Bike Bellevue's proposal to make vehicle commute times longer and traffic congestion worse, will force customers to shop elsewhere, employers to locate elsewhere, and lead to even more vacant retail and office towers. Most buildings on these routes support businesses. Bellevue businesses are dependent on customers and employees. Most customers and employees don't ride bicycles. The City of Bellevue is dependent on tax revenues from businesses. The Bike Bellevue Plan threatens the success of businesses and tax revenue. How does shutting down street capacity, taking away on-street parking and restricting turning movement support Downtown Businesses? Please direct staff to look at these economic impacts of the Bike Bellevue Proposal immediately. NE 1st/NE 2nd One-Way Street – Corridor 6 • The proposed changes to this corridor would introduce the first one-way street in Downtown Bellevue. • This one-way proposal will create circling around the block and increase latent demand on Main Street, Bellevue Way and 100th Ave NE. Traffic will be forced to other streets that were not considered or measured for impact in the study. Please direct staff to study the impacts to adjacent streets. • NE 1st/NE 2nd Corridor is already achieving a LTS 3 (level of traffic stress) and the target is LTS 3. Why then change anything if there is no increase in safety or new bicycle trips generated? • This one-way concept would cripple access to the Downtown Park, Inspiration Playground, and Main Street. This plan will negatively impact events at the Downtown Park (like Ice Skating, Bellevue Family 4th, and Summer Outdoor Movies). Diverted traffic will be pushed to adjacent streets and neighborhoods. The Bike Bellevue plan will also impact Main Street events like the Old Bellevue Wine Walk, Bellevue High School Homecoming, and Summer Outdoor Dining. Please seek input from the Special Events Committee and Economic Development Department regarding the Bike Bellevue Plan impact on city events and economic activity.” –Carl Vander Hoek

“While i applaud the vision of multi-modal transportation, this should be in addition to existing lanes for automobiles. PLEASE DO NOT REDUCE ANY LANES.” –Megara Potts

“Enough with being politically correct. Fix traffic through the neighborhoods” –Mike Koehn

“I am very opposed to taking a lane away from east to westbound traffic on NE 12 th Street. COB did a large sidewalk expansion to accommodate bikes, strollers and walkers. Even then it is barely used. We DO NOT need to take a lane away on the busy NE 12th east-west corridor in Bellevue to accommodate the few who bicycle on the sidewalk already.” –Betina Finley

“I might live on the other side of the city, but I frequently travel the streets targeted for vehicle lane removal by Bike Bellevue. I know how congested those streets already are, and I know how very little bike traffic that area sees. Removing vehicle travel lanes is insanity! I don't understand why the Transportation Dept changed its previous plans, or why they aren't working with \*residents\* to identify better bike routes that are safer for all and would actually bring bicyclists through the planned redevelopment of the Bel-Red area. Shame on the Transportation Dept for secretly colluding with bike activists from outside of Bellevue while doing the legal bare minimum to reach out to & collaborate with Bellevue residents, the people who will have to live with the consequences of this ill-advised project. I was in Austin, TX, last month and witnessed a horrific collision between a motor vehicle making a legal turn across a protected bike lane and a man screaming along at a high rate of speed on

his e-bike in the protected bike lane. It was the \*e-biker's\* fault. Austin has a lot of protected bike lanes, a lot of e-bikes and electric scooters, and I saw a lot of jackassery happening as the bicyclists & scooter riders thought they could do whatever they wanted because... "protected bike lanes". I don't want that kind of jackassery here in Bellevue, thanks." –Heidi Dean

"There is a bike path with a bicycle painted it along NE 24 going from 130 to 116, joining Northrup. A cyclist was driving on the left-most side of the lane which was a full vehicle lane width , .leaving a turn lane and a lane in the opposite direction on a curve.. It was unsafe for the cyclist, The cyclist did not move closer the the curb and made a right turn...certainly unsafe for motor vehicles. There are many green painted narrow lanes more than adeq for cyclists. They may not be able to ride 3 abreast but they need to share the road. The majority of the population does not use bicycles for transportation. Traffic is heavy and the City of Bellevue has permitted high rise after high rise to go up without roads to accommodate more vehicles safely. My vote is NO!. This is not a Field of Dreams "build it and they will come" If there is an increase in cycle riders it will not be one that justifies the loss for vehicular traffic, and more importantly loss of safety for everyone." –Linda Shuman

"Bellevue, Do NOT remove car lanes and replace with bike lanes. That ship sailed long ago." –Anita Neil

"A Bellevue resident since 1991, I ride a bicycle and like bike lanes, However, I oppose the conversion of existing car lanes into bike lanes, especially in high traffic areas. According to the Bike Bellevue plan, an estimated 5.9 miles of motor vehicle travel lanes will be repurposed, to which I strongly object." – Milan Richter

"As a cyclist, I can tell you that I do not value bike lanes within the city and hope that Bellevue does not waste the time and money to add them." –Gary Arnold

"I am disabled secondary to past cancer treatments and unable to bike to work or home, especially in the significantly inclement weather we get here in this region, where it is dangerous for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. However, I live in Bellevue and need to be able to utilize roads for working, child needs, etc. Bellevue's traffic is already limiting as far as locations and times you can utilize roadways- this plan would continue to worsen the area. Our family already often chooses not to utilize businesses in Bellevue d/t traffic and will opt for Redmond/Issaquah instead because of traffic ease. This would potentially drive business away, increase times on buses for our children, worsen environmental impact of congestion/idling cars on roadways, decreases equity for people who aren't capable of cycling due to disability, potentially cause increased road rage/neglect incidents, and compromise safety." –Emily Atar

"Vote NO on adding bike lanes" –Jean Van Court

"I am a real estate agent who works in Bellevue. Can you communicate to us what alternatives have been considered?" –Jamie Brakken

"Why are we saying yes to so many high rises and then restricting car lanes? Makes no sense." – Candice Soderquist

"Bellevue spent a lot of money on a bike path/bridge in Factoria and I almost never see bikes using it. Do not waste any more money on bike paths. Bike paths please a small vocal minority, not the vast

majority of the general population. The vast majority of the general population care about car traffic not bike paths.” –Al Rosenthal
“Strongly against the idea to convert a car lane to a bike lane. This is a pointless project!” –Jianzhou Wu
“I object to this plan. Traffic is bad enough without further restricting it. Bike riders should not get a disproportionate consideration over drivers.” –Craig Proctor
“We do not need more bike lanes in Bellevue. Traffic is getting worse all the time. The bike lanes make it significantly more congested.” –Jeannie Muckleston
“NO BIKE LANES!” –Ronda Patrick
“No to bike lanes on Main street” –Kelly Jenkins
“No bicycle line! No encroachment Mobil Lines” –Gary Wu
“Preposterous idea, have these greenies go back to Seattle. not that much bike traffic to screw up all the normal car” –David Bingham
“Not enough bikers to justify the damage to so many drivers. This is terrible for business and for residents. Create bike streets on side streets.” –Matthew Balkman
“This plan is harmful to small businesses that rely on parking and will add more traffic due to less traffic lanes. The weather in our area does not support bike riders, this is a vehicle-centric city. None of our customers are bikers to our Bellevue business. This is a serious waste of money that could be put to much better use.” –Kasie Harvey
“We do not need more bike lanes!! make room for cars that are supposed to be on the road.” –Taylor Gomez
“The extreme negative impact that this proposal will have on Northup Way right now as they have narrowed East bound Northup Way between 128th and 130th as they remove some construction scaffolding. Traffic is backed up all the way to the 124th off ramp from 520.” –Paul Vander Hoek
“Please don't take away car lanes for bike lanes!” –Katy Mowrer
“I have lived in Bellevue for over 20 years and the traffic has become unsustainable. I pay very high property taxes to the city and I feel like I don't get anything back. The constant development has caused a traffic nightmare. New high rises keep popping up everywhere, but the streets are not getting any bigger to absorb this additional traffic. The idea to build bike lanes just does not make sense. We already have bike lines in the city no one uses, yet they take up an entire lane of traffic. Please stop with the bike lanes and think about us, residents, who pay actual taxes in the city, and are too old to be riding bikes!” –Tereza Birch
“I am all for bikes but not for eliminating car lanes. This proposal will result in much worse traffic for ALL Bellevue residents, just for the benefit of a few hundred people. It would be much cheaper to subsidize car purchase for those who are riding bikes for cost issues. Paying \$18 million to make traffic

worse is not a good solution. Adding bike lanes without removing car and bus lanes would be a better solution. Convert the seldom used sidewalks into bike lanes and widen them enough to handle both bikes and pedestrians. Bellevue is not Europe and hopefully never will have to be. Put this on hold until the full impact of light rail on bike transportation is known. Perhaps having bike transport capability on light rail would be a partial solution for the bike riders. Busses have found a way to accommodate bicycles. Let's see if light rail can do the same.” –David Herbig

“This is such a bad idea with all the growth happening in the city! It will hurt businesses.” –Lori VanderZanden

“I'm concerned about the negative impact on traffic and the risk to bikers. This doesn't feel democratic at all to allocate so much road capacity to a few people.” –Mimi Wehner

“Taking driving lanes away from motorists to accommodate a very very small and privileged group of people is ridiculous! This has nothing to do with supporting Bellevue as a community. Where is the money coming from to make this happen and why are seattle biking groups getting involved?” – Mischelle Jenkins

“I work and live on Main street. Nearly every customer that enters our store complain about the parking and are very frustrated. To take away stalls is one thing, but to make a one way street where people will need to circle on an already crowded, and creepy crawl of a street (meaning slow bumper to bumper traffic) will impact others from wanting to come to Old Main. It impacts businesses in the area tremendously. Once more apartments are built, with not enough parking spaces for their own residents, where will anyone park?” –Kathy Browsers

“100% opposition to Bike Bellevue!!! Go with the plan that Kevin Wallace supports and was approved by Council when he was a councilmember, that builds the bike lane on Spring Blvd. and NOT ON BEL-RED! Removing a traffic lane in each direction of Bel-Red would be a total disaster for those of us who must travel by vehicle (i.e., I cannot cycle).” –Leslie Geller

“Downtown street are already congested. There will never be enough bike riders to justify the cost and loss of access to the general population in vehicles, including buses. Love the Circuit vans, see them running with folks not driving cars, this is better.” –Kathy Gleich

“The number one complaint of customers in the Old Main district is that there is nowhere to park. There is not enough parking as it is. This impacts businesses and residents who choose to shop elsewhere. Do not take away any parking!” –Tina Babington

“Reducing vehicle lanes on major roads in Bellevue while there are significant number of office buildings, condos & apartment buildings being built that will cause an increase of vehicles is beyond comprehension (i.e., can be considered stupid). Where is the data that supports the benefits of Bike Bellevue vs the significant adverse impact to non- bikers???” –Bradley VanBeek

“Please be advocates of the majority of citizens, transparent in your governing and not beholden to special interests that don't represent the residents of Bellevue.” –Michael Wehner

“We have too much traffic on existing roads to take roadway away for bike lanes. No way are there justify these bike lanes.” –Julianne Mezs

“Please don't add proposed bike lanes to Bel-Red or Northrup. Use Spring District” –Shawn Donohue

“Proposals to eliminate car lanes for bike lanes defies common sense. Recent city survey was clearly designed to discourage input by all but the most passionate folks. This is unacceptable attempt to manipulate residents. Planning staff clearly does not represent residents.” –Rick Davis

“I oppose the proposed Bike Bellevue plan. I believe that before the issue is discussed by the Bellevue City Council, all Bellevue residents and all Bellevue workers should be notified of the proposed change and be given the opportunity to express their opinions.” –Diana Thompson

“City needs to come up with a smarter way for bicycles. Show your leadership for all residents!!” –Audrey Gao

“No bike lane please.” –Charlie Guo

“We should only takes certain people’s interests more than the other groups . It clearly shows we have less people riding bikes than people driving so this should not be only in favor of bikers.” –Jianxia Gao

“Bellevue traffic is bad enough. Please do not convert any car lane into bike lane.” –Patrick Song

**From:** [Loewenherz, Franz](#)  
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Hello- I'm curious with the talk of the new 11 miles of bike lanes. Would this be decreasing some of the regular road that cars drive on?

There are a lot of people that may need to drive that have small children have a disability, age health concerns, etc. if it penalizes and slows down the regular traffic, I don't think that makes sense.

The way towns, or set up in Europe, or some of the East Coast all of it, was planned in advance of being built It would have been nice with all the new building going on to have these gigantic apartment, building setbacks further and have the bike lane on that side of the road instead of disrupting the roads Do you know if this is already being put in place and paid for? I feel like sometimes the public doesn't learn and they asked questions even though it's already in motion.?

Thank you for helping Bellevue  
Karrie Murphy

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**From:** Phil Gable <pmgable@comcast.net>  
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Dear Members of the Bellevue Transportation Commission,  
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For most of the plan's proposed locations, adding bike lanes requires removing at least one full vehicle traffic lane. According to the City's own estimates, this would result in 210 daily new bike trips by 2035 throughout the project area, representing a marginal increase in bicycle mode share, from 0.8% to 0.9%. Notably, none of these new trips are anticipated to be made by commuters.

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Sincerely,

Phil Gable  
Bellevue Resident  
Since 1986

**From:** [Sue Harms](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** No MORE BIKE LANES!!!  
**Date:** December 4, 2023 8:06:33 PM

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Sent from my iPhone this is a stupid idea! Let's get a commission that actually cares for the community! No Bike lanes!



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of John Hilscher <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 9:08 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan

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
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John Hilscher

Downtown 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Louise Thomas <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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
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Sincerely,

Louise Thomas

Woodridge 

## Terry, Cheryl

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Arthur Valdez <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely, Arthur Valdez

Arthur Valdez

Bellevue 100th and Main



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Bryan Weed <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 10, 2023 10:07 AM  
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Sincerely,

Bryan Weed

Somerset 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Sudha Subramanian <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Sudha Subramanian

Overlake 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Barbara Morgan <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 9, 2023 11:52 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Please put this to a vote to Bellevue residents and not just listen to the well-organized bike lobby.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our city,

Barbara Morgan

Barbara Morgan

Apple Valley 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Linda Igoe <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 9, 2023 11:11 PM  
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Sincerely,

Linda Igoe

Lake hills 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Matthew Durden <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 9, 2023 1:05 PM  
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Sincerely,

Matthew Durden

Crossroads 



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Todd Sherman <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 9, 2023 1:02 PM  
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Sincerely,

Todd Sherman

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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Mary Galash <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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
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Mary Galash

Crossroads 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Maryl Widdows <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Maryl Widdows

Bridle Trails 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**Sent:** December 8, 2023 7:07 PM  
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Sincerely,

Annisa Gillespie

Whispering Heights



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Gary Wilke <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 6:54 PM  
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Sincerely,

Gary Wilke

Neighbor 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Allison Mollner <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 5:32 PM  
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Allison Mollner

Vuemont 

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Narender Sood

Vuemont Bellevue



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Sincerely,

Rhee Elikier

Crossroads (off Bel-Red Rd)





**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Cindy Blasingame <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 3:44 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan

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Cindy Blasingame

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Sincerely,

James Doak

Horizon 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Kim Bentz <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 2:11 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Kim Bentz

Old Main 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of curt johnson <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Come to my house and try to get back to city hall. It is unsafe. Unsafe. Isn't the city supposed to protect its citizens?? I implore you to control speed on NE8th

Sincerely,

curt johnson

Wilburton 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Ke-Qin Gong <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Ke-Qin Gong

13521 SE 57th street



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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Abel Carp <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Abel Carp

Eastgate 

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Sincerely,

Eric Suarez

Bellevue (Crossroads)



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Ann Rohlman

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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Leon Mosesov <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Leon Mosesov

14717 se 15thPL Bellevue WA



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Leon Mosesov

Lakehills and 148 ave



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Tara Kennewick <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 8, 2023 12:07 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Tara Kennewick

Cherry Crest 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Elizabeth (Betty) <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 11:18 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Elizabeth (Betty) Bordner

Tam0Shanter 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Nancy Tran <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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
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Sincerely,

Nancy Tran

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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Scott Maurer <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 7:26 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Through the reduction of car lanes you are improving the overall appeal of Bellevue and making it far more accessible to those who live in the area and frequently make trips downtown. Thank you for investing in this city's future.

I urge you to continue supporting Bike Bellevue projects in their current form and advocate for further reduction on our dependence on cars to get around the city.

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Sincerely,

Scott Maurer

Cherry Crest



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**Sent:** December 7, 2023 7:04 PM  
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M Mullen

Somerset 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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Sincerely,

Ann Kelly

Compton Glen Bellevue





**Terry, Cheryl**

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Sincerely,

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Bridle trails Bellevue



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Wm Edward Anderson

Downtown 

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With the projected increase in headcount in the new buildings being built it seems a stretch to think that a significant number of those new employees will be biking.

With the above in mind \$18.6 million and the resulting loss of car lanes seems to be an unwise use of funds at this point. The demand of bike lanes does not seem to exist at this point.

I am also concerned about accountability. No where have I seen any documentation about the need for such an extensive and costly project. Transit ridership is down from what I read. Perhaps smaller and more frequent buses would serve to provide a reasonable alternative to the expenditure of \$18.6 million.

It would seem the wiser course would be to wait until the effect of all the new jobs on transit patterns, including light rail, cars and bikes could be quantified before \$18.6 million is invested in a project that seems to be way ahead of demand at this point.

As a taxpayer I object to new programs that increase taxes. This seems to be in that category. If the project can be funded with existing revenues, then I suspect there are other projects that need to be investigated instead of bike lanes. That said, the commission is to be congratulated on asking for community input. And, for thinking ahead.

Marc Gazeley

Downtown 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Larry James <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Larry James

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Sincerely,

Laurie Wilke

Rockwood 

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Sincerely,

Tim Moriarty

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
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Sincerely,

Judith Schwartz

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Sincerely,

Victoria Parmacek

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Sincerely,

Katy Blair

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Sincerely,

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Gary Albert

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Jennifer Rush

Wilburton 

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Mike and Kris Shore

Newport Hills 

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Sincerely,

Dennis Morgan

Lake Hills 

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DAVID HERBIG

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
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Drew Oliveira

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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of MICHAEL REINHARDT <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 12:08 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL REINHARDT

Robinswood 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Donald Abendroth <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Donald Abendroth

Lake Hills 

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Sincerely,

Ann Kelly

Compton Glen



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Lawrence Rush

Wilburton 

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Ann Kelly

Compton Glen



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**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Kimberly Boggio

Downtown Bellevue



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Sincerely,

Nancy Allyn

Newport Hills





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Sincerely,

Emma Popp

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Robin Root James <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Robin Root James

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Sharon Sweo <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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
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Sincerely,

Sharon Sweo

Downtown 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jeff Cody <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Jeff Cody

Woodridge 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Robert Van Hare <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Robert Van Hare

Forest Ridge II 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Sari Lieberman <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Sari Lieberman

Wilburton 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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Sincerely,

Marie Magluyan

Overlake 

## Terry, Cheryl

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Pat McGiffert <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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The removal of a car lane to accomplish this project, while it seems more efficient and less costly will congest these heavy traffic areas further and likely cause more car / bike accidents, especially in the dark rainy months. If this is built, I will avoid going to downtown Bellevue and find other, safer places to shop. Sidewalks in these areas could be improved or like the example of the Burke Gilman trail, a path separate from traffic would be safer for bicycles. With the light rail going in, consider watching to see how traffic changes and reassess bike friendly options.

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Sincerely,

Pat McGiffert

Bridle Trails 



**Terry, Cheryl**

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Marianne Lee

Newport Hills 

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Sincerely,

Alexander M Heijer

Main Street Bellevue



**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Carole Mix <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 9:14 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Linda Van Hare

Forest Ridge 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of JACK SCHULTZ <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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JACK SCHULTZ

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John & Laura Maring

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Ann Jacobs <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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
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Ann Jacobs

Woodridge 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jay Starr <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Jay Starr

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**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Janet Cordell-Armstrong <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 8:52 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Janet Cordell-Armstrong

Somerset 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jodi Gable <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan

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Dear Members of the Bellevue Transportation Commission,

I endorse everything said below but want to add that I am a huge biker. However, I strongly oppose your plan. These bike lanes, first off, are DANGEROUS. Mixing bikes right next to cars doesn't fit with the Vision Zero goals. Second, this plan will only result in more traffic congestion, more accidents, and increased danger for bikers due to the heavy congestion and frustrated drivers. Third, very few people commute on bikes, that will not increase appreciably and it doesn't warrant the expected expenditure. We have the 520 corridor trail and plenty of dedicated bike paths for commuting. This is not a good project for Bellevue.

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JILL HEIJER

Bellevue 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jan Hotson <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 8:19 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Jan Hotson

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Mark Cohodas <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 7:59 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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South Bellevue-Lakemont



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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Fereidoon Zavosh <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 7, 2023 7:34 AM  
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Fereidoon Zavosh

Bellevue 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Bernard Aboba <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 4:15 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Bernard Aboba

Eastgate 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of David F.Plummer <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 4:04 PM  
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Dear Bellevue Transportation Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Transportation Department's Bike Bellevue project which proposes to add 15 miles of bike lanes for an estimated overnight-build acquisition cost of \$18.6 million. The Department has provided no estimate of the ownership cost (O&M, etc.) for this project.


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I urge you to reject the Department's proposed Bike Bellevue projects to and direct the staff to develop carefully-prepared life cycle cost estimates for the projects that account for all acquisition and 30-year ownership costs. In addition, the staff should be directed to show the source of the funds for the life cycle costs of the proposed projects.

Sincerely,

David F. Plummer

Crossroads 



## Terry, Cheryl

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of David Fuhriman <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 3:41 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Dear Members of the Bellevue Transportation Commission,

I was invited by Neighbors for a Livable Bellevue to write an email opposing expansion of bicycle lanes by reducing automobile lanes. I'm not in that neighborhood but have some thoughts.

I've long thought that all forms of transportation need to be accommodated in the area, because they serve different needs by person and by occasion (I use all), and one problem is excessive growth, another is poor choices. (For example, I couldn't believe it three decades ago when Seattle put the convention center over the freeway instead of expanding the I-5 express lanes all the way through the city. Don't be like Seattle!)

I have commuted via bicycle, and there are NOT enough bicycle lanes and trails in the region, which limits where I would live as I prefer not to use a car or bus to travel far to work but am happy to cycle if the route is safe, unpolluted, and enjoyable. In parts of Bellevue no thought was given to children bicycling or walking to a friend's house. In some places pedestrians and cyclists are shunted onto busy roads, but in other places there are very nice bicycle routes.

I think a possible solution might be a tax on the largest companies, increasing by size, to either stop population growth and/or pay for improvements for transportation and infrastructure, which I'm assuming has a very high incremental cost of development in dense locations. The county and the state have not done enough (failed, really), I don't think it's necessarily Bellevue's problem. It's getting too slow to get places at times (friends, family and activities are spread out). Since I'm writing, I will add that I feel like I just want to leave this area after decades here, but family live here, for now. I have no interest in returning to other places I've lived before due to unsustainable growth, and I think it's time (way too late?) to fight for quality of life in a region where several generations of family have lived. I value nature, ease of local travel, and quiet, among the usual other things. It's not your department but other issues are noisy aircraft overhead too often. One thing Bellevue could do is ban noisy leaf blowers. I use a rake.

Thanks for reading.

David Fuhriman



West Lake Sammamish

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of DAVID RUBLE <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 1:55 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

DAVID RUBLE

Tam O'Shanter West



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Mary Ruble

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Bellevue Bridal Trails



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Kelly Martin

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
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John Iwanski

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Wilburton 

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
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Jason Lieverst

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Myrna Darland <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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Sincerely,

Orville Gunnoe

Cherrywood 

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of James Mathrusse <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 9:26 PM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Beaux Arts 

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Katerina Riabova

Bellevue 

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Sincerely,

Todd Hulett

woodridge 

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**Sent:** December 11, 2023 6:32 PM  
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STEVEN ROBERTS

LAKE HILLS 

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
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Scott Drum

Downtown 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of William Wahl <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 9:11 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

William Wahl

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of John Hilscher <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
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**To:** TransportationCommission  
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
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Sincerely,

John Hilscher

Downtown 

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Michael Mathewson <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 12, 2023 6:55 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

Michael Mathewson

North Rosemont 

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan  
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Sincerely,

James Mathrusse  
Beaux Arts

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan  
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Sincerely,

Rod Mclachlan  
Forest ridge

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Sincerely,

Sara Bassford  
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**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Candy Case](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan  
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Candy Case  
Fox Glen

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [John Jewett](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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John Jewett  
Glendale



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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan  
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Shields  
Vuemont

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan  
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Marlene Price  
West Bellevue

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I am an avid biker and love the dedicated bike paths we have on the east side. That said, I strongly object to repurposing automobile lanes into bike lanes. There are very, very few people that actually use or will use bike lanes for commuting. They are extremely dangerous and will become more so as our density increases. Biking is also unrealistic in our area due to the rain and the amount of hills we have. Lastly, with the highest property crime rates in the nation, people don't want to bike places and have their bicycle stolen, especially expensive electric bikes. There is no way to safely lock all these bikes up at various destinations. The other issue is the drivers. As you take away they already heavily used vehicle lanes, drivers become more impatient and that makes it incredibly dangerous for bikers. There are so many data points that a driver must be aware of now that it has made driving, often, extremely complex and . before making a move for a left or right turn, we've got to check for pedestrians on the sidewalk, pedestrians crossing the street, blinking arrows, other cars turning that don't seem to understand how to use a turn signal, and now you're proposing that we need to check if there's a bike lane on our street and whether a biker is approaching. The E bikes go fast, really fast. This makes for a super unsafe driving situation. What happened to Bellvue Vision Zero? I look at the mess that is downtown Seattle and cannot understand why Bellevue would adopt such a failed plan.

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Sincerely,

Jofi Gable  
Somerset

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Monica Trautman  
Horizon View

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Betina R Finley  
McCormick Park

**From:** [Craig Spiezle](#)  
**To:** [Loewenherz, Franz](#); [TransportationCommission](#)  
**Cc:** [McDonald, Kevin](#); [Transportation Reception](#); [Singelakis, Andrew](#)  
**Subject:** Bike Bellevue - Traffic Impact Study  
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There has been a great deal of community debate on the net traffic impact to some of the key corridors including BelRed and parts of 20<sup>th</sup>. Part of this is the difficulty of understanding the traffic data and the confidence in the modeling. I am proposing the City temporary close the lane(s) of traffic (via barricades) and measure the actual impact to the traffic and flow, (before, during and after). The objectives would be 3-fold; 1) provide real world data if vehicle lanes were to be repurposed, 2) alleviate some of the concerns being voiced and 3) validate the data being presented by the City. While I understand the design of the bike lanes would provide the ability to revert back to vehicle usage, this would be a cost-effective way to validate assumptions and most importantly address community concerns.

I hope this will be addressed this Thursday at the Bike Bellevue and Transportation Commission meetings. As always, I am available to help

Respectfully,

Craig Spiezle  
<https://agelight.com>  
425-985-1421

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Joseph Benitez  
Overlake



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Sheryl Benitez  
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Andrew Hergert  
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Sincerely,

Barbara Tasker  
Meydenbauer

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Michael Mraz  
Horizon Crest

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Sincerely,

Andrew Newell  
Bridal Trails

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Archana Nagar  
Lake Hills

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melissa gates  
140th and northup area

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There are only 3 East-West surface arterials: 1) NE 8th, 2) Bel-Red Road, and 3) Northup Way (NE 20th Street). Bellevue's misguided bike Initiative will severely and negatively impact traffic at all times for limited benefit on 2 out these 3 thoroughfares. Bellevue's Spring District project and the 130th Avenue light rail station redevelopment project that straddle 2 of these arteries have barely begun impacting these streets, yet even now, it is becoming increasingly difficult to transverse the city from one end to the other. ADEQUATE VEHICLE TRAFFIC FLOW IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE CITY ECONOMY! Even now with the construction on Bel-Red at the corner of 130th Avenue reducing the westbound lane from two to one lane has significantly increased traffic congestion, and this is just limited ONE block! Imagine the entirety of Bel-Red Road or Northup Way one lane each way with multiple light changes required to travel one block, to say nothing of several miles.

By Bellevue's own data, bike ridership will not appreciably in the absolute numbers and none of these new trips are anticipated to be made by commuters.

Do not let Bellevue become a mini-Seattle!!!

Reject Bike Bellevue projects unless they do not require taking vehicular lanes from the majority of the traveling public.

Sincerely,

Eric Nickols  
Wilburton



**From:** [Karrie murphy](#)  
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Hello,

I'd like to give my thoughts and opinions about the bike lanes. Will they be added and regular lanes for cars decreased??

If so, I feel like this is an afterthought and Bellevue's coding of new homes and apartment buildings is where they should have planned to set the buildings way back from the road and have bike lanes closer there, so it would not interrupt any thing on a regular roads that are already so crowded. Also many people driving with small children, elderly or disabled are not able to get on a bike, let alone riding around in rainy weather that we have often I love to bike, but I am opposed to putting these in if we have to decrease a regular lanes.

I hope it's not already a project that is in place in our residence input is an afterthought?

If you can, please let me know. I would appreciate that very much. Thank you Karrie murphy.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Gary bylund](#)  
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Sincerely,

Sara Sipe  
South Rose Hill

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Richard Conte](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Sincerely,

Richard Conte  
Bellevue Way SE south of downtown

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Leslie Geller](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Sincerely,

Leslie Geller  
Eastgate

**From:** [Dylan Hanson](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)  
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Hello Bellevue City Councilmembers and Transportation Commission members,

I'm writing to you today to express my enthusiastic support of the Bike Bellevue project. I live in the Everest neighborhood of Kirkland and I frequently visit Bellevue for both work and recreation. The proposed cycling infrastructure of Bike Bellevue will be a huge improvement in my day-to-day life as a resident of the Eastside. Cycling has improved my mental health and physical fitness by being outside as well as helping me save money by not relying on my car daily, and has allowed me to reduce my carbon footprint.

For work, I am a real estate agent and I work out of two offices in Bellevue, one at the intersection of Main St & 116th Ave, and the other near 20th St & 140th Ave. Bike Bellevue plans to service both of these corridors which will be a huge help for me especially with the recent Northup connection from Eastrail opening earlier this month. I will certainly visit these offices more often because I will be able to safely access them via bike, something I only dreamed of when I moved to Kirkland. Additionally, most of my real estate clients are young first-time home buyers and projects like this excite them to buy homes near accessible urban cores that aren't car reliant which I know have downstream economic advantages for the city and the broader region.

For recreation, my partner, friends and I all love supporting Mox Boarding House along Bel-Red Rd and occasionally find ourselves heading downtown to the park or the mall to meet up. My partner and I frequent Uwajimaya, Home Depot, and REI along 4th St & 120th Ave. I support local eateries when I find myself at the office for work, and ride my bike through the city during outdoor workouts in the summer. When news of this project came to our attention, we were thrilled; all of these areas are serviced by Bike Bellevue and the ease of getting to these places by bike, instead of car or bus will be hugely helpful for us. I know particularly accessing Mox Boarding House will be much safer and more comfortable and it'll be nice being able to bike elsewhere on a whim instead of planning out carpooling or transit in advance. When I bike through Bellevue for workouts I currently exclusively go early in the mornings before places open up because I don't feel safe biking on many streets in Bellevue. I'm excited for that to change and I dream of ending a long bike ride at Molly Moons in downtown knowing I have a safe protected bike lane to follow the last few miles home. Bike Bellevue will make this happen.

I'm sure you're all aware of the economic advantages of providing safe non-car alternative transportation and how that will lead to decreased congestion, safer streets, and improved mobility at a significantly lower cost than some recent car-centric projects (See this [bike project in Seattle](#) and soon to open [car project in Bellevue](#) respectively for recent examples). This will be especially helpful as housing density increases in and around the Bike Bellevue project area.

Thank you for taking the time to hear about my experience, engage with the community, and help implement Bike Bellevue.

Best,  
Dylan

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**Dylan Hanson, PMP** he/him/his  
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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Sincerely, Margaret Watt

Margaret Watt  
Kirkland/Bellevue

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Sincerely,

Trisha Gillem  
Beaux Arts

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Katya Appleby](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Katya Appleby  
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Susie Jamison  
Lake Bellevue

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Northrup

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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jeffrey johnson  
newport shore

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Michael Appleby  
Cougar Mountain



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Gary Hoffman  
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Sincerely,

Duane Jackson  
Bellevue

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Sincerely,

Ingrid Fuhriman  
College Hill

**From:** [Calder Hartigan](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#); [Loewenherz, Franz](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting Bike Bellevue plans  
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Hello,

I wanted to express my support for the proposed Bike Bellevue infrastructure developments prior to the meeting tomorrow, the 14th. I am a resident of Seattle who bikes through Bellevue and to destinations in Bellevue. I do not own a car and travel primarily by bike, by bus, and by walking.

In May of this year alone I traveled to 16 of Bellevue's parks, all by bike. Some, like Meybenbauer Bay or Surrey Downs Park, were easy to access and enjoy. I felt safe because roads were quiet enough or bike lanes were in place.

Others, notably Spring Hills Park and Northtowne Park, were more difficult to access because of how busy and unprotected some roads leading to them were (Bellevue Way). Biking on Bellevue Way was a frightening experience because of the lack of protection or separation and the high speed of traffic. If I were biking with friends or family, I would not have taken that route, and I don't plan on going that way any time soon.

Although the Bike Bellevue plan does not include Bellevue Way, it does address a lot of roads like it, like Bel-Red. Good bike infrastructure is especially important for me in newer cities like Bellevue with wide roads where many cars and trucks travel very fast. Without good bike infrastructure, I generally don't feel safe traveling on this sort of road and often just don't travel to places on these roads.

I'm excited to see this bike infrastructure built and visit more places in Bellevue on it.

Sincerely,  
Calder Hartigan

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Dear Transportation Commissioners,

I live on 145th PL NE in Bellevue which is located in an area that requires me to walk and bike on the major high volume streets 148th, NE 8th and Bel Red Road to get anywhere I want to go. I am situated basically in between the Bel Red Station and the Overlake station of the light rail. The walk to both of those stations is a bit farther than is really reasonable, so biking would be my best option, however, I would have to travel on one of these very high volume roads to get there. Having a bike lane on BelRed, would help tremendously, and I often ride on NE 20th to get home from the 520 trail to get over to 140th to get home past the Safeway there. (Strava calls this segment on 140th "Survive Safeway" which tells you about how cyclists feel about some of these roads in Bellevue.)

I support Bellevue building these protected bike lanes. If you build it, folks will use it, and with the proliferation of Ebikes, this is becoming very important.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Hanna Floss

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Bellevue Bridle Trails

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Sincerely,

Krystal Kaald  
Bellevue

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Sincerely,

Carol Lawrence  
Wilburton

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Dear Members of the Bellevue Transportation Commission,

I was born in Seattle, moved back to Kirkland in 1985, and have owned homes in Clyde Hill since 1989. I am an avid cyclist, enjoying cycling around King County as well as in 20 countries around the world.

I also appreciate the efficient roads in and around the Eastside, especially in Bellevue, where I shop, see my doctors, and dine.

The current "Bike Bellevue" plan is an absurd travesty. Bicycling on the Eastside is primarily an activity by people looking for exercise. Very few people are commuting on bicycles, in large part because it is neither fun nor safe to cycle when it is dark or wet!

The proposal to convert 11 miles of automobile lanes used by cars, trucks, and buses into bicycle lanes is beyond stupid. At any price! You're going to increase travel times and congestion for tens of thousands of drivers every day! And for what, to provide a small number of cyclists some reserved cycling lanes?

I've cycled in downtown Seattle a few times in the past few years. It is just OK in the early mornings on a Saturday or Sunday. But during rush hour, you take your life in your hands (and some cyclists have lost their lives)!

I urge you to reject the current plan and ask for a much more sensible plan that takes into account the current road usage by motor vehicles. Sacrificing the travel times for tens of thousands of drivers to benefit a few hundred \*possible\* cyclists each day is a really stupid idea.

Yours Sincerely,  
--Ben Slivka

Benjamin Slivka  
Clyde Hill

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Henry Figueroa  
98008

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Danielle Allison  
Bellevue northup

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Truyen Vu  
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Lakehills

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Andrea Hamley  
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Whispering Heights

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I also appreciate the efficient roads in and around the Eastside, especially in Bellevue, where I shop, see my doctors, and dine.

The current "Bike Bellevue" plan is an absurd travesty. Bicycling on the Eastside is primarily an activity by people looking for exercise. Very few people are commuting on bicycles, in large part because it is neither fun nor safe to cycle when it is dark or wet!

The proposal to convert 11 miles of automobile lanes used by cars, trucks, and buses into bicycle lanes is beyond stupid. At any price! You're going to increase travel times and congestion for tens of thousands of drivers every day! And for what, to provide a small number of cyclists some reserved cycling lanes?

I've cycled in downtown Seattle a few times in the past few years. It is just OK in the early mornings on a Saturday or Sunday. But during rush hour, you take your life in your hands (and some cyclists have lost their lives)!

I urge you to reject the current plan and ask for a much more sensible plan that takes into account the current road usage by motor vehicles. Sacrificing the travel times for tens of thousands of drivers to benefit a few hundred \*possible\* cyclists each day is a really stupid idea.

Yours Sincerely,  
--Ben Slivka

Benjamin Slivka  
Clyde Hill

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Karen Strohofer  
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Henry Figueroa  
98008



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Yarrow Bay Village

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Sincerely,

Antonia Allyne  
BelCrest

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Bellevue northup

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Truyen Vu  
98005

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Donald Kari  
Bellevue



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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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anatoly german  
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**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Roy Tuschhoff](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Roy Tuschhoff  
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**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Archana Nagar](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Sincerely,

Archana Nagar  
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Ching-Chao Wang  
Wilburton

**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Kim Allen](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Kim Allen  
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**From:** [hello@livablebellevue.com](mailto:hello@livablebellevue.com) on behalf of [Linda Igoe](#)  
**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Andrea Hamley  
Monthaven

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**To:** [TransportationCommission](#)  
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Redmond



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Sincerely,

Rod Hollenbeck  
Whispering Heights

**Terry, Cheryl**

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**From:** hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of William Wahl <hello@livablebellevue.com>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 9:11 AM  
**To:** TransportationCommission  
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Sincerely,

William Wahl

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## Terry, Cheryl

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**From:** Plummer David F. <pdf3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 9:15 PM  
**To:** Loewenherz, Franz  
**Cc:** onebellevue@googlegroups.com; Zahn, Janice; TransportationCommission; Kevin Wallace  
**Subject:** Questions On Bike Bellevue Pitch Charts

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***Hello Mr. Loewenherz!***

1. Chart # 4 of your 14 December 2023 pitch chart package (and CIP #PW-W/B-85) indicates that the City has programed \$4.5 million for some projects of the Bellevue Bike program: are there any other reports , documents, or other materials that explains what this funding is based on, and provides more specific information on what the funding will be used for; if so, could you email me the correct titles and dates of the reports so I can obtain copies by submitting a public records request?
2. Many of the 11 'detail description' charts in your pitch-chart package include a statement that directs the reader/viewer to “ ... consult CAD drawings for details ...”. How can copies of these CAD drawings be obtained - is it necessary to submit a public records request to obtain the copies?
3. When will more specific cost estimates and schedules for the 11 projects described in your pitch-chart package be available for public review, and will the cost information include ownership (O&M, etc.) costs? Also, what construction-cost and ownership-cost escalation rates will the Department use to develop the acquisition and ownership cost estimates for the 11 projects?
4. Does the Department have any projected monthly and annual directional bike-traffic estimates for each of the 11 projects before and after implementation of the projects; if so, how can I obtain copies of these estimates?

RSVP,

David F. Plummer

## Terry, Cheryl

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**From:** phyllisjwhite <phyllisjwhite@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** December 11, 2023 7:58 PM  
**To:** Barbara Hughes; Council; TransportationCommission; Robinson, Lynne  
**Cc:** Bridle Trails Community Club  
**Subject:** RE: Bike Bellevue

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Thank you so much, Barbara.

You comments are perfect! I think the City needs to think hard about their future staff and hope Disne Carlson follows up in this.

I am so glad you and Pam commented.

I am laid up in bed still. I hope to make it on Thursday, but I won't come if I am still ill.

Phyllis

Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** Barbara Hughes <barbara\_hughes@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** 12/11/23 7:45 PM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** City Council <council@bellevuewa.gov>, "TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov" <transportationcommission@bellevuewa.gov>, "Robinson, Lynne" <lrobinson@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Cc:** phyllisjwhite@comcast.net, Bridle Trails Community Club <board@bridletrailscommunity.org>  
**Subject:** Bike Bellevue

Bellevue resident Phyllis White, who is sick, has today sent you an update to the opposition to Bike Bellevue. This document includes 67 comments that stood out, and 209 signatures from Bellevue residents and nearby cities. Please recognize that these are Bellevue residents who want their signatures and comments to be heard. Please do not regard this petition as being of less worth than emails from Seattle bike activists.

Tonight I wish to focus on the appalling lack of outreach to Bellevue residents. City staff appear to have favored communication and outreach with Seattle bike activists, over Bellevue residents and businesses.

For example, Cascade Bicycle Club (a Seattle, Magnuson Park based organization) is the *nation's* largest statewide bicycling nonprofit, with 10,000-members and 35 staff. They are calling on all their members to sign on to a standard pre prepared letter with only their name, zip and email. Are these folks actually living in Bellevue? For those with a desire to see bike lanes in all cities, this may be a lovely option – but they may not have read in detail the complicated Bike Bellevue proposal, and they will not suffer the impacts if we get this wrong.

Cascade Bicycle Club is big and powerful. They are currently advertising a well-paid job vacancy for a Policy and Advocacy Manager who will 'Collaborate with the team to mobilize supporters to participate in campaigns, has an Understanding of Seattle's political landscape and an Understanding of internal City of Seattle policy processes, including City Council'.

Residents in Bellevue neighborhoods do not have 35 staff, in fact we have none – in the neighborhoods we are all ordinary people and volunteers. We need time to understand your complicated, layered proposals. Time to try and inform our neighbors. We need you to work collaboratively to inform and educate us, not just to favor information and resources to bike activists.

My concern is not about biking – it is about your process where staff are unfairly favoring Seattle activists over Bellevue residents. This has a ripple effect – please see attached regarding a (maybe **Tacoma** based?) bike activist contacting another organization who then blasted out to their members. So this continues, whilst most Bellevue residents remain uninformed by their own city.

Thank you,

Barbara Hughes

Bellevue 98005

Encl:

People for Climate Action, Bellevue received a 'heads up alert from PCA member **Chris Randels**, a well known *biking enthusiast*', and PCA is encouraging the following to support their letter to Council which is included in their email to members To boost the impact, we'd like to encourage many letters of support from PCA members to the city. Letters could be short and sweet or longer, if you choose. **Here are the three email addresses that we recommend you send comments to:**

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The letter below, crafted by PCA leader April Stevens, is what PCA leadership sent to the above city officials:

To: Bellevue City Council, Bellevue Department of Transportation, Transportation Commission,

People for Climate Action - Bellevue (PCA-B), Leadership Team supports the Bike Bellevue proposal. The current lack of flat, east-west corridors for bikes clearly demonstrates an inadequacy needing to be addressed. The designated bike routes and protected infrastructure proposed along Bel-Red Road would connect Downtown and the Spring District with Lake Hills and Crossroads. These connections are important neighborhood destinations and are crucial to the success of the whole city's bike network. Furthermore, Bike Bellevue will help improve multimodal connections to all East Link stations.

PCA's focus has been, and continues to be, on reducing GHG emissions and supporting the City of Bellevue in their stated goal of reducing them by 50% by 2030. Bike Bellevue would aid in this effort. In a city survey, 62% of respondents indicated they would ride a bike more often if the streets were made safer and had comfortable bike lanes. Bike Bellevue estimates the corresponding reduction in driving would be equivalent to eliminating the annual GHG emissions generated by 240 - 890 cars.

This is a turning point for our city. Right now, as we are planning our future growth for the next 20 years, we have the opportunity to make a difference in what that will look like. Just as light rail has come to provide residents with more public transportation options, we too need to provide safer options for walking and biking.

Now is the time to be bold and do everything we can to reduce our GHG emissions. Bellevue should take leading edge actions to ensure a livable future. Bike Bellevue is an important part of this vision.

**Please take the time to send a message of support!**

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### Comments left by those who signed on to the letter online via petition:

"I have lived here for over 15 years. There are not enough bike commuters, especially during inclement weather, to necessitate this plan. Traffic moves slow enough through Downtown that I see bikes and cars travel together just fine. I would like to see the accident numbers that support this plan." –Dana Min

"NE 12th lost a large portion of a well established park to a widened bike, multi-use path, which is barely used by bikers!....they stay on the street. So, now they want to take away more of the street....? Where are these bikers supposedly appearing from? Why aren't they using that existing new path as intended ? Are there really going to be "that many" to warrant all the proposed road changes??!!" – Gloria Roll

"Please be more transparent" –Dr. Richard Stead

"I find no one appears to use the bike lanes that take out traffic lanes which will be needed for the increasing density of all the large buildings." –William Wahl

"Traffic in Bellevue can be bad at times but, taking a car travel lane for a bike lane is not the way to rectify the traffic. Should you decide to go thru with it I will make every effort to stay away and shop elsewhere." –Robert Connor

"This intentional "lane dieting" plan is social engineering at its worst to justify the lightrail passenger quota. You are creating a traffic nightmare for locals and neighborhoods. What youve done to 108th at main st near bellevue high school to add a bike lane is atrocious! Youve literally turned that intersection into a living hell for locals. This bike lane plan is nothing short of corruption and misuse of taxpayer dollars." –Sonny Foster

"Please do not eliminate auto lanes for bike lanes." –Marilyn Nelson

"Traffic is congested already. Having less driving lanes will impact all of us who have to drive to get to places." –Jami Toy

"Bicycle lines, the same as the light rail lines should not be build instead of already lacking car lanes, but build in addition if such an improvements are needed. The normal meat of transportation is still a car for the majority of people." –Denis Khanykov

"Please do not eliminate vehicle travel lanes in order to build bike lanes." –Marcia Dillon

"Do not reduce street capacity for bike lanes. The signs about planned redevelopment of existing commercial buildings along these same streets will only increase traffic congestion. These lanes are critical to enabling residents to move around town." –Jessica Rothe

"Bike lanes do not work! They do not promote safer biking, they do not promote additional biking, they do not reduce and environmental impact on a community. They are always confusing to vehicular traffic. To spend the resources of economics to move through a city on a relatively small number of residents is not a prudent decision." –Rick Barnett



"Bellevue already has traffic and congestion problems with the current vehicle lanes we have. Taking away a lane and making a bike path will make congestion worse. Not enough people commute on bikes to work to justify removing a vehicle lane to put in a dedicated bike lane. I agree that biking is a great way to commute for those who are able, but this proposed plan will spend money (A LOT) to create an even bigger traffic problem." –Rebecca Hamilton

"Traffic is already awful in Bellevue. The Seattle "road diets" were a mistake. Learn from the failure of others and DO NOT convert car-lanes to bike-lanes." –Tamara Williams

"Most of us can't bike for a variety of reasons. Our work schedules, physically unable, inclement weather. Please don't put bikes, which few people use for transport, above cars, which most of us use. Focus on good traffic flow in busy areas. Thank you." –Lori Payne

"As the city grows, much more vehicle traffic than bicycle traffic will have to be accommodated. Taking away auto lanes is a guaranteed loser--don't do it." –Robert Knosp

"While I support safer bike travel and less emphasis on car driving, I agree that this process needs to be more transparent." –Aiko Kinoshita

"THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IS IRRESPONSIBLE." –William Stephan

"I work in and drive in Bellevue often. This is a terrible idea." –Kelley Price

"I disagree with the current bike lane plan as it takes up the two main streets that actually "run through" east to west- Bel Red and Northup. Northup is also the main route to 520 and is already backed up during rush hours. I don't believe that both these streets should have a lane taken from them especially Northup. There are no other ways to get onto 520. With all the apartments being built along Northup, the routes to 520 will be in even more demand. I'd argue having a bike lane in such a high traffic/high demand route such as Northup will be less safe for bikers as drivers get frustrated with delays." – Rima Kelertas

"This will only create more danger for bikers in an already congested city that has grown immensely and had no road improvements, It will create a false sense of security. Bike areas off road are what is needed and would be very much appreciated. Follow Redmond's (the biking capital) example. They have not thrown bikers in the roadway but have built separate biking areas. That works!" –Jan Ellis

"Prioritize ease of traffic over bike lanes!!!!!" –Lisa Ross

I am signing this petition to express concern about the disproportionate benefit to a minority set of users and the negative impact to residents and businesses that this plan proposes. Prioritizing more bicycle lanes that represent 0.1% of trips at such a high cost is not sound fiscal or public policy. Decreasing vehicle lane capacity utilized by 99.9% of trips and necessary to accommodate growth is inequitable and short-sighted. We are alarmed that this plan is not going to council for approval. Please ask staff why this \$19M plan is not going before council for a decision. Businesses have a choice on where to locate. Many have chosen Bellevue over alternatives for a variety of reasons. A predominant reason is ease of access for employees and customers compared to Seattle. Customers, deliveries, employees, freight, and visitors are all dependent on adequate vehicle travel lane capacity and availability of parking to remain successful and attractive. If the city of Bellevue does not prioritize

these then customers and employers will choose another location or shop online. Many retail spaces sit vacant today, many more in Seattle. Many office towers are the same, leading to fewer daytime employees spending money in Bellevue. The main reason that employees state they are not returning to the office is commute times. Many employees in Bellevue cannot afford to live in Bellevue or bicycle to work. According to the city, Bike Bellevue will create zero work trips by bike in the project area by 2035 under the Build scenario. Retail and office vacancy post COVID is already high. Bike Bellevue's proposal to make vehicle commute times longer and traffic congestion worse, will force customers to shop elsewhere, employers to locate elsewhere, and lead to even more vacant retail and office towers. Most buildings on these routes support businesses. Bellevue businesses are dependent on customers and employees. Most customers and employees don't ride bicycles. The City of Bellevue is dependent on tax revenues from businesses. The Bike Bellevue Plan threatens the success of businesses and tax revenue. How does shutting down street capacity, taking away on-street parking and restricting turning movement support Downtown Businesses? Please direct staff to look at these economic impacts of the Bike Bellevue Proposal immediately. NE 1st/NE 2nd One-Way Street – Corridor 6 • The proposed changes to this corridor would introduce the first one-way street in Downtown Bellevue. • This one-way proposal will create circling around the block and increase latent demand on Main Street, Bellevue Way and 100th Ave NE. Traffic will be forced to other streets that were not considered or measured for impact in the study. Please direct staff to study the impacts to adjacent streets. • NE 1st/NE 2nd Corridor is already achieving a LTS 3 (level of traffic stress) and the target is LTS 3. Why then change anything if there is no increase in safety or new bicycle trips generated? • This one-way concept would cripple access to the Downtown Park, Inspiration Playground, and Main Street. This plan will negatively impact events at the Downtown Park (like Ice Skating, Bellevue Family 4th, and Summer Outdoor Movies). Diverted traffic will be pushed to adjacent streets and neighborhoods. The Bike Bellevue plan will also impact Main Street events like the Old Bellevue Wine Walk, Bellevue High School Homecoming, and Summer Outdoor Dining. Please seek input from the Special Events Committee and Economic Development Department regarding the Bike Bellevue Plan impact on city events and economic activity.” –Carl Vander Hoek

“While i applaud the vision of multi-modal transportation, this should be in addition to existing lanes for automobiles. PLEASE DO NOT REDUCE ANY LANES.” –Megara Potts

“Enough with being politically correct. Fix traffic through the neighborhoods” –Mike Koehn

“I am very opposed to taking a lane away from east to westbound traffic on NE 12 th Street. COB did a large sidewalk expansion to accommodate bikes, strollers and walkers. Even then it is barely used. We DO NOT need to take a lane away on the busy NE 12th east-west corridor in Bellevue to accommodate the few who bicycle on the sidewalk already.” –Betina Finley

“I might live on the other side of the city, but I frequently travel the streets targeted for vehicle lane removal by Bike Bellevue. I know how congested those streets already are, and I know how very little bike traffic that area sees. Removing vehicle travel lanes is insanity! I don't understand why the Transportation Dept changed its previous plans, or why they aren't working with \*residents\* to identify better bike routes that are safer for all and would actually bring bicyclists through the planned redevelopment of the Bel-Red area. Shame on the Transportation Dept for secretly colluding with bike activists from outside of Bellevue while doing the legal bare minimum to reach out to & collaborate with Bellevue residents, the people who will have to live with the consequences of this ill-advised project. I was in Austin, TX, last month and witnessed a horrific collision between a motor vehicle making a legal turn across a protected bike lane and a man screaming along at a high rate of speed on

his e-bike in the protected bike lane. It was the \*e-biker's\* fault. Austin has a lot of protected bike lanes, a lot of e-bikes and electric scooters, and I saw a lot of jackassery happening as the bicyclists & scooter riders thought they could do whatever they wanted because... "protected bike lanes". I don't want that kind of jackassery here in Bellevue, thanks." –Heidi Dean

"There is a bike path with a bicycle painted it along NE 24 going from 130 to 116, joining Northrup. A cyclist was driving on the left-most side of the lane which was a full vehicle lane width , .leaving a turn lane and a lane in the opposite direction on a curve.. It was unsafe for the cyclist, The cyclist did not move closer the the curb and made a right turn...certainly unsafe for motor vehicles. There are many green painted narrow lanes more than adeq for cyclists. They may not be able to ride 3 abreast but they need to share the road. The majority of the population does not use bicycles for transportation. Traffic is heavy and the City of Bellevue has permitted high rise after high rise to go up without roads to accommodate more vehicles safely. My vote is NO!. This is not a Field of Dreams "build it and they will come" If there is an increase in cycle riders it will not be one that justifies the loss for vehicular traffic, and more importantly loss of safety for everyone." –Linda Shuman

"Bellevue, Do NOT remove car lanes and replace with bike lanes. That ship sailed long ago." –Anita Neil

"A Bellevue resident since 1991, I ride a bicycle and like bike lanes, However, I oppose the conversion of existing car lanes into bike lanes, especially in high traffic areas. According to the Bike Bellevue plan, an estimated 5.9 miles of motor vehicle travel lanes will be repurposed, to which I strongly object." – Milan Richter

"As a cyclist, I can tell you that I do not value bike lanes within the city and hope that Bellevue does not waste the time and money to add them." –Gary Arnold

"I am disabled secondary to past cancer treatments and unable to bike to work or home, especially in the significantly inclement weather we get here in this region, where it is dangerous for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. However, I live in Bellevue and need to be able to utilize roads for working, child needs, etc. Bellevue's traffic is already limiting as far as locations and times you can utilize roadways- this plan would continue to worsen the area. Our family already often chooses not to utilize businesses in Bellevue d/t traffic and will opt for Redmond/Issaquah instead because of traffic ease. This would potentially drive business away, increase times on buses for our children, worsen environmental impact of congestion/idling cars on roadways, decreases equity for people who aren't capable of cycling due to disability, potentially cause increased road rage/neglect incidents, and compromise safety." –Emily Atar

"Vote NO on adding bike lanes" –Jean Van Court

"I am a real estate agent who works in Bellevue. Can you communicate to us what alternatives have been considered?" –Jamie Brakken

"Why are we saying yes to so many high rises and then restricting car lanes? Makes no sense." – Candice Soderquist

"Bellevue spent a lot of money on a bike path/bridge in Factoria and I almost never see bikes using it. Do not waste any more money on bike paths. Bike paths please a small vocal minority, not the vast

majority of the general population. The vast majority of the general population care about car traffic not bike paths.” –Al Rosenthal
“Strongly against the idea to convert a car lane to a bike lane. This is a pointless project!” –Jianzhou Wu
“I object to this plan. Traffic is bad enough without further restricting it. Bike riders should not get a disproportionate consideration over drivers.” –Craig Proctor
“We do not need more bike lanes in Bellevue. Traffic is getting worse all the time. The bike lanes make it significantly more congested.” –Jeannie Mucklestone
“NO BIKE LANES!” –Ronda Patrick
“No to bike lanes on Main street” –Kelly Jenkins
“No bicycle line! No encroachment Mobil Lines” –Gary Wu
“Preposterous idea, have these greenies go back to Seattle. not that much bike traffic to screw up all the normal car” –David Bingham
“Not enough bikers to justify the damage to so many drivers. This is terrible for business and for residents. Create bike streets on side streets.” –Matthew Balkman
“This plan is harmful to small businesses that rely on parking and will add more traffic due to less traffic lanes. The weather in our area does not support bike riders, this is a vehicle-centric city. None of our customers are bikers to our Bellevue business. This is a serious waste of money that could be put to much better use.” –Kasie Harvey
“We do not need more bike lanes!! make room for cars that are supposed to be on the road.” –Taylor Gomez
“The extreme negative impact that this proposal will have on Northup Way right now as they have narrowed East bound Northup Way between 128th and 130th as they remove some construction scaffolding. Traffic is backed up all the way to the 124th off ramp from 520.” –Paul Vander Hoek
“Please don't take away car lanes for bike lanes!” –Katy Mowrer
“I have lived in Bellevue for over 20 years and the traffic has become unsustainable. I pay very high property taxes to the city and I feel like I don't get anything back. The constant development has caused a traffic nightmare. New high rises keep popping up everywhere, but the streets are not getting any bigger to absorb this additional traffic. The idea to build bike lanes just does not make sense. We already have bike lines in the city no one uses, yet they take up an entire lane of traffic. Please stop with the bike lanes and think about us, residents, who pay actual taxes in the city, and are too old to be riding bikes!” –Tereza Birch
“I am all for bikes but not for eliminating car lanes. This proposal will result in much worse traffic for ALL Bellevue residents, just for the benefit of a few hundred people. It would be much cheaper to subsidize car purchase for those who are riding bikes for cost issues. Paying \$18 million to make traffic

worse is not a good solution. Adding bike lanes without removing car and bus lanes would be a better solution. Convert the seldom used sidewalks into bike lanes and widen them enough to handle both bikes and pedestrians. Bellevue is not Europe and hopefully never will have to be. Put this on hold until the full impact of light rail on bike transportation is known. Perhaps having bike transport capability on light rail would be a partial solution for the bike riders. Busses have found a way to accommodate bicycles. Let's see if light rail can do the same.” –David Herbig

“This is such a bad idea with all the growth happening in the city! It will hurt businesses.” –Lori VanderZanden

“I'm concerned about the negative impact on traffic and the risk to bikers. This doesn't feel democratic at all to allocate so much road capacity to a few people.” –Mimi Wehner

“Taking driving lanes away from motorists to accommodate a very very small and privileged group of people is ridiculous! This has nothing to do with supporting Bellevue as a community. Where is the money coming from to make this happen and why are seattle biking groups getting involved?” – Mischelle Jenkins

“I work and live on Main street. Nearly every customer that enters our store complain about the parking and are very frustrated. To take away stalls is one thing, but to make a one way street where people will need to circle on an already crowded, and creepy crawl of a street (meaning slow bumper to bumper traffic) will impact others from wanting to come to Old Main. It impacts businesses in the area tremendously. Once more apartments are built, with not enough parking spaces for their own residents, where will anyone park?” –Kathy Browsers

“100% opposition to Bike Bellevue!!! Go with the plan that Kevin Wallace supports and was approved by Council when he was a councilmember, that builds the bike lane on Spring Blvd. and NOT ON BEL-RED! Removing a traffic lane in each direction of Bel-Red would be a total disaster for those of us who must travel by vehicle (i.e., I cannot cycle).” –Leslie Geller

“Downtown street are already congested. There will never be enough bike riders to justify the cost and loss of access to the general population in vehicles, including buses. Love the Circuit vans, see them running with folks not driving cars, this is better.” –Kathy Gleich

“The number one complaint of customers in the Old Main district is that there is nowhere to park. There is not enough parking as it is. This impacts businesses and residents who choose to shop elsewhere. Do not take away any parking!” –Tina Babington

“Reducing vehicle lanes on major roads in Bellevue while there are significant number of office buildings, condos & apartment buildings being built that will cause an increase of vehicles is beyond comprehension (i.e., can be considered stupid). Where is the data that supports the benefits of Bike Bellevue vs the significant adverse impact to non- bikers???” –Bradley VanBeek

“Please be advocates of the majority of citizens, transparent in your governing and not beholden to special interests that don't represent the residents of Bellevue.” –Michael Wehner

“We have too much traffic on existing roads to take roadway away for bike lanes. No way are there justify these bike lanes.” –Julianne Mezs

“Please don't add proposed bike lanes to Bel-Red or Northrup. Use Spring District” –Shawn Donohue

“Proposals to eliminate car lanes for bike lanes defies common sense. Recent city survey was clearly designed to discourage input by all but the most passionate folks. This is unacceptable attempt to manipulate residents. Planning staff clearly does not represent residents.” –Rick Davis

“I oppose the proposed Bike Bellevue plan. I believe that before the issue is discussed by the Bellevue City Council, all Bellevue residents and all Bellevue workers should be notified of the proposed change and be given the opportunity to express their opinions.” –Diana Thompson

“City needs to come up with a smarter way for bicycles. Show your leadership for all residents!!” –Audrey Gao

“No bike lane please.” –Charlie Guo

“We should only takes certain people’s interests more than the other groups . It clearly shows we have less people riding bikes than people driving so this should not be only in favor of bikers.” –Jianxia Gao

“Bellevue traffic is bad enough. Please do not convert any car lane into bike lane.” –Patrick Song