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Attachments: [BDA Transportation Committee - Summary of Questions-Information Requests.pdf](#)

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Greetings – I am reaching out to City leadership and staff in light of tonight’s Transportation Commission focus and the ongoing engagement on the Bike Bellevue initiative. Our Transportation Committee will continue to stay actively involved in the process. We strive to understand the facts and contribute to a successful outcome for our transportation network. We have heard strong support for improving bike connectivity and safety. At the same time, committee members have expressed strong concerns about removal of travel lanes and impacts of specific project concepts on vehicular traffic, especially on busy arterials that serve Downtown and other growth areas.

I am attaching a summary of key questions and information requests raised by our committee members. You will see the concerns reflected in the questions. Our aim is to build mutual understanding of the facts, strengthen trust in the process and cultivate a broader base of local support for viable projects. It's vital that future investments in Bellevue’s multimodal network thoughtfully balance the diverse interests and needs of our community and local economy.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this summary, and we look forward to collaborating on the responses.

Thank you again.

-Patrick

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Bellevue Downtown Association Transportation Committee “Bike Bellevue” | Questions & Requests for Information – December 14, 2023

The Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) is asking the City of Bellevue to address questions and clarify our understanding on issues raised as part our Transportation Committee’s review of “Bike Bellevue.” This is an important part of our advocacy process in facilitating member engagement and ultimately building broad, local support for projects that will improve bike safety and multimodal connectivity.

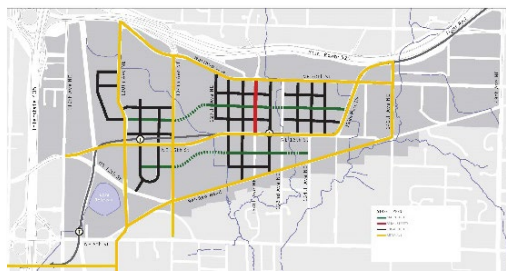
The questions and clarification requests are organized in three categories: 1) Process and Approach 2) Long-term Visioning and 3) Draft Bike Bellevue Design Concepts.

Process and Approach:

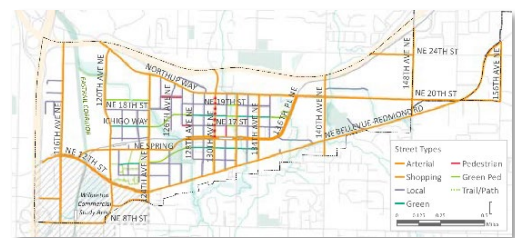
1. Please clarify the intended implementation process for Bike Bellevue. Who will decide what projects are implemented and on what timeline? Will City Council participate in reviewing the Commission’s recommendation and/or voting on project selection, funding allocations and the implementation plan?
2. How do the projects relate to upcoming subarea plan policy changes and Land Use Code updates? Please help connect the dots between the previous transportation and land use planning that informed development of the Bike Bellevue concepts. This context will help our members understand the rationale behind the proposed concepts.
3. How will the City of Bellevue continue engagement people who live and work in Bellevue, ensuring the feedback is from residents, employees and visitors, and other regular users of Bellevue’s transportation network?

Planning Context:

1. How does the Bike Bellevue project list inform or interact with the [Bellevue 2044](#) Comprehensive Plan update that is underway and the [Subarea Plan](#) updates that will subsequently follow? Additionally, how will the City reflect or incorporate policy and code recommendations, such as the Curb Management Plan?
2. The existing BelRed [Subarea Plan](#) and [Streetscape Plan](#) set standards for local street connections, including new bike routes. How does Bike Bellevue consider these goals and plans for creating a multimodal system in BelRed?



2015 BelRed Corridor Plan's Street Types Map



2021 Red Street Scape Plan

3. For Bike Bellevue concepts that consider removal of travel lanes, what impact will those lane reductions have on accommodating projected growth of residents and jobs? Why is directional PM peak traffic volume data provided?
4. How will the City of Bellevue measure or account for the economic impacts of the Bike Bellevue projects?
5. What are the anticipated funding sources for Bike Bellevue?
6. Please clarify whether Bellevue 2044 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analysis on Bicycle Network Performance (Chapter 11, Section 3.2) serves as a formal review process? Members have questioned why a SEPA review is not being conducted for Bike Bellevue projects and specifically why SEPA compliant traffic analysis is not being conducted.
7. Related to the other questions about recent code and policy changes, how will Bike Bellevue integrate with the recently adopted Curb Management Plan? How will projects account for impacts to curb space, including deliveries and other curb uses?
8. Can you clarify whether Bike Bellevue impacts emergency response times for ambulances, fire trucks and police cars. How will the Fire and Police Departments be engaged and solicited for feedback regarding Bike Bellevue projects?
9. One of the Bike Bellevue concepts would affect vehicle access to the Bellevue Downtown Park. How will the Parks Board be engaged and solicited for feedback regarding Bike Bellevue?
10. How does Bike Bellevue comply with the Comprehensive Plan policies? What conflicts need to be highlighted?
 - a. TR-50: Provide an arterial system [to] support local and regional mobility and land use plans.
 - b. TR-2: To aggressively plan, manage, and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.
 - c. S-BR-54: Design and develop arterial improvements, including added vehicular capacity, transit facilities, and non-motorized components, to serve travel demand generated by the Bel-Red Land Use Plan in addition to citywide and regional travel demand.
 - d. S-BR-3 and stated goal of Bel-Red Subarea Plan Transportation Element: reducing and mitigating traffic spillover impacts.

Draft Bike Bellevue Concepts:

1. Please clarify Bike Bellevue's "key linkages" as described in page 5 of the [Draft Bike Bellevue Concepts Guide](#). Based on the BDA's review of the draft concepts, below is a list of questions about missing linkages.
 - a. Eastrail's Northup Connector recently opened, a major nexus point for Eastrail and 520 Trail / Northup Way. Does [Concept 1 – Northup Way](#) link to this new connection?
 - b. Bike Bellevue [Concept 3 - 12th Street and BelRed Rd](#) and [Concept 9 - Wilburton Route](#) do not link to Eastrail. Please clarify why and/or if there are plans to create these connections?
 - c. Why is a NE Spring Blvd/Eastrail connector not part of the scope? Will a connector be considered in the future?
 - d. Why does Bike Bellevue not include bike facility improvements between 520 Trail (west of I-405) and Downtown?
 - e. Why does Bike Bellevue not include bike connections to Wilburton station? What are the assumptions about future bike connections in the Wilburton Subarea Plan update?
2. Please provide more detail and context about [Concept 6's](#) proposal to convert NE 1st Street and NE 2nd Street between 100th Avenue NE and Bellevue Way NE to one-way eastbound only for vehicles. Changing a bi-directional vehicle roadway to one-way could pose significant impacts for Downtown Park and Old Bellevue area access.
3. What are the benefits/tradeoffs for introducing [Concept 1 - Northup Way](#) at this time of [BelRed's neighborhood buildout](#) without its envisioned transportation system or urban density that was originally planned?
4. Please clarify why directional data showing peak vehicular capacity and demand is not included in the draft guide.
5. Please clarify how each segment of Bike Bellevue is limited to locations where excess vehicular capacity exists in the peak traffic hour, as required by TR-63 (TR-63 – Allow for repurposing of travel lanes for other uses such as parking, transit or pedestrian and bicycle facilities *where excess vehicular capacity exists and/or to optimize person throughput along a corridor*). Similarly, can the design guide include an explanation of how replacing a road lane carrying thousands of people in the PM peak hour with a bike lane that carries a couple hundred persons during the PM peak hour, would optimize person throughput in compliance with TR-63?

From: [Craig Spieze](#)
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Thank you for taking the time to arrange the Bike Bellevue briefing. Can you share how your model compensates for carbon bike/wheels which typically do not trigger magnetic loops? Combined cyclists do not ride over the loops and electrified bikes which often ride in the lane of traffic, is it possible your counts under states actual ridership? If so how do you factor your data?

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December 14, 2023

City of Bellevue Transportation Commission
Transportation Staff
Council Member Janice Zahn

Good evening. My name is Craig Spiezle. I work and live in the Lochleven neighborhood adjacent to downtown Bellevue. I am also an avid cyclist and active volunteer with the city.

I am speaking tonight regarding Bike Bellevue. I would like to first thank the transportation staff for the draft plan. It is ambitious and an important step towards realizing the promise of Vision Zero, promoting alternative modes of transportation.

Over the past several months I have met with dozens of people to better understand their opposition. I would like to personally thank Kevin Wallace of Wallace Properties, Mariya Frost of Kemper Development and dozens of residents who both oppose and support the plan.

While I do not agree with all their concerns or data, they have some valid perspectives worth considering. I have also conferred with Commissioner Ting, the Fire department and city staff while completing my own street surveys. Based on my assessment, I support 7 of the corridors including one conditionally. These include;

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| 01 | Northrup Way | 06 | NE 1 st & NE 2nd |
| 07 | Lake Wash Blvd | 08 | 100 th Ave NE |
| 09 | Wilburton Route | 10 | 116 th Ave NE |
| 02 | NE 12 th Street, conditionally support connecting directly to 100 th Ave NE | | |

I believe the remaining corridors (3, 4, 5, and 11), require additional data before proceeding. I have two requests to the transportation department. 1) Provide a review of alternative routes which while may be less direct routes for cyclists, would have reduced impact to traffic. My second request is to temporarily close the lane(s) of traffic (via barricades) and measure the actual impact to the traffic and flow, (before, during and after).

The benefits would be 2-fold; 1) it would help provide real world data if vehicle lanes were to be repurposed, 2) alleviate some of the concerns being voiced. This would be a cost-effective method to help validate assumptions and promote integrity of the plan.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to build upon and improve the Bike Bellevue Plan.

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Hello,

Please send me the link to the recording & slides link of the **Bike Bellevue at Dec. 14 Meeting** and the **regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting** that followed.

Thank you

Rob

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Happy New Year, Franz et al,

I was just looking at the Bike Bellevue website and noted we can access the public input, which is great. However, I am dismayed to see there are 2 sections labeled Support and Opposition. I find this language very divisive. I have not heard any testimony that is Opposed to Bike Bellevue. People throughout Bellevue support enhanced bikeways. I have heard testimony asking for changes to Staff's proposal, not Opposition.

I hope you can make a simple change to this wording and not divide Bellevue.

Thanks

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Can you advise when the next meeting will be held to complete a review of the open questions that were not able to be addressed at the Dec 14th special meeting I do not see this on the agenda and next weeks Transportation Commission meeting nor was I able to find this posted on the Bike Bellevue web site.

Thank you in advance.

Craig Spiezie

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Pursuant to Bellevue ADA and Title VI, I am formally requesting the Transportation Staff and Commission meetings on Dec 14th be provided with full video as virtual options to assure those members of the community with family conflicts, mobility and hearing limitations can fully participate. As shared at City Council last night Dec 4th, audio only recordings are not sufficient to understand or see the information being provided by staff and marginalizes members of the community who can not attend in person. Note while the agenda is posted, Agenda Items 23-749, 23-70 and 23-751 do not include any content for public review.
<https://bellevue.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1142889&GUID=245343B1-83DA-4DE2-BDE3-4D9125758486&Options=info|&Search=> I would appreciate understanding if and when content will be posted.

Further there is broad consensus that it is unacceptable that last Commission meeting's audio recordings were not posted for 20 days. It is the community's expectation the video recordings be posted within 24-48 hours.

Respectfully,

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