From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Joe Kaiser <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 21, 2024 12:39 PM
То:	Council; cityclerk
Subject:	Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!

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Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

Traffic getting in and out of Bellevue during heavy commute times has been a nightmare since the late 90's. I have spent many long hours just trying to get to the freeway that I can see from my office. With all of the growth and expansion outside the core of downtown Bellevue, it hasn't gotten any better. You all know this.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Michael Wehner



From: Sent: To: Subject: shieldsjennifer <shieldsjennifer@comcast.net> Friday, August 16, 2024 10:09 AM Council Bel RED Bike Lanes

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Council, listen to your constituents and drop this issue. It is not your job to think you know better than the people who elected you. It is your job to listen to your constituents and act on their behalf. And do not spend another dime of my money, of taxpayer money studying this issue. It is the definition of wasteful government spending = indecision so let's kick the issue down the road by spening more money to study it. Do your jobs. Listen to the people you were elected to represent and be decisive. Council's behavior is reprehensible and frankly embarrassing.

Jennifer Shields

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jill Wagner <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Jill Wagner

West lake Sam pkwy



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margo Allan

Lake Sammamish



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Angela Sheffield <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Angela Sheffield

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Scott Sheffield

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Sincerely,

Mimi Matson

From: Sent: To: Subject: McDonald, Kevin Thursday, August 15, 2024 8:03 AM TransportationCommission FW: Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!



From: Council Office <CouncilOffice@bellevuewa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 7:45 AM
To: Singelakis, Andrew <ASingelakis@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Adell, Dana M. <DMAdell@bellevuewa.gov>; McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: FW: Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!

Forwarding this Council@ email as fyi.



# Michelle

Michelle Luce (She/Her) | Jacques Imperial (She/Her) Executive Assistants to City Council 425-452-7810 | CouncilOffice@bellevuewa.gov | BellevueWA.Gov

From: hello@livablebellevue.com <hello@livablebellevue.com> Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 8:52 PM To: Council <<u>Council@bellevuewa.gov</u>>; cityclerk <<u>cityclerk@bellevuewa.gov</u>> Subject: Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!

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Greg Richard	ls	
Bridle Trails		

From:	p johnston <pamjjo@msn.com></pamjjo@msn.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 14, 2024 1:09 PM
То:	TransportationCommission
Cc:	Robinson, Lynne; Nieuwenhuis, Jared; Zahn, Janice
Subject:	RE: Vetting Bike Bellevue

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From: p johnston
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2023 11:59 AM
To: Bellevue Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Mayor Lynne Robinson (Irobinson@bellevuewa.gov) <Irobinson@bellevuewa.gov>; Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis <jnieuwenhuis@bellevuewa.gov>; jzahn@bellevuewa.gov
Subject: Vetting Bike Bellevue

Apologize for the previous title.

I didn't add that important element: The Mayor's direction included to work with Sound Transit to open all their completed bike lanes / trails.

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Cc: Mayor Lynne Robinson (<u>Irobinson@bellevuewa.gov</u>) <<u>Irobinson@bellevuewa.gov</u>>; Deputy Mayor Jared
Nieuwenhuis <<u>inieuwenhuis@bellevuewa.gov</u>>; jzahn@bellevuewa.gov
Subject: FW: ST Bike routes in Bellevue

Dear Transportation Commission:

After the Dec 14 meeting, it is clear to me that Bike Bellevue is not a good name for this project. The name gives the illusion that this project is the one and only plan. Bike Bellevue is just a step in overall Bike Infrastructure. Moreover, it is a discrete scope that is to be pared down by what fits the priorities. There are other Bicycle Network projects, Please see attached the Bel-Red Implementation map as an example.

To vet this project for Council, please ask these questions.

# Does it match the scope that was baked into the budget – a small, rapid deployment project.: <u>\$4.5</u> million for design and implementing 3 priority projects by end of 2024 (link to budget)

\$4.5 million for Residents, employers, and employees have confirmed that more should be done to improve bicycle infrastructure in Downtown, Wilburton, and BelRed (the "Growth Corridor") to enhance user safety and Bellevue's livability and economic vitality. This program funds the design and implementation of bicycle projects in the Growth Corridor to coincide with the opening of light rail stations (2023) and Eastrail (2024). The design process will consider the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, 2016 Bicycle Rapid Implementation Program, and evolving best practices for how to establish a grid of safe and comfortable bikeways, including connections to key destinations along routes that are suitable for people of all ages and abilities. This proposal will fund a consultant contract to complete design and implementation of three priority projects by 2024

# Does it match the direction Council gave at the March 27 Council meeting added to the priorities that defined the scope including:

- Don't affect other mobilities.
- Complete routes that have holes in them before taking on new routes
- If it is perceived as safe but is not safe, don't build it (e.g. Where there is low visibility, building a crosswalk will be perceived as making it safe when it does not fix visibility.)

**Does the plan match the highest priorities and are good enough for lower priorities?** The priorities further define the scope. (Link to full priorities). Since time and budget are fixed, the priorities are where flexibility comes.

- □ Safety: reduces crashes, minimizes conflict
- **Connectivity:** connected network, facilitates access to major destinations
- □ **Comfort:** Design bicycle lanes that maximize separation on streets with higher speed limits and more vehicle traffic.
- Evaluation: Evaluate impacts to all modes of travel and design the program to maximize the mobility of all modes
- Coordination: Coordinate transportation and land use efforts underway in Bellevue to ensure equity and sustainability outcomes are aligned
- Partnerships: Pursue partnership opportunities to advance the implementation of bicycle projects.
- Engagement: Engage community stakeholders in setting the priorities for Bike Bellevue investments.
- □ **Equity:** Promote equity and inclusion in the development and delivery of bicycle projects.
- □ Are livability and economic vitality covered, as stated in the Budget item?

#### Bike Bellevue is

- Not he BelRed, Wilburton, and Downtown Bike Plan
- Not the Transportation Element of the Comp Plan it is not creating policy
- Not a major step forward for sustainability and equity
- Not a complete design overhaul

• Not a way to increase the budget to make everybody comfortable riding everywhere. (Are we building for 3-4 year olds)

And is not a substitute for these.

#### 2. RISK: HOW IS THE PROJECT MANAGING RISK?

Do you understand the risk management for outcomes, based on the traffic metrics?

Do you understand the risk management in perceived quality of travel for all mobilities? For all people?

Do you understand the changes in traffic, nuisances and constraints in use of the area during construction?

Do you understand the opening challenges?

Do you understand the potential risk or opportunities, given other projects?

Do you understand the timing risks are managed?

# 3. NEW: WHAT HAS CHANGED

What impacts has new changes from outside or unpredictable consequences?

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially, - pamela Johnston ≈ 425-881-3301

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Larry May	
Rockwood	×

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Peter Schneider	
Lake Hills	

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of MIMI WEHNER <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Monday, August 12, 2024 4:23 PM
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Cc:	Singelakis, Andrew; McDonald, Kevin; Council
Subject:	Transportation Commission and the August 6th Council Meeting

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Peter Schneider	
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MIMI WEHNER

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# Michelle

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#### Greetings!

It was a surprise to me last weekend to hear that we were relitigating the Bel-Red discussion, and I think I was too focused on what the wrong answer was rather than what the right answer will be.

I still think it is wrong to do the Bel-Red bike lanes from NE 12th to Redmond.

I think it is right to make pedestrian improvements since this is an area that sounds genuinely unsafe for pedestrians - but I haven't walked it myself, so I can't give you specific recommendations about targeted areas that could get spot improvements to stay inside a reasonable budget. I know that without that alternative, it is hard to jump into a land acquisition plan for a full walkway, but I also think a wider sidewalk is future-proofing since we expect a higher number of walkers as the area densifies. This is still true even if we pedestrianize Spring Blvd more than I think is currently the plan.

I think it might be right to take a vehicle lane to bridge the gap between Spring Blvd and 140th, since 1) there is a driveway that could be eliminated, and therefore I think it could be done safely without turning into an attractive nuisance that increases cyclist injuries and 2) it is probably possible to minimize effects on vehicle travel this way, avoiding diverted traffic onto Spring Blvd and NE 8th and also not increasing overall travel times on Bel-Red that will squelch development of the area. 3) could maybe relocate the Applebee's bus stop to near the barber shop, so it doesn't require buses to pull over into the bike lane and/or clog up the cars behind the buses, which becomes more of a concern as transit increases in frequency to serve a higher density area.

I should be clear that taking a lane for a single block on Bel-Red is just something I'm open to, not something I'm advocating for. If it is studied, I will be eager to have that information. I do think it will require merging and therefore probably increase accidents. I do think it will slightly increase travel times in a corridor that needs to be free-flowing in case the financing stuff works out and we can have a construction boom. I'd be eager to give that lane back to cars (and put the bus stop back) if a through-block connection could be setup instead (and I see no reason it wouldn't be an amenity to trade for the upzoning there). Certainly, it's a valid enough option that I do think it should be studied as at least an alternative.

I also don't think we should just copy Redmond. Redmond has one East Link stop, and we have a whole line. We should probably work to funnel people to the train, since it will take you to both Eastrail and the

far side of 405, depending on where you need to go. I previously took my bike on the Link all the time between Husky Stadium and Capitol Hill, when that was the end of the line, and it was a great uncrowded experience that would not have been possible in a more central segment. I think the Link should handle the people who want to get through Bel-Red fast, and then we can have a wide sidewalk approach for people who want to go to Bel-Red destinations and might prioritize safety over speed.

I will try to contribute more detailed thoughts in the future, but now I really need to focus on 100th (I think there are five potential alignments TC should discuss), 116th (one of two locations on the BikeBellevue network where there was actually a cyclist serious injury, but adjacent to an intersection that's projected to have the worst traffic delays in the city), and NE 12th (where the \*magical\* pedestrian path is likely to get hollowed out for the multipurpose path but I think taking one block of vehicle lane is a real alternative). You should definitely walk in front of the 1200 Bellevue Way townhomes while you have the chance to.

Also, thanks for working so hard at the meeting to make sure everyone had a chance to be heard!

Nicole

From:	Ed Cable <cable.ed@gmail.com></cable.ed@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:31 PM
To:	Council
Subject:	Fwd: Articles on Economic and safety effects of bike lanes
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I ran across a discussion on Twitter about the bike lanes in Bellevue and I've encountered the same issues in my city in California. I've been asked to forward you some information on the effects of bike lanes on economic activity and safety. Fortunately, I've already written about this to my city council. I think this could help you as well, since data do help guide our decisions (at least in theory).

Dear San Leandro City Council,

I am writing this to you as a scientist and citizen of San Leandro, not necessarily from my role as a District 6 BPAC representative. One of the concepts that one learns as a scientist is that you are supposed to change your mind on data, rather than relying on emotions. This concept is also encountered in the Abrahamic religions Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding as well as in the pañcabalā of Buddhism.

Since the concept of relying on verifiable knowledge, and not one's emotions, is encountered among humans worldwide, this indicates to me that our emotional state is unreliable for making good, long-term decisions.

As we consider modifying the infrastructure in our city to be more accommodating for methods of transportation other than an automobile, there are a couple of articles that I think we would do well to keep in mind.

The first one is that the effects of removing parking and replacing it with bike lanes is almost always better for local businesses. There are multiple studies that have assessed the outcomes and these are outlined in the following article:

https://www.businessinsider.com/bike-lanes-good-for-business-studies-better-streets-2024-3 It's a counterintuitive finding, but the data are clear. Especially for smaller, local businesses. Bike lanes are better for business.

The second article is on the overall transportation safety for all users. Dedicated bike lanes improve safety for everyone.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/05/190529113036.htm and the original article:

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It's great to live in a world where we can learn from others that have done systematic analyses on problems we face in our community. We don't have to go through the pain of making decisions that ultimately leave everyone worse off, even if they are initially emotionally satisfying.

We do wish to build a great city long-term, and we have a fantastic start with a robust downtown, a phenomenal park system, including one right by the bay, and a large selection of restaurants and shops.

I hope the information provided permits you a broader view of the results experienced by other cities as we work to change the infrastructure within San Leandro.

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

At your service,

Ed Cable, Ph.D.

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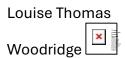
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Dear Councilmembers.

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It is disheartening that this is the third time I have requested police to enforce traffic laws in this area, and yet, they have not acknowledged my request or presented a plan. I also see that the police department has no board or commission to provide performance oversight.

Please check your cameras in this intersection (6:40 a.m. on 8/8/24). Multiple cars failed to acknowledge the walk signal. Illustration for ease of understanding:

# **SE Newport Way**

While I am aware of existing plans for improvement, it is imperative that city departments collaborate effectively to tackle this issue. Unfortunately, I do not see this level of coordination.

I am concerned that the city's work-from-home policy may be hindering city staff's ability to effectively engage with, interact with, and observe the assets they are responsible for managing.

Anecdotally, I have seen a precipitous drop in information and communications from the city, as well as the day-to-day visibility of city staff. If staff are not coming in on a daily basis, they are unable to see all of the elements of the city and if these assets are effectively functioning. I encourage you to revisit this policy as well. The value of the impromptu meetings that occur from working in person, as well as the relationship-building that occurs cross-department from in-person work, cannot be overstated. This does not happen over Teams.

Bellevue used to be known as the city in a park. Are we updating that to be a city in a parking lot?

Sincerely, Michael May

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Brent Jackson		
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Good morning, Council - Thank you for your focus on making our city safe for everyone. As you know, I live in the Lake Hills neighborhood and frequently travel by bicycle. There is currently no safe or convenient way to travel east/ west from East Bellevue to West Bellevue/downtown in the north part of town. This is why previous Councils voted to create two north/south and two east/west bicycle paths in our city. We voted to do this well over a decade, possibly almost 2 decades ago and we are still not close to achieving this goal.

I know you have to balance all types of mobility, but I urge you not to make decisions based on arbitrary standards or baseless fears. Please follow the city's longstanding policies, including our Vision Zero plan adopted in 2015, and make a decision that prioritizes providing a safe way for people to get around by ALL modes of travel.

Thank you again.

Claudia

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Sincerely,

Katy Blair

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Darin Chestnut

Lake Sammamish



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Corridor 8: 100th Avenue NE. I have frequently used 100th Avenue on the garage side to walk to the park, but now I prefer to walk through the corridor between the mall and the garage where the recent art festival was to get to the park. I would like to have a safe and convenient way to walk between the North and South side of downtown and I think 100th Avenue would be great for people on the West side of downtown. But the main challenge I see are the multiple entrances into the garage along 100th Avenue. There are 3 entrances. Only one of them is protected by a crosswalk. Navigating the other 2 as a pedestrian requires more care than should be necessary. Ideally, I think most garages should only need one or two large entrances in total and no more. This could be regulated.

Corridors 3, 4, 5: Bel-Red Road. There are a lot of homes and businesses along Bel-Red road. In the future, there will be a lot more. I think Bel-Red provides the best access between Bel-Red/Spring District and Downtown/Wilburton. I do not think it wise to delay safety improvements to Bel-Red unless we intend to keep our growth centers fragmented.

Technical. "provide a rationale as to why" should be a proper cost benefit analysis. A simple table would work. Bonus points if the costs and benefits are also rank ordered.

From:	Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org></crandels@cs-bellevue.org>
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Good evening Councilmembers,

In case tonight's comment period does not allow time for the full ideological diversity of opinions on Bike Bellevue, due to those ideologically opposed to BB having signed up on both sides of testimony, please see our comments attached below.

Good evening Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Councilmembers, and staff – Chris Randels with Complete Streets Bellevue. I want to start off by thanking you all for the productive budget discussion several weeks ago. Particularly, I want to thank Mayor Robinson for her direction to staff to explore the community's request to expand funding for the rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure. As a city, we've repeatedly affirmed our commitment to eliminating deaths & serious injuries on our streets by 2030, but fulfillment of that attainable goal will require tangible action that starts in the city's budget, and we feel like we're moving in a good direction on that path. However, it will also require leadership and action on topics like the one that's before you tonight. Your body launched work on Bike Bellevue nearly a year and a half ago under the shared values of safety, connectivity, sustainability, equity, and many others. But I personally think that Bike Bellevue as a name undersells the true scope & importance of this project, because it limits us to just talking about the benefits that these improvements would have for people on two wheels rather than the comprehensive safety benefits that would be gained by everybody. Bike Bellevue is and always has been a Vision Zero project – it is about the rapid and cost-effective implementation of best-practice safety infrastructure to calm traffic, reduce vehicle speeds, shorten crossing distances, and improve safety for everyone, all while also creating better facilities for people on two wheels. The streets for Bike Bellevue were explicitly chosen not just because of their ability to fulfill gaps in Bellevue's bike network, but also because they represent some of Bellevue's most dangerous streets, the ones that are in most need of urgent action to change the tide.

On the segment of Bel-Red Rd under review for Bike Bellevue, 14 people have been seriously injured or killed in the last 10 years alone, including 8 pedestrians and six people in cars. On the relevant segment of Northup Way, 4 people have been killed or seriously injured, including 1 pedestrian, one cyclist, and two people in cars. This may sound reductive or obvious, but improving safety on these streets will require improvements on these streets – we don't solve the issue of safety on Bel-Red Rd by creating facilities elsewhere, especially when there are apartments, businesses, and community assets that people will want to access on Bel-Red Rd no matter their mode of travel. Off-street paths don't just take more money and more time to implement, they also do not address the street conditions that lead to

speeding, low visibility, and danger for everybody – not just people walking and biking, but drivers too. Bike Bellevue – the original proposal for rapid-build, on-street bicycle infrastructure – does. Please carefully review the Transportation Commission's recommendations and judge whether they meet the original intent of this project for rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure and whether they put us on a path towards achieving Vision Zero in just 6 years' time. Thank you.

From:	Kavin Suresh <kavins@berkeley.edu></kavins@berkeley.edu>
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Hi I'm Kavin and I frequently ride around Bellevue.

The average American adult spends \$10k/year on their car according to AAA. The average driving speed in Bellevue is <15mph. There is simply no reason to be building more cardependent infrastructure in the year 2024, crowding out other sources of transit.

Cars are slow, expensive, polluting, loud and unpleasant to be around, dangerous, and inefficient at moving people around dense spaces. Why're we spending public taxpayer money to encourage their use?

Bellevue has a history of car-first development encouraging further car dependence. It's time to be brave and take Bellevue into the future. Spend public money on infrastructure projects that improve the public good - transit, biking, and walkable neighborhoods. Build the Bellevue everyone wants to live in.

This starts with bike Bellevue.

Best, Kavin

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### Hello,

This is Bill King - I'm an 8-year resident of Downtown Redmond. I've been living car-free since I moved to Redmond with relatively few problems. I don't consider myself a bike enthusiast - I just choose to ride a bike because it's efficient, inexpensive, and (where I live) relatively safe. This is largely thanks to the good and continually-expanding bicycle infrastructure that Redmond has built. One such investment is on Bel-Red, where Redmond will be installing buffered bike lanes next summer.

But I won't be able to use this infrastructure to get to Bellevue as long as it ends at the Redmond city limits (not for lack of trying, but I've had enough close passes with high-speed car traffic). Nor will Bellevue residents be able to get to work in Redmond without clogging up Bel-Red with even more car traffic.

As Bellevue's population continues to grow, the city must invest in sustainable alternative transportation choices for all of its residents. Not every trip starts and ends next to a 2-line station, or along the SR520 trail. For all of those other trips, car lanes are the least efficient choice for transportation infrastructure in terms of capacity and cost for the area they take up. And that cost is felt by Bellevue residents and families, who not only have to pay for road upkeep, but also for the cost of owning and maintaining (in many cases, multiple) cars.

We know that many of our neighbors would spend fewer hours behind the wheel if they had a better way to get around, because we've seen the data from across the country and around the world. It's not hard to see why someone commuting from Crossroads to Overlake would choose a <15 minute cycle over rush hour car traffic. They might keep the car for longer trips, but the rest of the time, that's one less vehicle on the road.

But you don't have to believe me \*or\* the data: you just need to try. Construct rapid-build bike infrastructure along Bel-Red and other high-injury corridors, and see how it gets used, whether it impacts car traffic, and how much safer cyclists and pedestrians feel. Collect your own real-world data. Where there are conflicts, adjust or remove the infrastructure as needed. Learn how to build the best network \*for Bellevue\*.

But please, start building \*now\*. This is safety infrastructure. Flex-posts and paint can be moved or removed, but every delay is another chance for someone to become a statistic on the high-injury network.

Regards, Bill King

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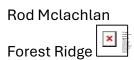
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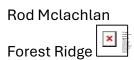
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Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

I have been to a bunch of meetings about bike trails and road diets. So please...

NO ROAD DIETS. YES BIKE TRAILS BUT NOT ON BEL-RED.

Why does it seem that citizen's voices are shouted over by interest groups? It happens over and over. Bike clubs. Urbanists.

WE CARE MORE. WE PAY TAXES. WE LIVE HERE. This affects me, my family and my neighborhood every day.

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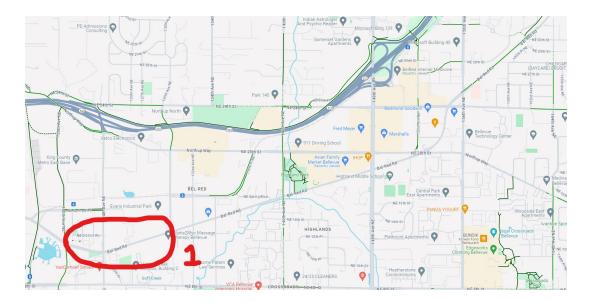
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Thanks, Hanoch Yeung

From:	Kavin Suresh <kavins@berkeley.edu></kavins@berkeley.edu>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 5:50 PM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue
Categories:	Red Category

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Hi I'm Kavin and I frequently ride around Bellevue.

The average American adult spends \$10k/year on their car according to AAA. The average driving speed in Bellevue is <15mph. There is simply no reason to be building more cardependent infrastructure in the year 2024, crowding out other sources of transit.

Cars are slow, expensive, polluting, loud and unpleasant to be around, dangerous, and inefficient at moving people around dense spaces. Why're we spending public taxpayer money to encourage their use?

Bellevue has a history of car-first development encouraging further car dependence. It's time to be brave and take Bellevue into the future. Spend public money on infrastructure projects that improve the public good - transit, biking, and walkable neighborhoods. Build the Bellevue everyone wants to live in.

This starts with bike Bellevue.

Best, Kavin

From:	Bill King <bill@billking.io></bill@billking.io>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:22 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Bike Bellevue

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Hello,

This is Bill King - I'm an 8-year resident of Downtown Redmond. I've been living car-free since I moved to Redmond with relatively few problems. I don't consider myself a bike enthusiast - I just choose to ride a bike because it's efficient, inexpensive, and (where I live) relatively safe. This is largely thanks to the good and continually-expanding bicycle infrastructure that Redmond has built. One such investment is on Bel-Red, where Redmond will be installing buffered bike lanes next summer.

But I won't be able to use this infrastructure to get to Bellevue as long as it ends at the Redmond city limits (not for lack of trying, but I've had enough close passes with high-speed car traffic). Nor will Bellevue residents be able to get to work in Redmond without clogging up Bel-Red with even more car traffic.

As Bellevue's population continues to grow, the city must invest in sustainable alternative transportation choices for all of its residents. Not every trip starts and ends next to a 2-line station, or along the SR520 trail. For all of those other trips, car lanes are the least efficient choice for transportation infrastructure in terms of capacity and cost for the area they take up. And that cost is felt by Bellevue residents and families, who not only have to pay for road upkeep, but also for the cost of owning and maintaining (in many cases, multiple) cars.

We know that many of our neighbors would spend fewer hours behind the wheel if they had a better way to get around, because we've seen the data from across the country and around the world. It's not hard to see why someone commuting from Crossroads to Overlake would choose a <15 minute cycle over rush hour car traffic. They might keep the car for longer trips, but the rest of the time, that's one less vehicle on the road.

But you don't have to believe me \*or\* the data: you just need to try. Construct rapid-build bike infrastructure along Bel-Red and other high-injury corridors, and see how it gets used, whether it impacts car traffic, and how much safer cyclists and pedestrians feel. Collect your own real-world data. Where there are conflicts, adjust or remove the infrastructure as needed. Learn how to build the best network \*for Bellevue\*.

But please, start building \*now\*. This is safety infrastructure. Flex-posts and paint can be moved or removed, but every delay is another chance for someone to become a statistic on the high-injury network.

Regards, Bill King

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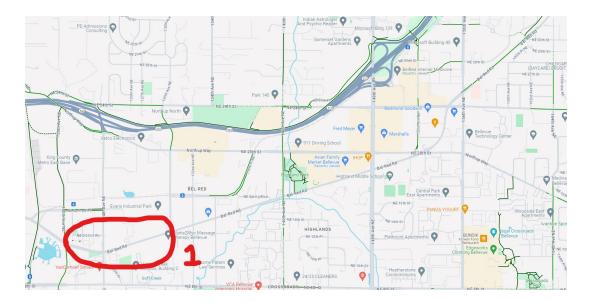
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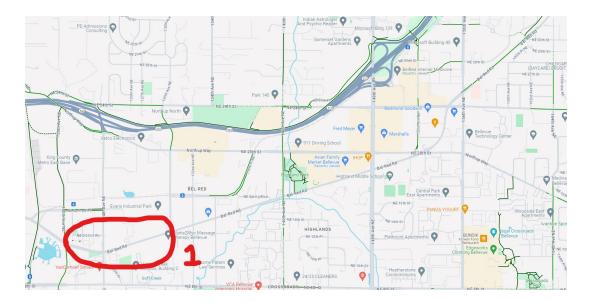
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From:	Jodie Alberts <jodie@bellevuechamber.org></jodie@bellevuechamber.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:48 PM
To:	Council
Subject:	Bellevue Chamber Bike Bellevue Comments
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Mayor Robinson & Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Bellevue Chamber, I'd like to express our support for the Transportation Commission's Bike Bellevue recommendation before you this evening.

The TC recommendation is the result of several meetings, analysis, and community engagements to create a bicycle network that is effective and safe for all who travel in and around Bellevue.

Multi-modal transportation networks will be required to mitigate growth impacts in the coming years, and a holistic look at this infrastructure is necessary. To keep our city vibrant and attracting top talent, we must also ensure that our city is easily accessible by those who work here but are unable to live in Bellevue. Biking is unfortunately not an option for many that do not or cannot afford to live in Bellevue, which is approximately 89% of its workforce.

The Transportation Commission recommendation, we believe, takes these considerations into account with a balanced approach in creating more bike infrastructure while avoiding further congestion on critical roadways, such as Bel-Red Road. By aligning policy goals with growth expectations, we can avoid worsening impacts on travel time and delays, especially in major arterials.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this matter. On behalf of our members, we appreciate all that you do for our city.

Jodie

#### Jodie Alberts

Vice President of Government Affairs | **Bellevue Chamber** M: 901.834.4261 | O: 425.213.1206 | E: jodie@bellevuechamber.org BellevueChamber.org

From:	Mel Melin <bellevumel@aol.com></bellevumel@aol.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:41 PM
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Subject:	BIKES LANE on Bel-RED
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I am completely opposed to adding a bike Lane on Bel-Red Road. I travel it a lot and hardly ever see a bike on the road. It would add to congestion and is not warranted.

Melvin R Melin 148 102nd Ave SE #419 Bellevue, WA 98004-8130

From:	Farrell Apparel <johncfarrell@gmail.com></johncfarrell@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 2:36 PM
To:	Council
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From:	Emily Steitzer <em.steitzer@gmail.com></em.steitzer@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 1:02 PM
То:	Council
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue

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Hello,

My name is E. Steitzer and I have been a Bellevue resident for the past 4 years. I bike nearly every day for exercise, transportation, and recreation, primarily around Downtown Bellevue. In several areas of the city, I often experience difficulties navigating safely on the roads, and have had a few scary situations due to the lack of bike infrastructure.

I have been very excited to see the recent developments that "Bike Bellevue" promised, as a way to feel safer and more connected to my favorite places in Bellevue! However, I feel that removing Bel-Red Road from consideration does not align with the principles that were outlined in "Bike Bellevue." Bel-Red Road is one of the most challenging areas to bike through, and presents a high risk to cyclists and pedestrian traffic in the area. The recommendations from the Commission go against the best interests of the people who live and bike/walk in Bel-Red; I'm not sure if you have had an opportunity to bike through this area (especially during peak traffic hours), but it can be a scary experience and makes it harder to travel for those of us who cannot or do not wish to drive in Bellevue.

Bike Bellevue was an initiative that was created to increase the safety and efficiency of non-car transportation around our wonderful city, and the lack of progress in critical areas like Bel-Red Road is increasingly more unfit for the growth and development of the communities that live here.

Actions Requested:

- Please consider Bel-Red Road in the Bike Bellevue planning again.
- Please provide the Transportation Department the guidance to implement rapid build facilities on the high injury network corridors, with high urgency.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, and I hope to see these changes in the Bike Bellevue planning soon.

Best, E. Steitzer

From:	Edward Plantagenet <blackprince1376@gmail.com></blackprince1376@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:58 PM
To:	Council; transportationcommission@bellevue.gov; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications 2024/08/06 irt Bike Bellevue
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#### Hello,

My name is Edward and I shop in Bellevue several times a week. I typically take mass transit or bike to get to the places I like to shop in Bellevue. I usually put my life and livelihood in the hands of others because I am forced to cycle on Bel-Red road. Cyclists do not have the luxury of time or excessive distance to reach their destination like people lucky enough to own a car do. Taking a bike to go shopping should not be a life or death decision, it should simply be a choice. The actual scope of this project states: "Residents, employers, and employees have confirmed that more should be done to improve bicycle infrastructure in Downtown, Wilburton, and BelRed

(the "Growth Corridor") to enhance user safety and Bellevue's livability and economic vitality." To do anything less than implementing all recommendations found in the Bike Bellevue plan (including the modifications to Bel-Red Rd) would be a slap in the face to the residents of Bellevue you were elected/hired to protect!

Please choose PEOPLE over profits! Edward

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Marilyn Adams <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:45 PM
To:	Council; cityclerk
Subject:	Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!
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From:	John Hilscher <cityflowers@comcast.net></cityflowers@comcast.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:25 PM
To:	Council
Subject:	Bel Red Road bick lane
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Hi,

Long time Bellevue business owner.

This area is somewhat traffic congested already.

Removing a car lane for a less traveled bike lane seems unnecessary/unwise.

Please reconsider the project and expense.

Hopefully other tax payers will also voice opposition to this.

Thank you,

John Hilscher/425.454.0882

From:	Valerie Horvath <valerieh@gmail.com></valerieh@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:24 PM
To:	Council
Subject:	Bike lanes on Bellevue
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I urge the Council to consider improving solutions for cyclists along Bel-Red. I have been riding on city streets for several years and safety is an increasing concern. There is more traffic, more inattentive drivers, not to mention aggressive drivers who don't feel they need to share the road -- all of which limit my access to businesses by bike without fear of being hit.

My friends refuse to ride on city streets and will forgo biking if there aren't trails like East Rail and the Cross Kirkland Corridor. However, in trying to reduce my carbon footprint, I often bike to businesses and would like to be able to safely access businesses along Bel Red. That often means riding on side walks, juggling pedestrians, and being incredibly vigilant at business driveways. From the number of cyclists I see and talk to, I would say I am not the only one who would like to see safer biking along the Bel Red corridor.

I have received several unsolicited texts from "Livable Bellevue" asking me to oppose bike lanes along Bel Red. This has prompted me to actually email you to lobby for better bike solutions on public roads.

I thank you for your other efforts to support cyclists like the new bridge over 8th street (fabulous!) and the dedicated bike paths in downtown Bellevue.

Thank you, Valerie Horvath Bellevue, Bridle Trails

From:	Cameron Kast <cameronkast456@gmail.com></cameronkast456@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:12 PM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
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#### Hello,

My name is Cameron Kast and I live in the Bridle Trails neighborhood of Bellevue and work in its downtown core. I primarily ride my bike to get around the city. However, I often face challenges to doing so due to lack of infrastructure and feeling unsafe in certain areas of the city.

I am writing to express my support for Vision Zero, Bike Bellevue, and rapid implementation of safe infrastructure.

Many times I find myself having close calls with vehicular traffic on corridors where cycling infrastructure is inadequate. Roads such as Bel-Red Road and 148th Ave. NE are two examples of roads I would ride on more often if safer infrastructure was implemented.

At the meeting on July 9, many councilmembers spoke to the importance of funding the rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure. The original Bike Bellevue corridor treatments fit this definition as they are rapid and cost-effective while also delivering high-quality bicycle facilities and are the best tools we have to calm traffic and improve safety for all road uses. I urge the council to maintain the emphasis on the rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure by approving the original proposals for infrastructure on Bike Bellevue corridors.

These original Bike Bellevue corridor recommendations will reduce speeds, calm traffic, and improve safety for all road users all while fitting into the timeline that is in line with Bellevue's 2030 Vision Zero goals. I urge you to maintain the emphasis on rapid implementation, continuing to make Bellevue a city where zero is the only acceptable number of traffic injuries on its city streets.

Thank you for all the work you've done thus far and again, I urge you to prioritize Vision Zero, Bike Bellevue, and rapid implementation of safe infrastructure in our city.

Thank you, Cameron Kast Resident and employee (360) 907-2887

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Casey Kings <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:09 PM
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Sincerely,

**Casey Kings** 

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Hi,

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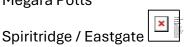
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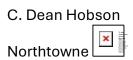
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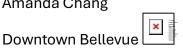
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Hello Council Members and Commissioners,

I'm writing to you today to urge you to keep your promise to deliver Vision Zero safety improvements for all road users. As a constituent who bikes and walks across Bellevue I know how dangerous it is for people outside of a 1.5 ton car or 2.8 ton truck. Due to a lack of adequate bike lanes and sidewalks I can often feel the gush of wind when a speeding vehicle swerves around me. Roads in Bellevue don't have to be so dangerous if you prioritize safety for all people over convenience for drivers.

The original Bike Bellevue plan identified the most dangerous roads in the city and proposed safety improvements that would have gone a long way to minimize conflicts between drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. It is the only plan I have seen in Bellevue that would actually bring us closer to the city's 2030 Vision Zero goals. That's why it has been so disappointing to see the transportation commission chip away at every proposed bike lane in favor of keeping the current dangerous road design due to a Council direction to only reallocate vehicle lanes as "last resort." The failure of the transportation commission to build and fully fund protected bike facilities on Bel-Red Rd, a main corridor for cyclists, will only lead to more injuries and take us further away from the city's Vision Zero goals.

As Bellevue grows and new residents move into the Spring District and other urban centers there will be an influx of road users. If the only options these new residents have are some isolated bicycle facilities on Northrup and some sharrows, many will be forced to drive for their own safety. Road users from Crossroads to downtown will have no other option but to sit in long lines of vehicle traffic because there are no alternatives safe enough for families to get to school or the grocery store. Continuing the mistakes of our past by prioritizing vehicle throughput will only make roads more dangerous as usage increases. That's why it's so important that Bellevue's City Council directs the transportation commission and staff to rapidly deliver safety improvements for all road users today.

Cyclists and pedestrians like myself are depending on you to provide safe and connected bikeways and walkways to our destinations. We have the data on the most dangerous roadways and intersections. Now is the time to fund pilot bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes. The original Bike Bellevue plan contains the Vision Zero ideals to reduce speeds, calm traffic, and improve safety for everyone using the main corridors of Bellevue. Please uphold your Vision Zero pledge by adding protection for people cycling and walking in Bellevue.

Thank You, Jacque Kimzey

Jacquelyn

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To:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue
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Hello,

My name is Cameron Kast and I live in the Bridle Trails neighborhood of Bellevue and work in its downtown core. I primarily ride my bike to get around the city. However, I often face challenges to doing so due to lack of infrastructure and feeling unsafe in certain areas of the city.

I am writing to express my support for Vision Zero, Bike Bellevue, and rapid implementation of safe infrastructure.

Many times I find myself having close calls with vehicular traffic on corridors where cycling infrastructure is inadequate. Roads such as Bel-Red Road and 148th Ave. NE are two examples of roads I would ride on more often if safer infrastructure was implemented.

At the meeting on July 9, many councilmembers spoke to the importance of funding the rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure. The original Bike Bellevue corridor treatments fit this definition as they are rapid and cost-effective while also delivering high-quality bicycle facilities and are the best tools we have to calm traffic and improve safety for all road uses. I urge the council to maintain the emphasis on the rapid implementation of Vision Zero infrastructure by approving the original proposals for infrastructure on Bike Bellevue corridors.

These original Bike Bellevue corridor recommendations will reduce speeds, calm traffic, and improve safety for all road users all while fitting into the timeline that is in line with Bellevue's 2030 Vision Zero goals. I urge you to maintain the emphasis on rapid implementation, continuing to make Bellevue a city where zero is the only acceptable number of traffic injuries on its city streets.

Thank you for all the work you've done thus far and again, I urge you to prioritize Vision Zero, Bike Bellevue, and rapid implementation of safe infrastructure in our city.

Thank you, Cameron Kast Resident and employee (360) 907-2887

From:	Marcin Juraszek <mail@marcinjuraszek.com></mail@marcinjuraszek.com>
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From: Sent: To: Subject: McDonald, Kevin Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:10 AM TransportationCommission FW: Bike Bellevue, Bel-Red Rd

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From: Edward Wang <wangedwa@gmail.com>
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Subject: Bike Bellevue, Bel-Red Rd

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Dear Bellevue City Council,

It was extremely disappointing to hear of the Transportation Commission's recommendation to remove bike facilities on Bel-Red Rd from all future consideration, apparently due to concerns that a future study *might* recommend changes impacting vehicle lanes.

In the previous Council meeting regarding Bel-Red, I recall Mayor Robinson suggested a plan to require developers to implement facilities as the corridor redevelops. While this plan would take a very long time to come to fruition, it is one potential path forward for implementing bike lanes with no impact to vehicle lanes.

Finally, it is important to note that **changes to vehicle lanes can significantly benefit motor vehicles**. Near Trader Joe's, Bel-Red Rd has no left turn lane, and the city's data shows it is well under capacity in this area. Reconfiguring the road with a center left turn lane will improve vehicular access to businesses, greatly reduce motor vehicle collisions, and improve emergency response times. Benefits to pedestrians & cyclists are just a bonus.

Please, follow your own guidance. Make **data-driven** decisions; not decisions based on fear and emotions.

Thank you, Ed Wang Bridle Trails

From:	Carl Vander Hoek <carl@vanderhoek.us></carl@vanderhoek.us>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 6, 2024 10:02 AM
То:	Council
Cc:	TransportationCommission
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Dear Mayor Robinson and Council Members,

I commend the work the Council and Transportation Commission have done on Bike Bellevue. The Transportation Commission has given clear recommendation to this Council as has been requested.

What the staff memo on your desk failed to capture in its summary of the July 11<sup>th</sup> Transportation Commission meeting were comments made by the two commissioners who voted in the minority such as, "I would never ride on this corridor" or "My husband is a biker, I am not a biker. I am not as brave as he is. He uses Bel-Red all the time, he is a weekend biker, he is not riding in the peak time." The memo also fails to capture that Corridor 3, 4, and 5 on Bel-Red are not being considered for a pilot project, additional study, or TFP consideration <u>at this time</u>, which leaves the possibility open for them to be considered at some point in the future. The staff memo suggests that the corridors are removed from the entire bicycle network - this is not true, as they will just not be a part of the \$4.5 M CIP funds allocated for Bike Bellevue. Please seek clarity from staff on this.

Of the allocated \$4.5 M CIP funds this council authorized for Bike Bellevue, the following corridors have been recommended by the Transportation Commission as Category 1 projects for rapid implementation).

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- Corridor 6 a & b (NE 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets), Estimated \$1,250,000
- Corridor 7 (Lake Washington Blvd.), Estimated \$210,000
- Corridor 9 (Wilburton Route), Estimated \$1,870,000

The corridors recommended for rapid implementation total \$4,300,000 (final design and construction will likely end up being higher than this preliminary cost estimate). Therefore, the entire CIP budget for Bike Bellevue has been utilized based on the current recommendations. It is unclear to the public how corridors the Transportation Commission recommended be considered Category 7 (permanent infrastructure) are to be funded. There is no money left in Bike Bellevue CIP funds, the TFP is a process for prioritizing projects for funding which are therefore not guaranteed to be implemented. Yet the Category 7 projects are identified to be implemented as permanent infrastructure rather than rapid implementation. Where then do the funds come from for Category 7 Corridors such as Corridor 2 (NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street), estimated at \$990,000 and Corridor 1b (Northup Way from 124<sup>th</sup> to 136<sup>th</sup> Ave NE), estimated at \$2,000,000?

Bel-Red Corridors 3, 4, 5 together total \$8,000,000. Any additional study or pilot project money is in addition to this and detracts from more significant or permanent solutions. Kevin McDonald, when asked by the Transportation

Commission what such a study for Bel-Red would cost, estimated that it would not be cheap due to the length of road and topography and could be in the several hundred-thousand-dollar range.

The staff memo states:

This is a recommendation to the Transportation Director in consideration of building out the entire bicycle connected network infrastructure. Complex planning is informed by the values of the community and empirical data. With this in mind, the Transportation Director, in later phases of the bicycle network, intends to conduct the studies necessary to have the right empirical data regarding corridors 3, 4 and 5.

The above excerpt from the staff memo suggests that although the Transportation Commission recommended that the Bel-Red Corridors be categorized for removal from consideration under Bike Bellevue, staff are going to look past that due to the "values of the community."

Additionally, what qualifies as "<u>right</u> empirical data"? Empirical data can neither be right or wrong, it is just data. The inference that it can be "right" suggests that the data they previously used was "wrong." It also shows that the empirical data is being used to arrive a pre-determined outcome and therefore is subjective and not empirical data at all.

For example, on Bel-Red Road, the Bike Bellevue consultant studies showed that traffic speed with implementation of bike lanes would reduce vehicle travel speeds from 14 mph to 8 mph during peak hour, which represents a 40% reduction in speed. However, the city staff claimed that if all corridors were implemented the resulting decrease in average speed would only be 0.2 mph. They arrived at this erroneous conclusion by taking the average speed across all corridors. The data provided does not represent actual real impact on travel times a resident or customer would experience. More representative data comes from a recent Bellevue Chamber of Commerce study that showed 70% of residents don't support repurposing vehicle lanes for bicycle lanes.

As summarized by Kevin McDonald at the last Transportation Commission meeting, let's look at how we got here. Bel-Red did not have bike lanes in the original Ped Bike Plan. Therefore, many properties already have redevelopment that did not provide bike lanes which created gaps in the bike network.

The 520 Trail (which has 3 parallel access points not shown on maps presented to the Transportation Commission), Spring Boulevard, Light Rail, and the Northup Way Corridor sections approved under Bike Bellevue, all represent parallel equivalent routes that would avoid conflicts, increase safety and avoid removal of critical vehicle capacity. To quote Kevin McDonald from the July 11<sup>th</sup> Transportation Commission Meeting, **"From the perspective of providing the best long-term connection I would put all my eggs in the Spring Boulevard basket."** 

Please adhere to your previously stated principles and the Transportation Commission's recommendations and designate Corridors 3, 4 and 5 as "Category 6", eliminating Bel-Red Road from further study.

Sincerely,

Carl Vander Hoek

Vander Hoek Corporation 10220 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Suite 202 Bellevue, WA 98004

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Annemarie Dooley <drdooley@cascadekidney.com> Monday, August 5, 2024 9:09 PM Council Robinson, Lynne Why my 15 year old was hit by a car and why we should not accept traffic injuries as normal</drdooley@cascadekidney.com>
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#### Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Councilmembers

Last month a car drove into my 15-year-old daughter, injuring her as she biked in the crosswalk. The police officer told me that the driver who crashed into her had done nothing wrong. His response meant that we normalize traffic violence directed against people walking and biking. Although this incident happened in Seattle, I know Bellevue is no different.

My daughter's injuries make me ask you again to fully implement the original Bike Bellevue plan. Overlake's concerns about EMS response times are not backed up by any data. If the City is worried about some corridors, it could rapidly build out a bike network with paint and flex posts that can be easily modified given feedback from EMS. This approach is taken in many countries. In fact other places assume that the final implementation will change based on real life feedback.

The founder of the whole Medic One system, Dr Michael Copass, died 10 days ago. He devised the EMS response times that we use today. He shared my concerns that EMS response times are being used by the City of Bellevue as a reason not to prevent many injuries and deaths with a completed bike network. I refuse to accept such deaths as "normal"

Please implement the original Bike Bellevue.

-Annemarie Dooley MD Cascade Kidney Specialists PLLC, 1370 116th Ave NE, Suite 209, Bellevue, WA 98004. 425-453-8406

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Hello Council Members and Commissioners,

I'm writing to you today to urge you to keep your promise to deliver Vision Zero safety improvements for all road users. As a constituent who bikes and walks across Bellevue I know how dangerous it is for people outside of a 1.5 ton car or 2.8 ton truck. Due to a lack of adequate bike lanes and sidewalks I can often feel the gush of wind when a speeding vehicle swerves around me. Roads in Bellevue don't have to be so dangerous if you prioritize safety for all people over convenience for drivers.

The original Bike Bellevue plan identified the most dangerous roads in the city and proposed safety improvements that would have gone a long way to minimize conflicts between drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. It is the only plan I have seen in Bellevue that would actually bring us closer to the city's 2030 Vision Zero goals. That's why it has been so disappointing to see the transportation commission chip away at every proposed bike lane in favor of keeping the current dangerous road design due to a Council direction to only reallocate vehicle lanes as "last resort." The failure of the transportation commission to build and fully fund protected bike facilities on Bel-Red Rd, a main corridor for cyclists, will only lead to more injuries and take us further away from the city's Vision Zero goals.

As Bellevue grows and new residents move into the Spring District and other urban centers there will be an influx of road users. If the only options these new residents have are some isolated bicycle facilities on Northrup and some sharrows, many will be forced to drive for their own safety. Road users from Crossroads to downtown will have no other option but to sit in long lines of vehicle traffic because there are no alternatives safe enough for families to get to school or the grocery store. Continuing the mistakes of our past by prioritizing vehicle throughput will only make roads more dangerous as usage increases. That's why it's so important that Bellevue's City Council directs the transportation commission and staff to rapidly deliver safety improvements for all road users today.

Cyclists and pedestrians like myself are depending on you to provide safe and connected bikeways and walkways to our destinations. We have the data on the most dangerous roadways and intersections. Now is the time to fund pilot bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes. The original Bike Bellevue plan contains the Vision Zero ideals to reduce speeds, calm traffic, and improve safety for everyone using the main corridors of Bellevue. Please uphold your Vision Zero pledge by adding protection for people cycling and walking in Bellevue.

Thank You, Jacque Kimzey

Jacquelyn

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Implement bike Bellevue

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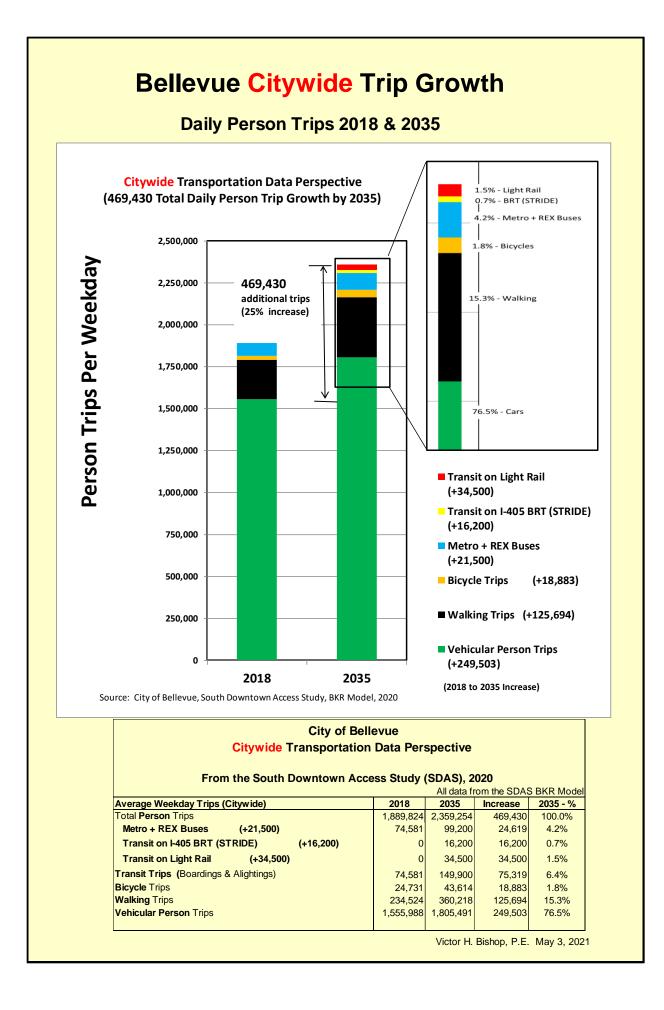
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Sincerely,

David Christensen



# **Bicycling in Bellevue- What the Data Shows**

Oct. 18, 2022, Victor H. Bishop, P,E,

# Bicycling in Bellevue represented about one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the daily trips in Bellevue in 2019-2020 (4,500/day) and has been reduced by about 26% by the pandemic.

The City of Bellevue has a robust bicycle counting program developed by the Transportation Department in 2018-19. The city has 14 locations on city streets and

collects or collaborates with WSDOT to collect bike data on the three regional trails in Bellevue on I-90, SR-520 and the EasTrail. The city locations were implemented in August 2019 while the regional trail count locations have been collecting data for decades.

Data is collected at each location using an Eco-Counter system that provides electronic bike data by direction accumulated every 15 minutes 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The city now has about 3 years of detailed bicycle use data at 14 reasonably representative locations around the city on multiple types of city streets plus the three regional trails.

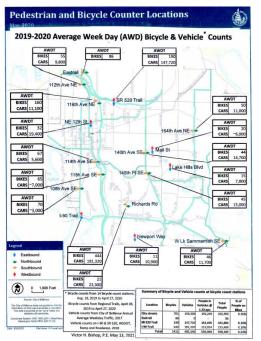
The city also maintains a vehicle count program that provides data for traffic volumes

on the 14 street locations where the bicycle data is collected. The adjacent map shows the 17 locations with the 2019-2020 average weekday bicycle data and the comparable annual average weekday vehicle data at each location.

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Location	Bicycles	Vehicles	People in Vehicles @ 1.23 ppc	Total People	% of People on Bikes
City Streets	701	156,300		192,950	0.36%
Eastrail	86	0	-	86	
SR 520 Trail	190	147720	181,696	181,886	0.10%
I-90 Trail	444	181,920	223,762	224,206	0.20%
Total	1,421	485,940	597,706	599,127	0.24%

The August 2019-April 2020 data is summarized for these locations in the Table. There was an average of 701 bicycles per day counted at the 14 city street locations and 720 bicycles per day

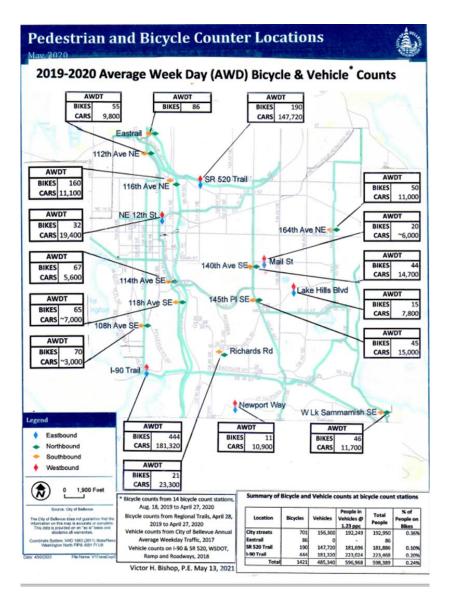
at the three regional trails. At the same time there were 156,249 vehicles counted on the city streets, but significantly more on I-90 and SR 520. The vehicles counted were converted to people using a factor of 1.23 people per car.



Stated as a portion of the person trips at these 17 locations, **bicycle trips represented 0.24%** of the bicycle plus vehicle person trips (excluding pedestrians and transit riders) in 2019-2020 (pre-pandemic).

When applied to citywide travel, the bicycle portion translates to about **4,500 daily bike** trips on an average weekday<sup>1</sup>

The calendar year 2021 bicycle data totaled 1052 bicycles at the 17 locations on an average weekday, **a reduction of 26% from the pre-pandemic data**.



<sup>1</sup> The city uses it's Bellevue Kirkland Redmond (BKR) Travel Forecast Model to evaluate alternative build scenarios of development growth and infrastructure investments. In 2020 the city used the BKR model to evaluate alternatives for the South Downtown Access Study. Bellevue city staff used 2018 data as the base year for the analysis. In 2018 there were an estimated 1,889,824 daily person trips on an average weekday. Using the 0.24% factor from the bicycle data results in about 4,500 bicycle trips daily on the streets and trails on an average weekday pre-pandemic.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:	vicbishop@earthlink.net Monday, August 5, 2024 7:22 PM Council Transportation Commission recommendation on Bike Bellevue BelRed corridor 2018-2035 Bellevue Citywide Trip Growth.pdf; Bicycling in Bellevue What the Data Says Oct. 18 2022.pdf
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Aug. 5, 2024

City Council, City of Bellevue 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004

RE: Transportation Commission recommendation on Bike Bellevue BelRed corridor

Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

The Eastside Transportation Association (ETA) requests that you accept the Transportation Commission's recommendation to put Corridors 3, 4, and 5: Bel-Red Road into Category 6. Corridors that would no longer be considered.

I have attached the <u>2018-2035 Citywide Trip Growth Chart</u> which ETA prepared based on the South Downtown Access Study BKR travel forecast model data provided by the City. The data shows that there is projected to be 25% more person trips per day in Bellevue by 2035 and that over 75% of all trips will be in cars. This clearly shows that vehicle trips will continue to be the dominant mode of transportation in Bellevue.

I have also attached ETA's <u>Bicycling in Bellevue: What the Data Says</u> report. This report summarizes the City collected bicycle data at fourteen arterial street locations around the City plus the three regional multi-use trails. This report shows that one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the trips in Bellevue are made on a bicycle. While the BKR model shows bicycle use at more than 1% in 2035, that is based on periodic Census Bureau surveys. Bellevue has actual data, and it needs to be used.

The final attachment is Figure 11-29 of the Wilburton Vision Implementation FEIS showing the failed System Intersections and Corridor Travel Speed Performance for the Preferred A Alternative. Clearly the results show the entire transportation system failing including four System Intersections on NE 12<sup>th</sup> St./BelRed Road with volume to capacity ratios exceeding the city's target.

With existing congestion on the BelRed Corridor, massive projected growth in vehicular trips, tiny bicycle trip demand and a projected failed future corridor, there appears to be no rationale to spend unavailable funds to study further alternatives for bike lanes on the BelRed Corridor in the upcoming Transportation Facilities Plan per the staff recommendation.

Please abandon the Bike Bellevue plans for BelRed Rd. per the Transportation Commission recommendation.

Victor H. Bishop, P.E. Chair, ETA Legislative Committee vicbishop@earthlink.net (425) 518-3343



CHAPTER II. Transportation SECTION II.2. Potential impacts



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#### Hi,

My name is Jennifer Adams and I love biking. I was a bike mechanic in college and although I brave the streets of Seattle to bike around a lot now, I would bike much much more frequently if we implemented better and safer bike infrastructure. My friends often say that I'm crazy for biking in this city with it's dangerous drivers and lack of bike lanes and they would be right - but it's still faster and more fun than driving my car. On numerous occasions I get places faster by biking (on my non-e bike) than my friends who drive. Every bike on the road is one less car. And cars are responsible for more deaths and injuries than so many other things combined.

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Sincerely,

Ryan Jackman

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Bellevue Mayor and City Council Members-

Thanks for your dedication to helping keep Bellevue a great place to live, work and play.

While I was not surprised, I am disappointed that our City was entertaining another pitch to work towards replacing vehicle lanes with dedicated bike lanes. When this was entertained recently, we had just returned from Copenhagen where key boulevards had protected and dedicated bike lanes among side 2-3 lanes on for each direction. We were impressed with their results. As we thought about applicability to Bellevue, it is clearly not a fit. Bellevue is not Copenhagen [nor Amsterdam]. This idea to replace vehicle lanes on Bel-Red would be very harmful to our traffic flows and safety. Reducing vehicle capacity for a much smaller number of bikes in a target growth area is counterproductive. This would benefit the few at meaningful imposition to a much larger group dependent of vehicle use.

Please reemphasize your decision refusing support to further city/staff resources evaluating ["building a case for"] the elimination of vehicle lanes for bikes. I realize good, enthusiastic and persistent people [including within city staff] are promoting such changes. I support the Council passing a clear resolution[?] instructing staff to stay focused on their assigned projects and protecting future agendas from persistent pitches consuming valuable meeting capacity.

Let's keep Bellevue great.

Best Success

Rick

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From: Sent: To:	Betsi Hummer Monday, August 5, 2024 8:40 PM Council; Robinson, Lynne; Malakoutian, Mo; Jared M. Nieuwenhuis; Lee, Conrad; Stokes, John; Zahn, Janice; Hamilton, Dave; TransportationCommission; PlanningCommission
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Bike Bellevue Public Process

August 6 2024

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councilmembers;

I was nonplussed reviewing the August 6 2024 Bellevue City Council meeting agenda; the Bike Bellevue presentation by Staff is only information and does not ask for direction.

I sincerely hope the agenda notice is adhered to in the meeting; any deviation would be a lack of government transparency to the public.

I hope that Council supports the decision of the Transportation Commission to only consider taking of traffic lanes on arterials as a last resort. The Transportation Commission took deliberate care to consider the public input on Bike Bellevue; to support the public process and the intense work the Commission has accomplished; Council must support their decision. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on transportation-related issues. Members are responsible for studies, analyses and reports required by the Traffic Standards Code or requested by the council. If the Council overrides the vote of the Transportation Commission, there is no need to have Commissions and Boards.

I certainly hope that Council follows the agenda and only gives input, not direction to Staff. I have seen recent Council meetings be redirected at the last minute which does not give the public nor Councilmembers enough time to react and give input.

Bike Bellevue sounded like a good idea when it was initially introduced. I especially appreciated then-Councilmember Jennifer Robertson's direction for Staff to consider buying right of way to expand separated bike lanes. Having biked around Bellevue for many years, and voted on the latest Bike Ped plan, I thought Bike Bellevue would complete and enhance existing bike infrastructure. The idea of taking designated Truck and Commuter lanes for bike lanes goes against every traffic safety notion; especially considering the unanimous TR2 amendment to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan just a couple years ago that mandates aggressive investment to reduce traffic congestion. Taking out heavily traveled truck and commuter lanes at any part of the Bel Red corridor - or any arterial for that matter - will increase congestion and decrease traffic safety for all modes.

I implore Council to support its Transportation Commission and honor their decision.

Betsi Hummer Lake Hills/Bellevue College 425.591.4784

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#### Hello,

I come to Bellevue to shop, run errands, and meet with friends. Until this year, I always drove to Bellevue, but now I bike as often as I can. I still own a car, and I like cars as a hobby too, but driving on Bellevue streets is not my idea of a fun cruise. Riding a bike helps me be active and reduce my carbon emissions, and really I just enjoy it more as a way to get around cities when I can. But, there are a lot of places in Bellevue that don't feel safe to get to by bike. And these places usually aren't very safe for pedestrians or drivers either-- because they're usually on the **high inury network**. These are streets that people already use and will continue to use, so there is no alternative to improving these places.

Bike Bellevue is not just a bike lane project. It is a series of road diets and intersection updates that will improve the safety of *all* road users. **If Bellevue is committed to achieving its 2030 Vision Zero goal**, all of the Bike Bellevue corridors need to be redesigned to improve safety. The Transportation Commission recommended that the city makes *no changes* to Bel-Red Rd, which is clearly at odds with the goals of improving safety on Bellevue streets and creating a multi-modal transportation network.

I urge council to direct the Transportation Department to continue work on all Bike Bellevue corridors. Rapid implementation projects must be the priority, including pilot projects if appropriate. 2030 is only getting closer.

Regards, Kyle Sullivan

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John Marshall

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Bike Bellevue Public Process

August 6 2024

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councilmembers;

I was nonplussed reviewing the August 6 2024 Bellevue City Council meeting agenda; the Bike Bellevue presentation by Staff is only information and does not ask for direction.

I sincerely hope the agenda notice is adhered to in the meeting; any deviation would be a lack of government transparency to the public.

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Bike Bellevue sounded like a good idea when it was initially introduced. I especially appreciated then-Councilmember Jennifer Robertson's direction for Staff to consider buying right of way to expand separated bike lanes. Having biked around Bellevue for many years, and voted on the latest Bike Ped plan, I thought Bike Bellevue would complete and enhance existing bike infrastructure. The idea of taking designated Truck and Commuter lanes for bike lanes goes against every traffic safety notion; especially considering the unanimous TR2 amendment to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan just a couple years ago that mandates aggressive investment to reduce traffic congestion. Taking out heavily traveled truck and commuter lanes at any part of the Bel Red corridor - or any arterial for that matter - will increase congestion and decrease traffic safety for all modes.

I implore Council to support its Transportation Commission and honor their decision.

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Bellevue City Council 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004 August 5, 2024

RE: Support for TC recommendation to remove Bel-Red Road from consideration (Study Session Item 24-545)

Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

We write in support of the Transportation Commission's July 11 Bike Bellevue recommendations, specifically their recommendation to remove Bel-Red Road from consideration. This recommendation is the result of hours of discussion, and hundreds of community letters from residents, workers, and business owners who oppose road diets. Their decision is also informed by analysis from Alta and Fehr & Peers that show road diets on Bel-Red would make an already bad traffic situation worse – and that's without taking into account the City's Comprehensive Plan FEIS and planned density.

Despite the Commission's recommendation and despite your clear and reasonable direction that removing travel lanes should be a "last resort" – the staff memo indicates this project may be back on the table for further study.

Interestingly, the same cycling advocates who have asked for additional study and reconsideration of a road diet on Bel-Red Road are the same people who, along with their media allies, lauded that Bike Bellevue was a product of years of exhaustive study and a "litany" of expert consultant analysis, following "every possible step in the public policy development process." We were to simply accept this expert analysis and put our concerns to rest.

This expert analysis came from hired consultants at Alta as well as Fehr & Peers, who studied trip volumes and how speeds would be impacted on Bel-Red Road. They found that speed reductions would be significant in this corridor. For example, on Bel-Red Road from 132<sup>nd</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup>, drivers would go from traveling 14 miles per hour under a no build scenario to 8 miles per hour during the PM peak hour if Bike Bellevue was to be implemented. That is a 40% reduction in speed.

In the early stages of planning, staff requested that the consultants "reframe the additional minutes of traffic delay experienced by drivers during the peak hour as a less scary outcome." It is no surprise that the consultants ultimately provided bi-directional demand/capacity data over a 24-hour period, and averaged all speed impacts across all Bike Bellevue corridors in an effort to hide the serious impacts. They stated in the Bike Bellevue Guide that "the average Bike Bellevue corridor speed would decrease by 0.2 miles per hour." This obscured the severe traffic impacts on specific corridors, like Bel-Red Road, where the delays would be many times that average. Then they recommended a road diet anyway.

This raises the question of what can be accomplished by spending more tax dollars on additional studies by consultants that include hundreds of pages of analysis and modeling, but obscure important data in the narrative to support a predetermined outcome.

As you engage in your study session this week, consider what has already been established:

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- Bel-Red Road is a major artery for drivers, emergency responders and freight, carrying upwards of 24,000 trips on average per day according to the Bike Bellevue Guide.
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- Expanding right-of-way to add bike lanes would likely cost much more, taking funding away from higher priority projects such as completing Spring Boulevard, which will achieve a safer and superior east-west connection.
- Between 2011 and 2022, 93% of crashes in just the Bike Bellevue corridors were at intersections and driveways. On Bel-Red Road from 132<sup>nd</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup>, 4 of 5 crashes were at intersections and driveways.
   From 148th to 156<sup>th</sup>, there was 1 crash and it occurred at an intersection.

No	Corridor	From	То	# Bike Crashes	At Intersection	At Driveway	<b>Going Straight</b>
1	Northup Way	120th Ave NE	140th Ave NE	6	2	3	1
2	NE 12th St	102nd	108th Ave NE	2	2	0	0
3	NE 12th St/Bel-Red Rd	116th Ave NE	132nd Ave NE	1	1	0	0
4	Bel-Red Rd	132nd Ave NE	148th Ave NE	5	3	1	1
5	Bel-Red Rd	148th Ave NE	156th Ave NE	1	1	0	0
6	NE 1st and NE 2nd St	100th Ave NE	112th Ave NE	3	2	1	0
7	Lake Washington Blvd	100th Ave NE	99th Ave NE	0	0	0	0
8	100th Ave NE	Main St	NE 10th St	2	2	0	0
9	Wilburton Route	116th Ave NE	NE 4th St	3	3	0	0
10	116th Ave NE	NE 12th St	NE 14th St	1	0	1	0
11	140th Ave NE	Bel-Red Rd	NE 24th St.	4	1	3	0
	Total			28	17	9	2
	%				61%	32%	7%

Table 3 - Bike Crashes 2011-2022 by Location Type

- Neither a road diet nor expansion of right-of-way to create a bike lane on this major arterial is likely to resolve this problem, as all driveways and intersections are potential conflict points. This will not move the City closer to its Vision Zero goal.
- There is a lack of evidence that bike lanes on Bel-Red Road would actually reduce the number of accidents. The data tells us about the frequency and severity of accidents, but is less clear when establishing the causes of the accidents. This information is necessary to ensure the infrastructure provided addresses the problem we're trying to solve.
- If the City pursues a trial or demonstration road diet and removes travel lanes to create bike lanes, there will be a higher density of vehicles in the remaining lanes, and turning and navigating from intersections, driveways or bike lanes will be even more difficult and less safe with fewer and smaller gaps in the traffic stream. This, combined with arterial speeds, is likely to result in an increase in serious and fatal injury crashes. Any kind of road diet and bike lanes – whether a trial or permanent



infrastructure – will make this busy, growing corridor less safe.

- Under the Comprehensive Plan's Preferred Alternative, six of the intersections along this corridor will fail to meet their Mobility Implementation Plan performance target (v/c ratio of 1.0), and that's without considering the impact of Bike Bellevue and the road diets proposed on Bel-Red Road. Delays at each intersection accumulate for the driver. Additional curb and signal modifications along Bel-Red may further negatively impact traffic at these intersections.
  - Bel-Red & 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE V/C ratio of 1.34 (delay of 6 mins and 45 seconds)
  - Bel-Red & 130<sup>th</sup> Ave NE V/C ratio of 1.03 (delay of 1 min and 49 seconds)
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  - Bel-Red & 134<sup>th</sup> Ave NE V/C ratio of 1.01 (delay of 1 min and 39 seconds)
  - Bel-Red & 140<sup>th</sup> Ave NE V/C ratio of 1.22 (delay of 4 mins and 11 seconds)
  - Bel-Red & 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE V/C ratio of 1.44 (delay of 9 mins and 40 seconds)
- The City has not presented adequate evidence that replacing travel lanes with bike lanes would benefit lower-income residents. US Census data for 2022 shows less than 1% of total workers in Bellevue commuted by bike. This means the vast majority of low-income households would not use the bike lanes and would not benefit from the City's expenditure of millions of dollars on this project. Since a higher percentage of lower-income people commute by car (60% in 2022), they would be made worse off by the much slower travel times on Bel-Red Road.

Please accept the Transportation Commission's recommendation, and do not spend hundreds of thousands of tax dollars on additional studies we do not need and then millions more on implementing costly and unsafe bike lanes few will use, when there is broad community support and needed funding to complete Spring Boulevard.

Mariya Frost Director of Transportation Kemper Development Company

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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In March of 2023, Bellevue City Council approved principles to guide the Transportation Commission's work on "Bike Bellevue" - a plan to improve traffic safety on high injury network corridors connecting growth areas where we are planning for tens of thousands of new homes and residents. Projects like this are essential if Bellevue does not want to see skyrocketing road injuries, crippling congestion, and a decreasing quality of life as its population grows, so this was a great step in the right direction!

However, the recommendations that are coming from the Commission (including removing BelRed Rd from any future consideration or study) do not align with the principles that Council set for Bike Bellevue. The Commission's recommendations go against modern best practices, guidance from the federal government, the thoroughly researched design and insight of our professional transportation staff, the best interest of the people who live here and of our new neighbors who aren't here yet to advocate for their neighborhoods themselves.

Would you want to live sandwiched between BelRed Rd and Northup Way as they are today? How would you feel about raising kids there and getting them to school? How would you feel about the city discussing safety improvements and bike infrastructure to calm the hostile boundaries immediately adjacent to your home? You would probably have different opinions than someone whose only connection to your neighborhood was trying to get through it as fast as possible. (And remember, this won't actually add any perceivable delay for those drivers anyway - it will only slow down their max speeds. However, exponential delay will be inevitable if Bellevue doesn't empower most of its new residents to get around car-free).

More than a year has passed and we have moved backwards from our Vision Zero goal in that time. Meanwhile, people continue to be hurt and killed on our roads. Over 40,000 people die on our roads every year in the US - traffic engineering is a relatively new profession and the standards set when Bellevue was built are unsafe and outdated. Bike Bellevue was designed by the people we pay to design and manage our transportation system to reduce and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries in the system. Bike Bellevue follows the playbook used by many similar cities in the same situation - on-street, rapid-build facilities to cost-effectively roll out miles of safety improvements that benefit <u>all</u> <u>road users</u> and can be modified and improved over time as the city continues to develop.

My specific asks:

Removing BelRed Rd entirely from consideration was a mistake that needs to be corrected. The Transportation Commission's recommendations are not in line with the principles of safety, connectivity, or equity.

I am asking Council to give direction to the Transportation Department to implement rapid build facilities, on the high injury network corridors, as quickly and cost-effectively as possible - the original intent of Bike Bellevue.

Related: I am seriously disappointed it seems to continue to be true that the Transportation Commission still does not include a single non-driver. This body is tasked with making transportation recommendations for all of Bellevue's mobility and it seems to be entirely composed of people who usually or exclusively drive to get around the city. There are huge groups of residents with wildly different lived experiences getting around in Bellevue who are not represented or considered by this body. We get more livable neighborhoods and cities when we design for everyone.

-Lara Gardner

From: Sent: To: Subject:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Suresh Velagapudi <hello@livablebellevue.com> Monday, August 5, 2024 3:16 PM Council; cityclerk Don't go backwards on Bel-Red Road!</hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,

Suresh Velagapudi

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Further study on this vital east-west arterial is both unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer dollars. We have already learned from the significant investment in the Bike Bellevue Guide that road diets would severely impact our arterial network. Adding bike lanes will only slow traffic on this centralized main road, which is optimal for efficient traffic flow. Bike users are slower, often do not share lanes, and create a much greater hazard being on the road or in a bike lane, rather than utilizing the hundreds of neighborhoods specifically designed for safer cycling.

We cannot afford to lose a lane on Bel-Red Road, even temporarily during a trial or demonstration, as it would only frustrate residents and diminish public trust. I've worked along side the city on multiple occasions and have felt deeply disappointed regarding this issue. Please consider the interests and concerns of the 70% of residents who oppose replacing travel lanes with bike lanes, particularly on Bel-Red Road. We need to be able to commute, run errands, pick up our kids, visit downtown, and attend to our personal needs in Bellevue without enduring prolonged traffic delays.

Instead, let's focus our time and resources on completing the safer bicycle connection at Spring Boulevard. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Cameron Robinson

Cameron Robinson Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Nathan Yeung <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

I understand that bicycling enthusiasts who work for the City of Bellevue are continuing to try and eliminate motor vehicle lanes from city arterials. Despite overwhelming feedback from citizens and voters who are opposed to such efforts!

I just got back from two weeks in Mongolia in mid-July. I have bicycled in over 16 countries and over 7 American states. I have also bicycled frequently in and around greater Seattle and a few times in Eastern Washington.

I have bicycled as much as 1,600 miles in a single calendar year. I regularly cycle from my home in Clyde Hill through Bellevue and onwards to many other cities in King County.

In short, I love cycling!

But...replacing automobile lanes with bicycle-only lanes is a very bad idea. Bel-Red, Northup, and 140th are major thoroughfares for cars, trucks, and buses today and going forward. Reducing automobile capacity will increase travel times and cause economic harm that will swamp ANY possible benefit to cyclists.

Please apply your common sense and keep Bellevue arterials flowing!

Thank you! --Ben Slivka +1.206.920.0744 mobile

Benjamin Slivka Clyde Hill

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Yu Zeng <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Yu Zeng	
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Dena Gregory	
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Wilburton	

From:	Jer Schmidt <jschmidt.3800@gmail.com></jschmidt.3800@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, August 5, 2024 1:50 PM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue
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Hi, my name is Jer Schmidt, I am a 26-year-old former Bellevue resident who moved away because I wanted to live in a less car-dominated place. I still visit Bellevue frequently for doctors and for socializing with the friends I made there.

I'm writing in regards to the recent decision by the Transportation Commission, to not even consider Bel-Red for bike lanes. As someone who has biked in Bellevue a fair amount, I can say that an east-west connection is sorely needed. But importantly, we need bike lanes that connect to places people want to go like businesses & housing, not just through routes (like 520 trail). I would really benefit from being able to bike to my doctor near 12th & 120th.

Also, there are ALREADY a significant amount of people biking on Bel-Red, and one of Council's principles for this project is to improve safety. We can't keep letting those people fend for themselves; the city knows this corridor is dangerous and has a responsibility to improve it. TC's decision to remove Bel-Red from consideration does not align with Council's principles and definitely does not align with our Vision Zero goals. **We cannot achieve Vision Zero without improving the safety of Bel-Red for those walking & biking, period.** 

In addition to providing physical separation for bikes, bike lanes would also remove & narrow vehicle lanes, which is proven to be effective at reducing speeding during off-peak times, when Bel-Red otherwise looks like a runway for street-racing. It would shorten crossing distances for pedestrians, and sharpen turns to encourage drivers to turn more carefully. This improves safety for everyone.

Please help put this project back on track: Bike Bellevue was supposed to be quick-build infrastructure for the purpose of improving safety along these corridors. Bel-Red specifically is on the high-injury network and should be one of our highest priorities for safety improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Jer

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Gary Studt <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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ELIMINATION OF EXISTING VEHICULAR LANES IN FAVOR OF BICYCLE TRAFFIC WOULD ONLY FURTHER CRIPPLE CONGESTION AND OVERALL SAFETY FOR THE PUBLIC.

DURING MY YOUTH I ROAD MY BICYCLE ALL SUMMER LONG IN A MAJOR METROPOLIS IN THE MIDWEST. WE RODE ON SIDEWALKS (IF THEY EXISTED) OR IN THE THICK OF TRAFFIC. THERE WERE NO "DESIGATED BICYCLE LANES" AND WE DIDN'T WEAR HELMETS EITHER. WONDER OF WONDERS HOW DID I EVER SURVIVE!!!!! PLEASE, LET'S NOT PENALIZE MOTORISTS FOR THE SAKE OF A MINORITY OF

# OTHERS!!!!



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Klassy Evans <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Cathie Wlaschin <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Kwok Tam	
Bel-Red	

From:	leslieegeller@gmail.com
Sent:	Monday, August 5, 2024 12:00 PM
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Hello Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, and Councilmembers,

I am writing again to fervently request that you do not take away any vehicle lanes on Bel Red Rd. I understand there is yet another push to replace vehicle lanes with bike lanes. I urge you to not allow this to occur.

I apologize that his email is necessarily pithy because I had thumb surgery 3 weeks ago and my right hand is in a brace. So I am unable to type except with one finger on my left hand.

Thank You,

Leslie

Leslie Geller leslieegeller@gmail.com 206-940-6444 Eastgate resident

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Laurie Wilke <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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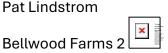
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Please add this as a party of record.

August 5, 2024

Dear Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Councilmembers Hamilton, Lee, Nieuwenhuis, Stokes, and Zahn,

My name is (name), a resident of Wilburton, conveniently located near Bel-Red Road and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

I am writing to express my gratitude and support for the recent decisions made by the Bellevue Transportation Commission regarding road safety and bicycle infrastructure in our city, specifically by voting to no longer consider Bel-Red Road for bicycle lanes which would be incredibly unsafe with its many driveways and busy intersections. As density increases, I imagine it will only get busier. Some of the Commissioners who supported removing Bel-Red from consideration are passionate cyclists themselves and share a vision of prioritizing safety and the City's Vision Zero goals. Additionally, at least one of the two Commissioners who wished to study Bel-Red further admitted that she is not a bicyclist herself.

In our area, aside from the future Spring Boulevard, there are only three main streets that serve as connectors near the light rail, connecting West Bellevue with East Bellevue—these are NE 8<sup>th</sup>, Northrup, and Bel-Red. Among these, Bel-Red, despite being the narrowest, is one of the most heavily used roads by drivers. It should be preserved to accommodate car trips made by residents and workers. With the expected growth of the BelRed District, the Spring District, and the Wilburton Vision Implementation, more congestion is anticipated.

Lately, the residential arterials between Bel-Red and NE 8<sup>th</sup> have seen an increase in traffic. Thankfully these arterials are not frequented by many bicyclists, which is a relief given the numerous residential driveways (including cottage housing driveways) open to these roads. A fatal bicycle accident involving a car turning left into one of these connected arterials occurred a few years ago.

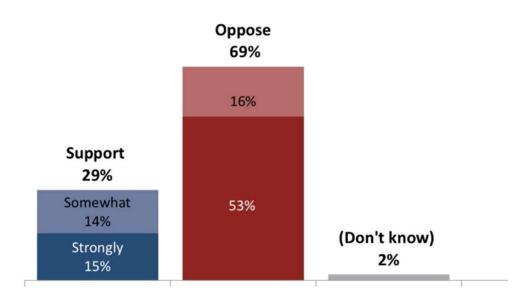
Furthermore, the increase in traffic on neighborhood arterials due to congestion on main roads poses a significant risk of storm water runoff pollution affecting the health of our neighborhood Kelsey Creek and Goff Creek, and the wildlife dependent on them in the neighborhood's riparian corridors.

Prioritizing limited resources on the completion of Spring Boulevard, with its planned design of one travel lane in each direction, protected bike lanes, and wide sidewalks, over the more congested Bel-Red Road is the right decision. This is a significant step towards enhancing road safety for everyone, including bicyclists. **This also prioritizes a direct connection between the Spring District Station and the Bel-Red rail station, potentially providing a separate study for how often the Spring District Boulevard will be used by bicyclists, as I have not encountered a bicyclist on all three road connections, NE 8<sup>th</sup>, Bel-Red, and Northrup for almost over a year.** 

Second, I appreciate the Council's decision last March to consider replacing car lanes only as a last resort. I want to thank Deputy Mayor Malakoutian for suggesting this option, Councilmember Dave Hamilton for strongly advocating for separate bike lanes instead of replacing car lanes, Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhaus for advocating for safety in lieu of replacing car lanes, and Conrad Lee for supporting resident input and safety. This decision is a relief for all Wilburton residents that I had discussions with who were concerned about road diet implementation in Bellevue.

Below is a snapshot of a poll of 400 Bellevue voters by EMC research showing that 69% oppose converting road lanes to bike lanes. This will reduce BelRed Road to one lane dedicated to cars and one lane to bicycles amidst the surrounding expected growth of over 14,000 plus housing units.

Bellevue is considering significant updates to its bicycle infrastructure plan. Would you support or oppose a plan to reduce six miles of arterial roadways in Downtown Bellevue, Wilburton, and Bel-Red from two lanes down to one lane to accommodate a dedicated bicycle lane?



Lastly, I would like to point our that the Commissioners, the community, have all voted in majority "NO" on a Bel-Red Road replacement. Holding to your commitment to safer roads and replacing roads as a last resort, especially on Bel-Red, is crucial. Funds are better spent on a temporary Spring District Blvd, which is slated for bike lane connections to Spring District.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Council for supporting the safer decision. Your commitment to safety and relieving congestion will brings us closer to achieving the goals of the Vision Zero initiative and a clear commitment to the well-being of all Bellevue residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Phyllis White

From:	phyllisjwhite@comcast.net
Sent:	Monday, August 5, 2024 10:53 AM
То:	Council; Robinson, Lynne; Malakoutian, Mo; Hamilton, Dave; Lee, Conrad; Nieuwenhuis, Jared; Stokes, John; Zahn, Janice
Cc:	Singelakis, Andrew; TransportationCommission
Subject:	Bel-Red Road Study Session for Council on 8/6/24
Attachments:	Letter of Appreciation for BelRedRd.docx
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Please add my email to the City's records.

Dear Bellevue Council,

Attached you will find a letter written for a study based on the recommendations of returning nonresident Urbanist activists (Whose organization website appears to have deleted information that their founders do not live in Bellevue but are putting ALL of their efforts to revive Bike Bellevue.) and their connected bicycle organizations regarding Bike Bellevue and Bel-Red Road. Their goal is to ultimately discourage people from driving cars, but this will likely lead to greater congestion on Bel-Red Road and NE 8th, as well as increased use of our neighborhood arterials with many driveways. Residents will be left with no other alternatives, as they will not use major transit or ride bicycles during the 9 months of cold, dark, wet weather, including snowy, rainy, thunderstorm, or windstorm conditions, with short daylight hours, especially after 4-4:30pm when it feels and looks like night. Moreover, many homeowners are real estate and small business owners who work at their home office or remotely and need their cars for their business uses.

Please consider those directly affected by your vote.

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Adding bike lanes will make it more safe.

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John Wu	
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From:	McDonald, Kevin
Sent:	Monday, August 5, 2024 3:49 PM
То:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	FW: Study Session 10a - Bike Bellevue Recommendations

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One more Council@ email as fyi.



# Michelle

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From: Kevin Wallace <<u>kwallace@wallaceproperties.com</u>> Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 5:51 PM To: Council <<u>Council@bellevuewa.gov</u>> Subject: Study Session 10a - Bike Bellevue Recommendations

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#### Dear Council,

I continue to brag about the excellent job the Council, Transportation Commission and Planning Commission have done this year in making principled decisions that balance the competing interests among your constituents. With respect to Bike Bellevue and transportation, earlier this year the Council gave clear guidance that the priority bicycle corridors should be completed, and that <u>road lanes should</u> <u>only be removed as a last resort</u>. This balances the competing interests of expanding the bicycle network with the need to maintain our scarce arterial road network to carry vehicles of all types and enable the growth in jobs and housing the Comprehensive Plan update proposes to authorize. These principles were taken to heart by the Transportation Commissions in the discussion of the Bike Bellevue corridors. The Transportation Commission has consistently recommended the implementation of Bike Bellevue segments that complete the priority bicycle corridors without removing road lanes. By following the TC's recommendations, Bellevue will be on the path to completing key priority corridors that make connections across downtown, Wilburton and Bel-Red, all without removing road lanes, and at what appears to be a reasonable cost.

The Transportation Commission has recommended to implement or continue to study every corridor they've deliberated on, except for Bel-Red Road. Their decision to eliminate this key arterial from further consideration were thoughtful and should be given deference. Other reasons to concur with the TC's recommendation to stop considering Corridors 3, 4 and 5 (Bel-Red Road):

- Bel-Red Road is not a priority bicycle corridor.
- It does not have the right of way necessary to add bike infrastructure without removing road lanes.
- It runs parallel to Spring Boulevard, and Spring Boulevard's (EW-2's) completion is the higher priority.
- It is also one of only a few Major Arterials in the City, carrying a high volume of traffic. We cannot afford to sacrifice this key arterial and at the same time call for the growth the Comp Plan is proposing in Wilburton and Bel-Red.
- Property owners and developers need certainty in order to pursue housing projects, and having a continued threat of the loss of an arterial road lane does not provide that certainty.
- Bellevue has scarce resources, and it's financially imprudent to try to pay for both Spring Boulevard and the expansion of Bel-Red Road for bike lanes, while myriad other needs and wants of the city remain unfunded.
- It will be difficult to collaborate next year on a visionary transportation plan if we have to continually deal with the threat of road diets instead of just maintaining the collaborative principles of providing transportation infrastructure for *all modes*, and only removing road lanes as a last resort.

Please adhere to your previously stated principles and the Transportation Commission's recommendations and designate Corridors 3, 4 and 5 as "Category 6", eliminating Bel-Red Road from further study.

Finally, there will be upcoming conversations on Corridors 1 and 10.

- Due to a lack of right of way, the only viable solutions for Corridor 1 (100<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE) are sharrows or nothing at all. Sharrows are appropriate for this low-traffic road.
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Thank you for your continued principled and balanced decision-making on this and other important issues.

# Kevin Wallace

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From:	Lara <laragarbage@gmail.com></laragarbage@gmail.com>
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Subject:	Written Communications - 8/6/24 - Bike Bellevue
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Hi,

This is Lara Gardner - my husband and I owned a home in Lake Hills near Crossroads for the last 7 years until moving in the last few months. I want to tell you my perspective of what's going on right now, as someone who has been closely following this project as well as similar initiatives in cities across the continent, and as someone whose household felt our only viable option to get around our neighborhood and our city was by car - a major contributor to why we moved to start our family elsewhere.

In March of 2023, Bellevue City Council approved principles to guide the Transportation Commission's work on "Bike Bellevue" - a plan to improve traffic safety on high injury network corridors connecting growth areas where we are planning for tens of thousands of new homes and residents. Projects like this are essential if Bellevue does not want to see skyrocketing road injuries, crippling congestion, and a decreasing quality of life as its population grows, so this was a great step in the right direction!

However, the recommendations that are coming from the Commission (including removing BelRed Rd from any future consideration or study) do not align with the principles that Council set for Bike Bellevue. The Commission's recommendations go against modern best practices, guidance from the federal government, the thoroughly researched design and insight of our professional transportation staff, the best interest of the people who live here and of our new neighbors who aren't here yet to advocate for their neighborhoods themselves.

Would you want to live sandwiched between BelRed Rd and Northup Way as they are today? How would you feel about raising kids there and getting them to school? How would you feel about the city discussing safety improvements and bike infrastructure to calm the hostile boundaries immediately adjacent to your home? You would probably have different opinions than someone whose only connection to your neighborhood was trying to get through it as fast as possible. (And remember, this won't actually add any perceivable delay for those drivers anyway - it will only slow down their max speeds. However, exponential delay will be inevitable if Bellevue doesn't empower most of its new residents to get around car-free).

More than a year has passed and we have moved backwards from our Vision Zero goal in that time. Meanwhile, people continue to be hurt and killed on our roads. Over 40,000 people die on our roads every year in the US - traffic engineering is a relatively new profession and the standards set when Bellevue was built are unsafe and outdated. Bike Bellevue was designed by the people we pay to design and manage our transportation system to reduce and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries in the system. Bike Bellevue follows the playbook used by many similar cities in the same situation - on-street, rapid-build facilities to cost-effectively roll out miles of safety improvements that benefit <u>all</u> <u>road users</u> and can be modified and improved over time as the city continues to develop.

My specific asks:

Removing BelRed Rd entirely from consideration was a mistake that needs to be corrected. The Transportation Commission's recommendations are not in line with the principles of safety, connectivity, or equity.

I am asking Council to give direction to the Transportation Department to implement rapid build facilities, on the high injury network corridors, as quickly and cost-effectively as possible - the original intent of Bike Bellevue.

Related: I am seriously disappointed it seems to continue to be true that the Transportation Commission still does not include a single non-driver. This body is tasked with making transportation recommendations for all of Bellevue's mobility and it seems to be entirely composed of people who usually or exclusively drive to get around the city. There are huge groups of residents with wildly different lived experiences getting around in Bellevue who are not represented or considered by this body. We get more livable neighborhoods and cities when we design for everyone.

-Lara Gardner

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Pat Lindstrom

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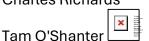
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Linda Van Hare		
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From: Sent: To: Subject: Nickols Realty, LLC <nickolsrealty@nickolsrealtyllc.com> Friday, August 2, 2024 3:08 PM Council Bel-Red Bike Lanes - Bad idea

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Dear Bellevue City Council,

As a property owner and manager of properties all throughout the Bel-Red corridor, I write in strong support of the Transportation Commission's recommendations on Bike Bellevue corridors 1, 3/4/5, and 11 (Northup, Bel-Red, and 140<sup>th</sup>) to no longer consider road diets or bike lanes on Bel-Red Road, which is a critical artery for my family and our business.

While some have argued additional study is needed, there has <u>already been</u> a **live study** on Bel-Red Road when recent construction (Spring-early Summer, 2024) of the property east of 130th Avenue and Bel-Red Road closed one westbound lane for just 1/2 a block. It resulted in long-backups past the 132nd Avenue interchange, causing long delays and congestion often taking 5-10 minutes to just pass through this bottleneck. To do so along the whole length would <u>suffocate</u> one of only 3 major east-west connections in Bellevue (NE 8th, Bel-Red Road, NE 20th/Northup Way).

Focus on funding and completing Spring Boulevard. Any further study or consideration of Bel-Red Road would require the City to spend additional tax dollars that would be better used on the completion of Spring Boulevard. The design options, costs and traffic impacts have been studied extensively by the City and its consultants, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars already. The Commission's recommendation is informed by this analysis and by overwhelming public opposition to road dieting Bel-Red Road.

As this is a study session item at Tuesday's Council meeting, I want to reiterate my opposition to (1) any road diet on Bel-Red Road, and (2) any further study of this corridor for bike lanes – whether that study be a temporary trial road diet, or a study of expansion of right-of-way to squeeze in bike lanes.

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Please do not make changes to the Transportation Commission's recommendation on Bel-Red Road, which is responsive to the City's analysis and the hundreds of letters and testimonies provided by Bellevue residents who need our roads to function safely and reliably. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Bradley Hickel

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Denise Strasser	
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Virginia Skordal

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Eileen Marshall Wilburton

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**Stephen Simmons** 

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Sincerely,

Paul Johnson

Lochmore/NE Bellevue



From:	Christina Huang <christinahuangji@gmail.com></christinahuangji@gmail.com>
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То:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue

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Hi,

My name is Christina H. and I live in downtown Bellevue near the downtown park. I walk everywhere to get around. I would like to bike if the streets were safer.

We should remove a car lane in both directions on Bellevue Way NE. The speeding, roaring sports cars on this road are a menace to the city and the people (like me) who live here and cross the road here.

Plus, I have some suggestions in support of Bike Bellevue:

Removing Bel-Red Rd entirely from consideration was a mistake that needs to be corrected. To assuage community concerns, we should build and fully fund pilot bike facilities on Bel-Red Rd so that we can collect real-world data on usage, safety, and impact to vehicle throughput.

The commission's recommendations have not always been in line with Council's guiding principles around safety (Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and minimize conflicts between roadway users through bikeway design) and connectivity (Implement a connected network of bicycle lanes that facilitate access to major destinations). Sharrows on NE 2nd St do not offer protection or added safety for bicyclists because, as staff themselves noted, sharrows are not infrastructure. Staff's Northup recommendation to rely on private redevelopment for the delivery of bicycle facilities will, by their own admission, leave significant gaps between isolated projects. We must ensure that we deliver bike facilities that are in line with Council-approved principles of safety, connectivity, and equity.

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Thank you so much!

Warmly, Christina Huang

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Shelly Johnson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Shelly Johnson

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Rose Grandstrom Woodridge

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ONE THING NOT MENTIONED; During bad weather, snow and heavy rain, many bicycle riders will be driving. The added congestion creates big danger for the few that do still ride. Imagine a bicycle sliding in the snow into/under a car.

Gary Hoffman	
Lake Hills	

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Bridle Trails	

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Sincerely,

Ellen Lamb



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Leslie Dever <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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We really want our message to be read and heard so that we have more to live.



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Kate Ridgeway	
Newport Shores	

From: Sent: To: Subject: Gina Milano <makeitsew2015@gmail.com> Sunday, August 4, 2024 9:30 PM Council Bike Bellevue Comment

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I am a longtime resident in Bellevue, and I am \*NOT\* in favor of all the road-sharing proposals for bicycles. I am no stranger to bicycles, and have even had an accident on a bicycle!

Years ago I trained for (and completed) the 50-mile ride with my Grandson so that he could earn his Boy Scout cycling badge. One of the best 'lessons' for a young, energetic boy is to SEE where danger might be. Those "ghost cycles' in Seattle were helpful!

Years later, I had 2 rotator cuff surgeries after a bicycle fall ... when my front tire got caught in a groove between a driveway and the street on 140th Ave NE in Bellevue. The City repaired the groove and claimed it was an "acceptable depth."

How many future lawsuit claims is the City willing to 'test?"

Maybe Bellevue needs to establish some Ghost Cycles, too ... and learn a lesson from Seattle.

http://ghostbikes.org/seattle#:~:text=As%20the%20site%20has%20said,severe%20accidents%20hav e%20taken%20place.

**AND**... Consider the proposed Aquatics Center for SPLASHForward. Bellevue could probably build it for less than the cost of Bike Bellevue.

An Aquatic Center would suit ALL AGES \*throughout\* the year!

Bike Bellevue will be expensive and would benefit a *significantly smaller* percentage of the population.

Gina Milano, Wilburton neighborhood

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Deirdre Walsh Somerset

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Kelly White Wilburton

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Sincerely,

Jeanette Egge Bridle Trails

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Lori Payne <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Lori Payne		
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jennifer Rush <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Jennifer Rush	
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of James Ridgeway <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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James Ridgeway	
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Emily White <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Sincerely,

Emily White Seattle

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jay Starr <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Suzanne Goodman		
Forest Ridge		

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Kimberly Smallwood <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Kimberly Smallwood		
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Forest Ridge Estates II

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Andrew Pope		
College Hill	*	

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Sincerely,

Judith Schwartz Bellevue

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of CHI CHEN <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Pamela Randolph <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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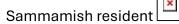
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Sincerely,

Pamela Randolph



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Aggie Sera <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Aggie Sera	
Downtown	

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Sincerely,

Donne Ferraro Woodridge

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of joanie muth <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 5:26 PM
То:	Council; cityclerk
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Nancy Jones Woodridge

From: Sent: To: Subject: Karen Demaree <kbdem@outlook.com> Sunday, August 4, 2024 5:22 PM Council SAY NO to Bike lane on Bel Red

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Dear Members of the Bellevue City Council;

I write to implore you to not allow "activists" from Seattle and elsewhere, those who do not live around here or use this roadway, to convince you that removing a lane now used by vehicles on the important Bel Red corridor is in the best interest of those who live here and drive on Bel Red. A study, costing monies better spent elsewhere, is not needed. I urge you to support the Transportation Commission's recommendation to eliminate Bel-Red Road from further consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Karen Demaree

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of William Wahl <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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I have never seen a bicyclist on Bel-Red Road since 1964.

Sincerely,

William Wahl Enatai

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Christina Steere <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Vipul Patel

From:	L Dong <ledong91@gmail.com></ledong91@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 5:04 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission; Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue - safer Bel-Red

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Hello,

I live on the Eastside and commute to Bellevue for errands, appointments, and social events. I do not own a car. I bike as an efficient and environmentally sustainable mode of transportation, but I often find it difficult to do so when I feel unsafe on roads designed for cars.

Removing Bel-Red Rd entirely from consideration was a mistake that needs to be corrected. To assuage community concerns, we should build and fully fund pilot bike facilities on Bel-Red Rd so that we can collect real-world data on usage, safety, and impact to vehicle throughput.

The commission's recommendations have not always been in line with Council's guiding principles around safety ("Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and <u>minimize conflicts between roadway users through bikeway design</u>") and connectivity ("Implement a <u>connected network of bicycle lanes</u> that facilitate access to major destinations"). Sharrows on NE 2nd St do not offer protection or added safety for bicyclists because, as staff themselves noted, sharrows are not infrastructure. Staff's Northup recommendation to rely on private redevelopment for the delivery of bicycle facilities will, by their own admission, leave significant gaps between isolated projects. We must ensure that we deliver bike facilities that are in line with Council-approved principles of safety, connectivity, and equity.

Council action on March 25th explicitly rejected the approach that motor vehicle lanes should never be reallocated for bicycle facilities. However, commission action on Bel-Red Rd, NE 2nd St, and other facilities indicates that this is how staff and the commission have interpreted Council direction around "last resort" - as a direction to avoid reallocating motor vehicle lanes, even at the expense of rapid, safe bicycle facilities. **Council should give direction to return to the original purpose of Bike Bellevue - infrastructure delivered rapidly to increase mobility and improve safety for all road users in line with the city's 2030 Vision Zero goal.** 

Please do your part in expanding mobility options and making Bellevue a healthier community for all.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Roopa Bhat <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 5:03 PM
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Using bicycles for commuting and personal chores is becoming increasingly and exponentially more popular in Bellevue for both health-related benefits, safety, decreasing resource use, as well as environmental protection reasons.

Adding bike lanes makes it safer for both cyclists and drivers who would interact at busy intersections and driveways.

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Let's continue to focus our time and resources on expanding the safer bicycle connect projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Roopa Bhat	
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Robert Israel <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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There is already enough gridlock on BelRed Road especially in the morning afternoon and at mid-day. Just check it out. Sincerely,

Robert Israel

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Michael Mathewson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Michael Mathewson		
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Nicole Darland <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Life-long Bellevue Resident since 1975

Nicole Darland Enatai

From:	Valentina Vaneeva <eittaf@outlook.com></eittaf@outlook.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 4:43 PM
То:	Council
Cc:	Singelakis, Andrew
Subject:	Bike lanes save lives and don't affect emergency response

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Hello Council members,

I have recently come across a paper by University of Iowa researchers on whether bike lane and road diet measures affect emergency response time: <u>Impact of 4-to-3 lane conversions on emergency response</u>. In short, they don't, despite what people originally believed.

A nice summary of the paper can be found on a popular outlet Ars Technica, <u>Bike lanes and narrowed</u> <u>streets don't slow emergency vehicles</u>. Seattle's <u>The Urbanist</u> also covers this paper, with some additional context from Seattle Fire Department.

Of course, all of this directly applies to Bike Bellevue.

Thank you for reading!

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From:	Evelyn Loh <efloh@hotmail.com></efloh@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 7:15 PM
То:	Council
Subject:	Bike lane on Bel-Red Road

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Dear Bellevue Council Member:

My husband and I are not in favor for putting a bike lane on Bel-Red Rd instead of designated truck and commuter lane. As it is, our city traffic has become over crowded. Bel-Red Rd is used much for the hospitals, doctor's offices and connecting to the north eastern side of the city. Bike lane will just cause more concerns for the drivers and safety for bikers. It will be like placing another hindrance for the drivers.

We ask the Council Members seriously consider for the road safety and all who live in Bellevue not to consider in favor of the change in question.

Respectfully,

Evelyn and Laurence Loh Sent from my iPad

From:	Jared Sager <jaredscottsager@gmail.com></jaredscottsager@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 6:56 PM
То:	Council; Singelakis, Andrew; TransportationCommission
Subject:	Written Communications, 8/6/24, Bike Bellevue

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Hello, my name is Jared S. I live in Bellevue downtown and work near Redmond Technology Station. I use my bicycle combined with public transportation for all my trips. However, I run into challenges along my routes such as bike lanes appearing and then disappearing. This forces me to merge with pedestrians or into lanes of traffic where cars are not expecting me. Especially when I use Bel-red road to go to the dentist office, visit a friend, or try a restaurant, the lack of bike lanes or calming make the journey very stressful, reducing the trips I am willing to take. Please implement bike facilities along Bel-red, or at least temporary facilities to gather data.

Similarly, I feel that Northup Way should not rely on private redevelopment to create facilities. This will just lead to more disconnected segments of bike facilities which force cyclists to dangerously weave in out of traffic or pedestrians along the route. Intead, we need to reallocate vehicle lanes if we are serious as a city about creating reliably safe biking corridors and promote safety, connectivity, and equity.

Thank you, Jared

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Leonid Baraz <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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I know it seems like a great idea to cover the city in bike lanes but there needs to be a reality check and use of common sense. Cars are not going away, nor can everyone conveniently use public transportation or convert to riding a bike. Taking away a lane on any road is permanent plus there is the cost of putting in a bike lane. A bike lane benefits very few people while the loss of a traffic lane inconveniences many. Bellevue has seen an enormous growth resulting in increased use of major roadways so it makes absolutely no sense to reduce lanes. Think long term and what benefits the majority of citizens!

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of John Bellay <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Sincerely, Paul Switzer

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Sincerely,

Janelle Bublitz Wilburton

From: Sent: To: Subject: Patsy N. <patsy.neher@gmail.com> Sunday, August 4, 2024 6:26 PM Council Bike Bellevue

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Hello Council Members,

Please don't reduce car or truck lanes and replace with bike lanes. How about repurposing some of Bellevue's sidewalk space as bike lanes? Repurposing will provide a safe curb and will not cause traffic congestion. Most of Bellevue offers generous sidewalk space and on both sides of the street.

Thank you for considering other viewpoints. Open debate is needed and helpful in today's fractured society.

Best,

Patsy Neher

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Barb Masiello <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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From:	Karrie Murphy <karriemurp@msn.com></karriemurp@msn.com>
Sent:	Sunday, August 4, 2024 6:14 PM
То:	Council
Subject:	Re- PLEASE NO BIKE LANE ON BEL RED

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I feel this is an afterthought. If it would've been put in before the big apartments were built and not decrees a road lane. It would've made sense and been safe. This is not practical or safe.! Thanks for listening -Karrie Murphy Bellevue resident since 1995

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Richard Hughes <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Sincerely,

Richard Hughes Bridletrails

From:	Virginia Skordal <rskordal@comcast.net></rskordal@comcast.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 8:50 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Thank you
Categories:	Red Category

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Thank you so much for listening to our concerns and understanding our tensions driving with bicycles Virginia Skordal

Sent from my iPhone

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Phil Stewart <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Friday, April 12, 2024 7:23 AM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
Categories:	Red Category

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From:	Larry Stern <ldstern@mac.com></ldstern@mac.com>
Sent:	Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:14 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	l Support Bike Bellevue

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project. [WRITE YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE HERE!]

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From:	Riley Avron <ravron@posteo.net></ravron@posteo.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:09 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	Written Communications - May 23rd, 2024
Categories:	Red Category

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I want to express my support for the current two-way cycle track design on corridor 6A. Sharrows are at best useless, and some evidence suggests they may actually make things worse by encouraging bikers to ride on streets freely intermingled with cars.

The commission talks periodically about the importance of balancing modes, which I agree with. The balance is, and remains, totally skewed towards motor vehicles to the detriment of everyone else. No one ever says "hey, is there a car lane on that street?" Of course there is — every street has a car lane — usually several! Yet when cyclists request a safer, separated lane on even a few streets, that's a bridge too far.

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Riley

From:	McDonald, Kevin
Sent:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 10:46 AM
То:	Valentina Vaneeva
Cc:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	RE: 06/13: Bike Bellevue Transportation Commission Agenda Memo
Categories:	Red Category

Hi Valentina - thanks for your message. The correct categorization for Corridor 6A (NE 1st/2nd Street between 100th Ave NE ad Bellevue Way) is Category 6: "Corridors that would no longer be considered and provide a rationale as to why". The category is slightly confusing and would be more clear if it read "....would no longer be considered <u>as proposed in the Draft Bike Bellevue Design Guide</u> and provide...."

The Commission supported a "sharrow" treatment with traffic calming and speed limit reduction to 20mph. The corridor will still be implemented, just differently than in the Bike Bellevue proposal. Kevin

-----Original Message-----From: Valentina Vaneeva <eittaf@icloud.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 5:42 PM To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov> Cc: McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov> Subject: 06/13: Bike Bellevue Transportation Commission Agenda Memo

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Hello commission members,

I missed your last month's meeting and have just watched the recording online. I have noticed that when discussing segment 6A, the commission did NOT recommend to categorize it as "Category 6: Corridors that would no longer be considered and provide a rationale as to why". Instead, in the final vote, it was supposed to be categorized as Category 7.

The agenda for your tomorrow's meeting, however, mistakenly states that it will be Category 6: https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbellevue.legistar.com%2FView.ashx%3FM%3DF%2 6ID%3D13010596%26GUID%3D15C75786-565C-4FDE-9365-

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As this is part of the public record, please fix categorization in the memo to avoid confusion! Thank you!

From:	Eric Durr <pantone354c@gmail.com></pantone354c@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:21 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	I Support Bike Bellevue

Categories:

Red Category

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

This would be a great addition to Bellevue and would support the effort to make our city a great place to live.

Eric

**Categories:** 

From:	Dimitar Kumanov <kumanovdd@gmail.com></kumanovdd@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:44 PM
То:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	l Support Bike Bellevue

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project. [WRITE YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE HERE!]

From:	Bob Smith <secondemail2784@gmail.com></secondemail2784@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, May 6, 2024 4:06 PM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission
Subject:	I Support Bike Bellevue
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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

I like biking in the area, so I support more bike lanes. Some of those roads are kinda scary. Thanks

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	rick-davis@comcast.net Saturday, May 4, 2024 5:29 PM Council TransportationCommission Thanks for representing the values and priorities of our residents vs small special interests and staff
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#### Bellevue City Council Members-

As one of the majority of your residents, I thank the Council for turning down bike lane proposals that replaced driving lanes. This is a great example of the Council representing the majority in our city vs small, but aggressive, special interests. The willingness of staff to form a coalition with outside [regional] interest groups to the detriment of our quality of life and the interests of the vast majority of our residents is a concern. I encourage the Council to make clear to staff that decisions need to be guided by the values and interests of our residents at large. Please work to keep Bellevue the place we chose to move to.

Thanks for representing your residents on this issue.

Best Success

Rick

Rick Davis <u>Rick-davis@comcast.net</u> 206.909.6020

From:	Tyler Zender <tylerjzender@gmail.com></tylerjzender@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, May 23, 2024 6:03 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Written Communications - May 23rd, 2024
Categories:	Red Category

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Hi, I wanted to write regarding the proposed changes to some Bike Bellevue corridors.

I'd like to specifically address corridor 6A and the intent to downgrade this corridor's improvements to sharrows. In contrast to any type of bike lane, sharrows are a joke. Sharrows do not constitute a legitimate means of improving safety for cyclists. They do not offer any physical protection for cyclists. To make a meaningful impact to achieve the vision zero goals laid out the originally planned physical protection is needed. The original Bike Bellevue plan acknowledges this with its complete lack of planning any additional sharrows given their widely understood lack of impact on safety. This pivot due to business pressure due to claims of 'congestion' is a bias and unfair process for watering down an originally respectable plan.

I also would like to address the plan to use Spring Boulevard as an alternate route in place of Northup Way or Bel-Red Rd. and the addition of plans to study this route for quick-build alternatives. No matter the specifics, using Spring Boulevard as a substitute is certain to take years longer than either of the originally planned routes. Given Bike Bellevue is far from fully funded, the expanded costs of using this route as an alternative is not feasible. This is all in addition to the minimal projected impacts to travel times on the originally planned routes of only a few seconds, more than justifying the original plan laid out for this project.

Please stop watering down Bike Bellevue. The existing studies have already done enough to showcase minimal impacts to the planned routes for this project. Please move forward with the project as originally outlined without delay.

Regards, Tyler Zender

From:	Nicole Myers <nicolemikomyers@gmail.com></nicolemikomyers@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:28 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Virtual Grand Connection?
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Commission members and CM Nieuwenhuis,

I am looking forward to the TDM discussion this week and wonder if this might be an opportunity to discuss support for a virtual Grand Connection. I think this could be part of the effort for "strong promotion of new non-drive-alone transportation options." A Virtual Grand Connection could temporarily offer people a free one-stop ride on East Link from Downtown to the Wilburton station. This would increase safe connectivity from Eastrail into Downtown, boosting active uses in the whole area, and perhaps encouraging ridership along other parts of the line.

Since it will be years before the Grand Connection will fill the gap across 405, I also think there would be a lot of value in giving Downtown residents and workers a taste of this experience now. We might see the most benefit from a well-publicized two week period that overlaps the end of summer and the beginning of the school year.

A focused time frame would also raise the possibility of organizing a few events, like swing dancing, live music performances, and art walks, which could be hosted at the City Hall plaza or the Whole Foods parking lot or somewhere else that's walkable from Eastrail. If people are allowed to hang art along Eastrail, the trail itself might become the destination.

Many people would hesitate to pay the full fare for a single stop ride, but perhaps be open to continued ridership once they've had a chance to try it. I don't think this would reduce the fare revenue collected by Sound Transit, though it would entail slightly increased costs for cleaning and security. The next Sound Transit board meeting is this week, but they do meet monthly. I think it would be a reasonable lift to raise funds and negotiate with Sound Transit before the end of the summer, but if this takes more time, we could always schedule it for later in the fall.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this suggestion!

Sincerely, Nicole Myers

From:	Mark Hakanson <hakanson.mark@gmail.com></hakanson.mark@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 5:17 PM
To:	TransportationCommission; Council
Subject:	I Do Not Support Bike Bellevue
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to spending additional tax dollars to add more bike lanes in Bellevue. This is already one of the most bikeable cities in the country. In fact, it's more accessible by bike than foot (lookin at you, 112th Ave NE).

Please allocate these funds to initiatives that will benefit more than just the narrow population of bicyclists in our city.

Sincerely, Mark Hakanson Bellevue Homeowner/Resident Letter to Transportation Commission 7/11/2024

#### Regarding 'Bike Bellevue'

- 1. Please do not ever put bike lanes on **Bel-Red** road. Do not ever remove vehicle travel lanes. Please remove Bel-Red from the Bike Bellevue project now.
- 2. Ditto for Northup.

Please focus instead on **Spring Boulevard** – this has been planned and is way calmer and safer for cyclists. Spring Boulevard would be a better fit with the City's Vision Zero initiative. Traffic and numerous business (and housing) entrances/exits on Bel-Red and Northup make bike lanes unsafe for cyclists on these roads.

3. On 140<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, please repaint the 'sharrows'. Do not do anything with the 140<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> junctions. Weren't these recently worked on at big expense to the taxpayer? Don't remove vehicle capacity – you have enough space to use the Highland pathway to create a bike path. Please do not remove any vehicle travel lanes or turn lanes – those of us living in Bridle Trails know that this would cause chaos in the Safeway/Bel Red area. It is already congested at peak times.

You have creative solutions to provide safe bike paths using Spring Boulevard to form east/west and north/south bike lanes without removing any vehicle travel lanes. Please think creatively as the development we are now seeing (and that is planned) in Wilburton, Northup etc. will increase the use of the vehicle lanes.

Please consider carefully to keep vehicle traffic in Bellevue flowing. To keep true to our Vision Zero goals by focusing our cycle paths on Spring Boulevard and the public right of way already owned by the City.

Thank you,

Barbara Hughes

21 year resident of Bridle Trails, Bellevue

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Randolph Dearth <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Friday, July 12, 2024 9:31 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Randolph Dearth

Lake Hills

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of JoAnne Baseler <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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JoAnne Baseler Bridle Trails

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Rod Mclachlan

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Kwok Tam <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:10 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Kwok Tam

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Joe Kohler <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:30 PM
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Joe Kohler

Tam O'Shanter	×

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Carol Kohler <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Carol Kohler	
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Gary Hoffman <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Gary Hoffman

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Sincerely, Carl Vander Hoek

Carl Vander Hoek Old Bellevue

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Sara Bassford <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 5:10 PM
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Sara Bassford

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jennifer Rush <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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As a resident of the Wilburton neighborhood, we frequently use these two roads to access businesses that use (dentist/pharmacy/groceries). With the growth that is being planned in Wilburton and Bel-Red, we need to preserve these heavily traveled roads to accommodate growth in traffic and keep our communities moving.

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Jennifer Rush Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jean Heiser <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Megara Potts Spiritridge

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Victor Bishop <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 4:02 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
Categories:	Red Category

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Victor Bishop

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Tom Kurth <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:45 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Tom Kurth

Bridle Trails/Rose Hill



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Rick Davis <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:15 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
Categories:	Red Category

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Dear Transportation Commission,

I am disappointed that the council majority's direction did not already close down these proposed lane abandonments. The reality of today and at least the next decade is that we will have more cars working harder to get to their destinations. The auto count overwhelms the potential bike count. Only a limited demographic is going to frequently rely on bicycles in lieu of using their automobiles or public transportation.

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**Rick Davis** 

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Roy Tuschhoff <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:04 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Roy Tuschhoff		
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From:	Catherine B <tome.geek@rocketmail.com></tome.geek@rocketmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:40 PM
To:	Council; TransportationCommission; bikebellevue@outlook.com
Subject:	Opposing the removal of car lanes to add bike lanes
Categories:	Red Category

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Bellevue already has a significant traffic problem. Removing car lanes will only make the problem worse. Also, the climate of Bellevue means that use of the bike lanes is only tenable (to most) part of the year. Please do not remove our car lanes!

Catherine

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of jeffrey johnson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 11:11 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Richard Kreines <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:41 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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It would also be very helpful if the city of Bellevue spent more time enforcing the laws that apply to bike riders, since I have been the victim of several incident involving bicycle riders who, in those cases, have ignored existing laws, particularly when it comes to the use of Motorized Bicycles and scooters, Summerbridge can travel at high speeds and cause a real hazard to people like me when we are walking. As we look to shape the future of our city, please save the streets we depend on for mobility and expand the bike network at the same time by making reasonable and careful decisions about where we place bike planes.

Richard Kreines

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Nor Hansen <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:35 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Lori VanderZanden <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent: To: Subject:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:30 AM TransportationCommission Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
Categories:	Red Category

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Lori VanderZanden

Westlake Sammamish



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Phil Nyberg <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 9:16 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Phil Nyberg		
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Ronda Patrick <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:46 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Ronda Patrick	
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Elizabeth Spohn <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:41 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Elizabeth Spohn		
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of William Horton <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:34 AM
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William Horton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jean Mccleary <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:26 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Jean Mccleary Factoria

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Frank Shields <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:13 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Frank Shields



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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Jennifer Shields <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:10 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Jennifer Shields

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Randy Berry <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 7:14 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of James Paulson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Thursday, July 11, 2024 3:33 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
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James Paulson

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Albert kwan <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:43 PM
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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Dan Mizumori <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 7:44 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
Categories:	Red Category

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Dan Mizumori Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Harrison Ryker <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 4:30 PM
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Harrison Ryker Spiritridge

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Ana Ryker <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Ana Ryker

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To:	TransportationCommission
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Ted Wilson

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Paul Johnson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Paul Johnson

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Northeast Bellevue/Lochmore

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Shelly Johnson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 4:20 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Shelly Johnson

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From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Daniel Thompson <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 2:28 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Daniel Thompson	
Mercer Island	

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of C. Hunter Branham <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent: To: Subject:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 11:31 AM TransportationCommission Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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C. Hunter Branham Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of zubair ansari <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:39 AM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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zubair ansari



From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Suzanne Goodman <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent: To: Subject:	Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:15 AM TransportationCommission Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
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Suzanne Goodman Forest Ridge

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of cheryl wang <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:35 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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cheryl wang Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Christin Kulinski <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 5:26 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
Subject:	Opposition to bike lanes on Bel-Red and Northup
Categories:	Red Category

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Dear Transportation Commission,

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Christin Ku <u>linsk</u> i		
Rockwood		

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Todd Woosley <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 4:52 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Todd Woosley

From: Sent: To:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Simon Boothroyd <hello@livablebellevue.com> Tuesday, July 9, 2024 4:33 PM TransportationCommission</hello@livablebellevue.com>
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Simon Boothroyd

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of John Wu <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:34 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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John Wu Wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Richard Hughes <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:25 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Richard Hughes Bridle Trails

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of lee white <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:19 PM
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lee white wilburton

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Barbara Lyle <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:02 PM
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Barbara Lyle	
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South Bellevue		

From:	hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of Lois Diemert <hello@livablebellevue.com></hello@livablebellevue.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:56 PM
To:	TransportationCommission
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Thank you for your consideration.

John Iwanski

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Phyllis White





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To Chair Stash, Transportation Commissioners, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, and staff:

Our organization – representing people who walk, bike, roll, or take transit in the Eastside's largest city – thanks you all for your tireless work advancing Bike Bellevue. We applaud the approval of three segments of bicycle infrastructure along multiple key corridors. Using existing Bike Bellevue funds, staff can now deliver projects that will measurably improve connectivity and safety for cyclists – all because of your action.

At tonight's meeting, your body is poised to make another critical decision for Bike Bellevue's implementation, but we fear that the suggested outcome does not conform to Council direction or Vision Zero best practices. Per staff's recommendation, your body is slated to vote to approve the implementation of sharrows (shared lane markings) for the portion of NE 1<sup>st</sup> & NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St from 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Bellevue Way NE- a segment just barely over a quarter-mile in length. Staff justify this decision with the following text:

"Together with existing mid-block pedestrian crossings, the raised intersection at the south entrance to the Downtown Park with all-way stop, landscaped medians, a planned all-way stop at 100th Avenue NE, and low traffic volume (est. 4,000 average daily vehicles both directions total) and 25 mph speed limit, sharrows will help reinforce a calm traffic environment that will be comfortable to most users."

This is a statement that contradicts real-world experiences of everyday Eastside cyclists and speaks against scientific literature highlighting the dangers of sharrows. There is an ample body of work – including studies by <u>Garber et al. 2023</u><sup>1</sup> and <u>Ferenchak & Marshall 2016</u><sup>2</sup> – that underscores that implementing sharrows in lieu of protected bicycle facilities can actually *increase* danger to cyclists over not taking any action at all. This is an important point, so it bears additional emphasis – **implementing sharrows alone can ultimately contribute to more dangerous conditions for cyclists than implementing nothing at all**.

Additionally, not only do sharrows provide no protection or physical separation for vulnerable road users, but they do very little to change driver behavior. Impatient drivers stuck behind a slower bicycle are just as likely to react poorly or aggressively whether there is a sharrow marking on the street or not. With the posted speed limit of 25 mph, most bike riders *will* be traveling slower than prevailing vehicle traffic – a fact that already limits the efficacy of this infrastructure to all but the most fearless riders. But apart from this, despite staff claims of calming road conditions providing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Garber, Michael D., Watkins, Kari E., Flanders, W. Dana, Kramer, Michael R., Lobelo, R.L. Felipe, Mooney, Stephen J., Ederer, David J., McCullough, Lauren E. *Bicycle infrastructure and the incidence rate of crashes with cars: A case-control study with Strava data in Atlanta*. Journal of Transport & Health 32. 2023. https://doi.org/10.1016/i.jth.2023.101669.

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mitigation, the inherent speed and size differential between multiple modes will create conflict. As an organization concerned with the safety of everyone who gets around Bellevue, but especially the safety of vulnerable road users, we are fearful that these are conflicts that will place bike riders in significant danger.

In their original eight guiding principles, Bellevue City Council stressed the importance of advancing bicycle facilities that promote **safety** and **equity**. To quote definitions from their transmittal letter:

**Safety**: Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and minimize conflicts between roadway users through bikeway design.

**Equity:** Promote equity and inclusion in the development and delivery of bicycle projects.

It is clear that implementing sharrows alone on this Downtown street would not reduce either the frequency or severity of crashes, nor would the number of conflicts between bikes and motor vehicles decrease. In fact, the number of conflicts might actually increase, as bike riders that are encouraged to use the roadway might be granted a false sense of security when the material road conditions (speed, driver behavior, etc.) will not have changed. Furthermore, staff have not followed Council vision for equitable engagement when developing this proposal, as the shift to sharrows from the extensively-studied protected cycle track has not been justified by any public outreach, report, or recent stakeholder engagement.

In their memo, staff cite access concerns to both the Downtown Playground parking lot and a garage from an upcoming development (Bosa's Park Row) at the corner of NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St & Bellevue Way NE as reasons for abandoning a cycle track design. It is true that the cycle track, as currently proposed, would create conflicts for vehicle drivers entering and exiting the park, as drivers turning left to enter the park would be impeded by drivers waiting to turn left out of the park, which could create bottlenecks. Additionally, it is true that Bosa Development has expressed concerns about how the two-way cycle track would affect access to their development's garage. **However, there are solutions to both of these issues that staff have not fully evaluated – importantly, these solutions could be implemented within Bike Bellevue's budget & compliant with Council direction.** 

Our organization has spoken with representatives from Bosa Development to understand their access concerns, learn about the outreach city staff have conducted, and brainstorm potential solutions. We have provided all of our communications in an attached PDF for your review. In essence, the development's main concerns are in the ability for motorists to access the Park Row garage from Bellevue Way NE. In the original design, using the northern, westbound lane of NE 2<sup>nd</sup> for the cycle track would thus eliminate this access and represent a substantial impact to their development. However, this access issue can be solved and the cycle track maintained by keeping the two way cycle track in the northernmost lane, but converting the southern lane of NE 1<sup>st</sup>/NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St to westbound traffic. Alternatively stated, the current design of the cycle track could be maintained and the access concerns could be addressed by merely reversing the direction of travel on the remaining vehicle lane.

We have attached rudimentary draft schematics for your review, but to describe the proposal's advantages in more detail:



- By maintaining direct access to NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St from Bellevue Way, residents & shoppers will still be able to enter the Park Row development's garage. In their communications with our organization, representatives from Bosa Development have confirmed that this proposal would address their principal concerns (see attached file). It is worrying to us that representatives from Bosa Development have not been consulted by staff since the change in project leadership and that they were not aware of the switch to sharrows. This furthers the perception that, contrary to the Council-approved Engagement principal, no active engagement was conducted in the development of this infrastructure proposal.
- Changing the direction of vehicle travel would eliminate access concerns to the Downtown Park playground. In the current design, backlogs of traffic could form by vehicles waiting to turn left out of the park being blocked by vehicles waiting to turn left into the park. With a change in traffic direction, entering and exiting vehicles now each need to turn right to enter the parking lot, meaning they do not come into conflict with one another.
- Maintaining a design that separates bicyclists from motor vehicle traffic improves safety and predictability for all users while implementing infrastructure that is accessible to people of all ages and abilities. At the two points along the road segment where vehicle traffic would intersect with the cycle track, increased signage, paint, and other best practices can be incorporated to reduce risk (a risk significantly less than the one posed by merely implementing sharrows)
- This proposal can be a viable way to use the remaining Bike Bellevue funds. According to best available estimates from staff reports, there are approximately \$700,000 in Council-appropriated Bike Bellevue funds remaining, given that \$3.5 million is to be spent on the implementation of the previously-approved corridors and \$300,000 has been spent on consulting fees. It is our organization's belief that, if deployed creatively, these funds could sufficiently cover the expense needed.

This infrastructure can also be implemented within the existing categorization framework that Council has directed you to use. In their March 25<sup>th</sup> direction, City Council empowered your body to consider infrastructure that would repurpose vehicular travel space as a last resort. Given that sharrows do not deliver bicycle infrastructure that improves safety, connectivity, and equity in our city, **it can be said that there is currently no other viable option to deliver bicycle facilities on this corridor.** Procedurally, the Transportation Commission could proceed with this proposal in the following ways:

- Your body could vote to categorize NE 1<sup>st</sup> / NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St (Corridor 6A) as a corridor to be implemented with permanent infrastructure. Given that it would then represent a corridor that would repurpose vehicle travel lanes as a last resort, pilot facilities could be implemented using existing Bike Bellevue funds to study the infrastructure's efficacy and effect on traffic flow. If the pilot succeeds, more permanent facilities could be deployed in the future to fortify the infrastructure.
- Alternatively, the Commission could still vote to remove this corridor from the Bike Bellevue program, but direct staff to conduct scoping on our proposal for both budget & engineering feasibility, similar to the body of work formally conducted outside the scope of Bike Bellevue to study the Spring Blvd multipurpose path.

On this last point, our organization would note that, independent of explicit Commission and Council direction, staff felt empowered to scope a Spring Blvd proposal put forward by



several key business interests. Through that scoping, it was found that this infrastructure proposal would cost \$18.5 million – equivalent to the entire cost of the Bike Bellevue program – merely to implement less than half a mile of bicycle facilities. We admire staff's willingness to formally review this idea, and we applaud their recommendation to not move forward with it.

We mention this because of staff's renewed commitment, both publicly and privately, to treat all stakeholders equally in the Bike Bellevue process. We are hopeful that our good faith proposal will be similarly scoped & vetted by staff – especially given that our idea represents a significantly smaller investment in cost & time. If it is not properly evaluated, we fear that the public perception will persist that not all stakeholders are being given equal footing in this process.

We hope that our organization has made clear the safety dangers that sharrows pose, but in closing, we'd also note the impact that this action would have on Bellevue's perception as a Vision Zero city. Given that there is widespread consternation of sharrows within the cycling and street safety communities, we fear the message that would be sent by representatives of the City of Bellevue reneging on fully protected, all-ages-and-abilities, LTS 1 infrastructure to instead implement mere paint on the ground. To many in our community, this action would represent a significant step back in our commitment to street safety, and we urge your body to critically evaluate staff's proposal.

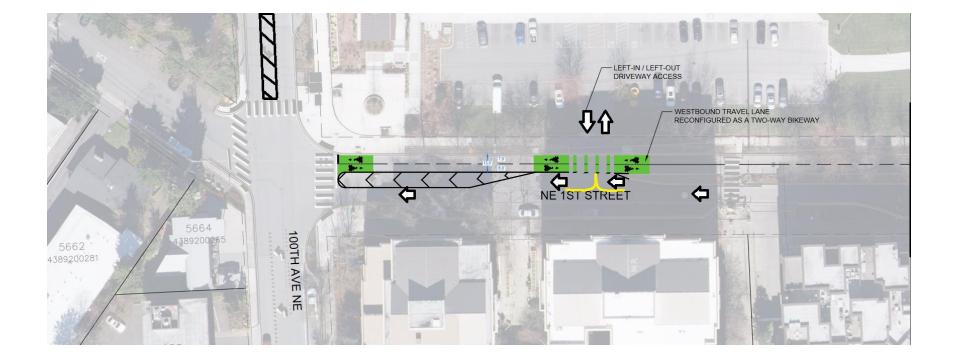
Regardless of your action this evening, we thank you each for your commitment to making Bellevue's transportation system work better for everyone. We remain available to answer any questions about this letter & its contents.

Sincerely,

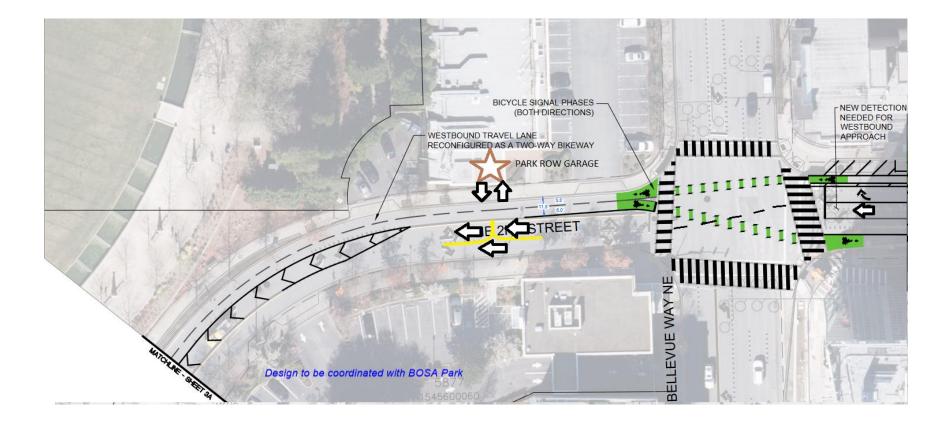
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# **Urgent - Connection re: Bellevue, WA Transportation Commission Discussion** 6 messages

Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> To: plamme@bosadevelopment.com Tue, May 21, 2024 at 11:03 AM

Bcc: Arman Bilge <armanbilge@gmail.com>, Lara Gardner <eastsideurbanism@gmail.com>

Good morning Mr. Lamme,

I hope this email finds you well. I just got off the phone after speaking with your colleague Cherry (or perhaps Terry, my apologies), who said that reaching out to you would be a proper course of action.

I am the director of a community advocacy organization called Complete Streets Bellevue in Bellevue, WA, and through outreach and education, we focus on improving conditions for people walking, biking, and taking transit within the largest city on the eastside of Lake Washington. I'm reaching out because our organization follows city meetings that relate to transportation, and I wanted to make your organization aware of a meeting occurring on the evening of this Thursday, May 23rd that might interest you.

At that meeting, city staff are providing a recommendation on bicycle infrastructure for the section of NE 1st / NE 2nd St from 100th Ave NE to Bellevue Way NE - a segment of roadway immediately south of Bosa's Park Row development. This meeting represents the culmination of over a year's worth of work regarding bicycle infrastructure on this and other corridors throughout the city of Bellevue.

It is our understanding that members of Bellevue staff have been in contact with representatives of Bosa Development throughout this process in order to plan the originally proposed two-way cycle track for this road segment (found on page 29, or 32 of 55). Additionally, public-facing outreach reports have not mentioned any concerns from your organization regarding the project. However, a new project manager is suggesting that Bellevue's Transportation Commission walk back the proposed cycle track and instead install bike sharrows, citing access concerns for the Park Row development (you'll find this mentioned under "Staff Recommendation for the NE 2nd Street Corridor 6B" on page 2).

I wanted to find out if you or others within Bosa were previously aware of this change in recommendation, or if someone within the organization had expressed concerns regarding access that prompted these changes? If you're amenable, I would love to speak more regarding this issue and better understand Bosa's vision for bicycle infrastructure near its development. Given the rapidly-approaching nature of the public meeting, I'm hopeful that you might be available for a phone or Zoom call sometime in the next couple of days.

If you'd like to set something up in advance, please feel free to respond to this message with times that could work for you, or please give me a call at 470-205-4310 and I'd be happy to chat more.

Best,



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Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org>

Tue, May 21, 2024 at 4:29 PM

To: plamme@bosadevelopment.com Bcc: Lara Gardner <eastsideurbanism@gmail.com>, Arman Bilge <armanbilge@gmail.com>

Hi Paul,

Thank you so much for your call! It was good to hear from you and understand what Bosa's thoughts were regarding vehicle access to the Park Row development. I wanted to follow up to make sure I captured the main concerns around the original cycle track design accurately:

1) The main concern was that, by repurposing the westbound travel lane for bikes and just leaving the eastbound travel lane for vehicles, this would prevent people from accessing the development's garage on NE 2nd from Bellevue Way. Cars traveling south on Bellevue Way would therefore have to continue past NE 2nd and then double back around the block to approach the access through the eastbound lane;

2) There is concern around drivers exiting the garage needing to cross the cycle track before getting in the vehicle lane, as it would require drivers needing to look both ways;

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If I've missed anything in this list, please let me know, and looking at it all together, it does certainly present a pickle. I don't believe there is a way to maintain the cycle track design in a way that is able to accommodate all three of these points. However, a talk with a colleague since and your mentioning your alternate proposal that the city shot down did make me want to run an idea by you that would directly address point #1 above, which if I remember correctly was the most important concern.

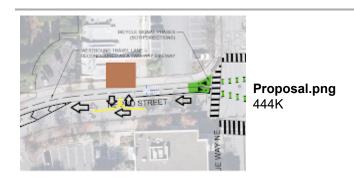
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I've attached an image that illustrates the idea better (I hope the MS Paint can be excused - the yellow represents toughcurb that could provide delineation between entering and exiting traffic). This would resolve concern #1 by maintaining access from Bellevue Way, meaning that people can reliably approach the development from both the north and the south. In response to concern #2, I wanted to share a comment from my colleague, who made the cogent point that cars entering and exiting the garage will already need to look both ways, as the high volumes of pedestrian traffic on this sidewalk next to Bellevue's destination park would necessitate drivers looking both ways for clearance on the sidewalk. I will acknowledge that even this solution leaves concern #3 unaddressed, as vehicles would still be limited in exiting in just one direction, but nearby side streets present alternatives - traffic seeking to go northbound could use 100th Ave NE, and southbound traffic would have easy access to Bellevue Way through 103rd Ave NE.

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Thanks again for your time,

Chris [Quoted text hidden]



**Paul Lamme** <PLamme@bosadevelopment.com> To: Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> Wed, May 22, 2024 at 9:21 AM

#### Hi Chris-

I believe your idea may have been discussed with the city. From a Bosa standpoint, this would likely work since our current design out of the garage is "Right Only". The only concern from our side would still be the safety of crossing two way bike traffic into and out of the garage. From a city standpoint, they may have an issue since the east/west travel lanes no longer line up across Bellevue. Also, cars heading south on Bellevue way making a right onto NE 2<sup>nd</sup> have to deal with two way bike traffic. I think this is more of a city question concerning cost and safely. Bosa would likely be okay with your idea. It also may trigger some concerns from the property owner on the south side(I believe it is a bank?) (see comments below)

Paul

From: Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 4:30 PM To: Paul Lamme <PLamme@bosadevelopment.com> Subject: Re: Urgent - Connection re: Bellevue, WA Transportation Commission Discussion

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Chris

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Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> To: Paul Lamme <PLamme@bosadevelopment.com> Wed, May 22, 2024 at 12:36 PM

That all makes sense Paul, and thank you for that additional perspective. I do think crossing the cycle track does remain a legit nut to crack, but I think that's a solvable problem with more signage & high-viz treatments that encourage visibility.

As one (truly) final question - I believe that the city's materials present the issue of Park Row access as an intractable, unsolvable problem, but from your message & our conversation, it sounds very much like Bosa at least remains open to trying to find a solution that could make the cycle track work, if the city were to do further engagement. I acknowledge that this might be too big of an ask, especially with such short notice, but would you or another representative of Bosa be able to write an email to transportationcommission@bellevuewa.gov stating that Bosa remains open to working through the access issue? Or alternatively, would I have permission to forward this thread to that address as evidence of such?

As mentioned, I understand it may be that neither of these is possible, but I did want to do my due diligence and at least ask - either way, I do sincerely thank you for your time and the perspectives you've shared! Our region up here needs the housing & development, so I'm excited to see the project completed!

Best,

Chris [Quoted text hidden] **Paul Lamme** <PLamme@bosadevelopment.com> To: Christopher Randels <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> Wed, May 22, 2024 at 1:54 PM

Hi Chris- The city is aware of all of our concerns, so I don't think a letter is necessary. I am guessing that the city has looked at solving this problem from many different scenarios and that it is just not feasible due to various reasons.

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**Christopher Randels** <crandels@cs-bellevue.org> To: Paul Lamme <plamme@bosadevelopment.com> Wed, May 22, 2024 at 5:12 PM

I can appreciate that perspective Paul, and I hear you that the city has heard your concerns. Coincidentally, I actually just had a meeting with new Project Manager Kevin McDonald this afternoon, so I got to ask him about his perspective on the engagement with Bosa and how that informed the sharrows proposal. From that conversation, it does still seem like the city has left several options like the one above unconsidered, but I do think as an org we'll have to consider if we'll want to raise awareness of that issue from our end. But as mentioned, I appreciate you & the info you've provided! Have a good Memorial Day Weekend this weekend.

Chris

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Good afternoon Transportation Commissioners,

Please find our organization's attached comments for tonight's meeting. In summation, we urge you to critically evaluate staff's proposal for sharrows on NE 1st / NE 2nd St, encourage you to ask questions about whether all alternatives to address the listed concerns have been considered, and direct staff to study other options using authority that Council has granted your body in this process.

Please reach out if you have any additional questions on our comments or the alternative proposal contained therein. Thank you as always for your service to the City of Bellevue.

Best,

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