



**DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE  
NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**



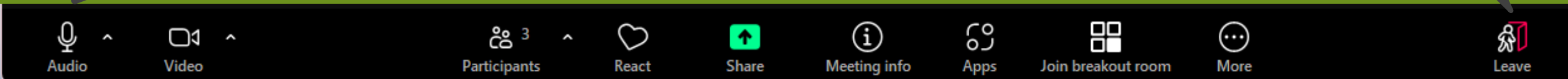
# NEP Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Zoom Basics**
- **What is NEP? How does NEP work?**
- **DowntownBellevue Neighborhood Map**
- **Downtown Bellevue NEP Schedule**
- **How can Downtown residents participate?**
- **Neighborhood News**
- **Bellevue Essentials**
- **Adopt-A-Street Program**
- **Expanding Neighborhood Connections**
- **Downtown Livability 2.0**
- **Move into Breakout rooms**

# Zoom

Stay on mute to eliminate background noise until you have something to say to the group

Need to leave the meeting?  
Click "Leave"



Keep your video on unless you're having connectivity issues

Join and move between breakout rooms



# What is NEP? Info Video



<https://youtu.be/Nu8KWCjWd5k>



## **NEP is...**

- **Council-directed, City-Funded, Capital Improvements Program**
- **Provides RESIDENTS the opportunity to PROPOSE and SELECT enhancement projects for their individual neighborhood area**
- **\$7 Million BUDGET distributed among 14 designated NEP neighborhood areas**
- **Area funds allocated based on the number of households in each Neighborhood Area**
- **Rotates through 14 Neighborhood areas over seven-year period – TWO AREAS per year (2023-2029)**
- **Program supported by multiple City departments – Community Development, Parks, Transportation, Utilities**
- **Currently 29 NEP projects in planning/progress around the city in twelve neighborhood areas**



# NEP Process

- *City allocates \$\$ to Neighborhood Area*
- *Residents submit ideas for spending \$\$*
- *City staff review ideas & generate projects*
- *Residents select projects to receive \$\$*
- *City implements projects in 3-4 years*

**\*\$975,000 AVAILABLE FUNDS  
FOR DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

*\*Allocated amount includes administrative costs: postage, printing, etc.*







# **Downtown Bellevue Schedule**

**KICKOFF MEETING – January 28, 2026 - ZOOM**

**IDEA SUBMISSION – January 28 – March 3, 2026**

**PROJECT SCOPING – March- April 2026**

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – June 11, 2026 - In Person –  
Bellevue City Hall**

**RESIDENT VOTING – June – July 2026**

**PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT NEWSLETTER – Sept 2026**

**RESIDENT EVALUATIONS – October 2026**





# Next Step...Submit Your Ideas

Look for the **PROJECT IDEA CARD** in your mail or  
Submit online at [www.bellevuewa.gov/nep](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep)

## Neighborhood Enhancement Program



### Project Idea Request Form

\$975,000 has been allocated to Downtown Bellevue. Tell us what your neighborhood needs!

Please submit your project ideas for Downtown Bellevue by March 3, 2026. City staff will review your request, and may contact you to discuss it. **If you have operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement, please submit your issue to the mobile MyBellevue App or online at [BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue) to receive a more timely response.** If you are unsure, please call 425-452-4186.

Project location (please be as specific as possible, listing addresses and/or cross streets)



Project description (please provide as much detail as possible)

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Contact information (this information is required to process your request, as staff will contact you to obtain further details; please print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Condo name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City Use Only

CAR# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

\* Project ideas may also be submitted online at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep)



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For complaints regarding modifications, contact the City of Bellevue ADA, Title VI, and Equal Opportunity Officer at [ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov).



# **MYBELLEVUE App – Reporting All In One Place**

**For operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement related projects.**

**Submit your issue to the mobile MyBellevue App or online at [www.bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/mybellevue](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/mybellevue)**



# Opportunity Areas



**SAFETY**



**RECREATION**



**BICYCLE  
ACCESS**



**PEDESTRIAN  
ACCESS**



**GATHERING  
SPACE**



**COMMUNITY  
IDENTITY**



# Key Actions for Downtown Bellevue Residents

**SUBMIT Project Ideas – through March 3**

**(*No Limit* to the number of submissions)**

**ENCOURAGE Neighbors to participate**

**ATTEND June 11 Projects Open House at City Hall**

**VOTE For top three projects in June/July (\**Limited to one ballot* per household address)**



***How voting is tabulated – 3 points top choice, 2 points second and 1 point for third.***

**SUBMIT Program Evaluations**



# Program Promotion

Neighborhood Enhancement Program



## NEP Downtown Bellevue Kickoff Meeting


How would you spend \$975,000 in your Northwest Bellevue neighborhood?


Join your neighbors and City of Bellevue staff to kick off the **Neighborhood Enhancement Program**, a city-funded, capital improvements program that allows you to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for your own neighborhood.


**VIRTUAL PUBLIC Meeting (Zoom)**  
Wednesday | January 28 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Come learn about the program, share your ideas with City project managers and connect with your neighbors!

RSVP to [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) to receive Zoom Link.  
For more information, visit [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep) or contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4186





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# Monthly Neighborhood News



## Celebrate MLK Day by helping to preserve Bellevue's forest

**Volunteer for a morning of service on Monday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-noon**

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by helping to preserve local forest health at Wilburton Hill Park on Monday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-noon. Help remove invasive plant species and plant native trees and shrubs alongside the City of Bellevue and our partners Earthcorps. This project received funding from Amazon.

Registration is required at [earthcorps.org/volunteer/calendar/](https://earthcorps.org/volunteer/calendar/). No experience is needed; tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided by EarthCorps. Be sure to sign in when you arrive.



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## Explore wellness at Bellevue's MLK Health Fair on Jan. 19

**11 a.m.-3 p.m., Crossroads Bellevue**

By Emily Inlow-Hood  
Deputy Communications Officer

To honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will be hosting the MLK Health Fair on Monday, Jan. 19, at Crossroads Bellevue.

During the health fair, you'll find a large range of activities and resources focused on improving health outcomes and fostering a sense of community. Discover local health organizations and connect with experts who are passionate about creating a more equitable society.

Explore various health-related booths, where you can learn about preventive care, mental health resources, fitness tips, and much more.

Learn more at [BellevueWA.gov/MLKHealthFair](https://BellevueWA.gov/MLKHealthFair).



## BelRed Look Forward: Draft code updates available for review

By Amanda Rich Anderson  
Development Services Public Information Officer

The City of Bellevue is updating its land use code to support the future vision for the BelRed area. A draft of the proposed code changes is now available for public review and community feedback is welcomed.

The draft changes aim to align development regulations with recent updates to the city's Comprehensive Plan and Subarea Plan. They will support more housing and job growth, encourage transit-oriented development and expand medical-related uses.

The BelRed code update will also promote affordable housing strategies, street design improvements, stream restoration and the growth of the BelRed Arts District.

The community will be invited to participate in engagement opportunities, including an in-person event, in the coming weeks.

Learn more at  
[BellevueWA.gov/belred-look-forward](https://BellevueWA.gov/belred-look-forward).

## Updated parking requirements for new development coming in 2026

By Shawn Edgill  
Development Services Code and Policy Senior Planner

The City of Bellevue is updating its land use code to comply with new state laws related to parking. Senate Bills 5184 and 6015 changed the ways cities regulate parking for new developments in an

effort to reduce housing costs, support walkable neighborhoods and make better use of land.

Under the new rules, Bellevue will reduce minimum parking requirements for many types of housing and commercial projects. The city will no longer require more than one space per two units of multi-family housing, or more than one space per single-family residence.

In many cases – like affordable housing, small apartments under 1,200 sq. ft., or ground floor retail in mixed-use developments – parking may no longer be required. Developers are still permitted to include additional parking in new projects.

The code updates also allow for increased design flexibility – now counting tandem and limited-gravel spaces and no longer requiring garages and carports. These reforms reflect a statewide shift toward more sustainable, affordable and people-centered development.

Next steps include a City Council project briefing later this month and a public comment period that will occur in summer 2026. The Planning Commission will begin to review the amendments in the early fall.

Bellevue has until Jan. 27, 2027 to adopt these updates and remain compliant with state laws.

Learn more at  
[BellevueWA.gov/parking-reform-luca](https://BellevueWA.gov/parking-reform-luca).

## Council adopts Diversity Advantage Plan 2035

By Emily Inlow-Hood  
Deputy Communications Officer

The City Council recently adopted the Diversity Advantage Plan 2035 ([BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/file/2025/cmo-2025-39209-diversity-advantage-plan-2035.pdf](https://BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/file/2025/cmo-2025-39209-diversity-advantage-plan-2035.pdf)), a 10-year citywide strategic plan that identifies a vision and commits to actions aimed at creating a more equitable community in Bellevue. The plan focuses on both community-facing services and the organization's internal culture and practices.

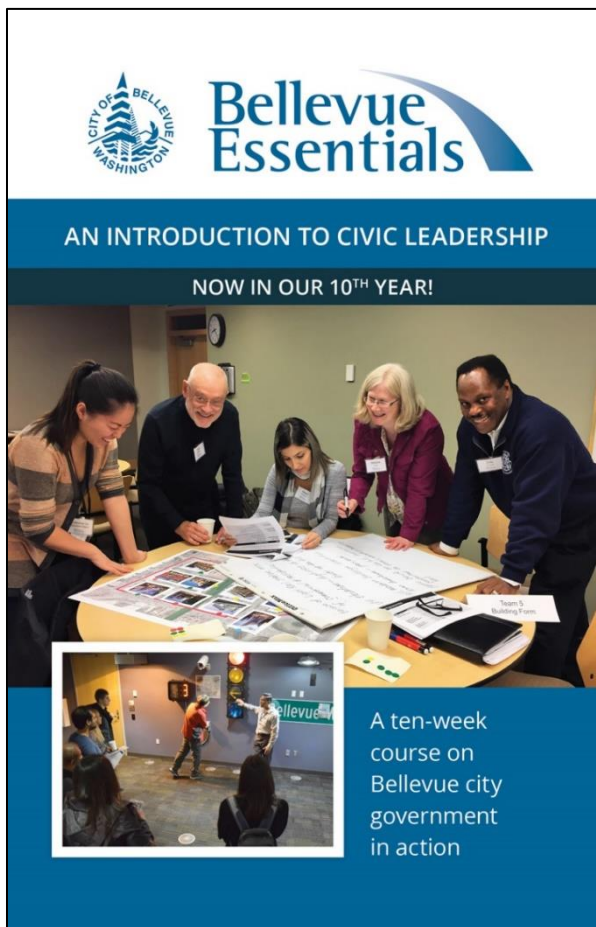
"It's been a tremendous process...and very inclusive of the community and all the stakeholders," said Mayor Lynne Robinson ahead

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# Bellevue Essentials – Civic Engagement Academy

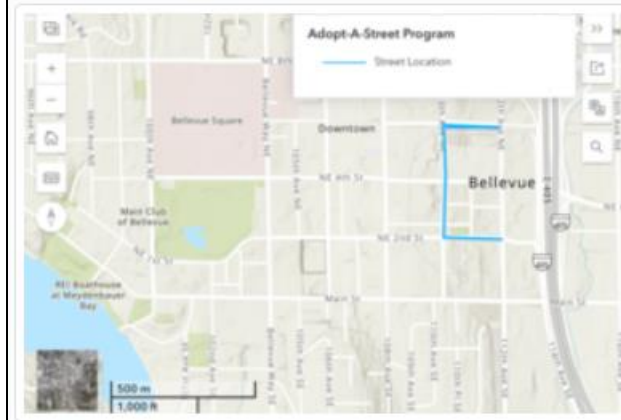


- 12-week introduction to Civic Engagement
- Applications start in April, Info meetings in May and June.
- Application deadline will be in July

[bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials](http://bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials)



# Adopt-a-Street Program



## Adopt-A-Street Map

The Adopt-A-Street map shows which streets or sections of streets have been adopted.

[Explore the Adopt-A-Street map](#)


Contact Evan Reed, [EReed@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:EReed@bellevuewa.gov)

[www.bellevuewa.gov/adopt-a-street](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/adopt-a-street)



# Expanding Neighborhood Connections Event

Join us for the  
**Expanding Neighborhood  
Connections Roundtable**



**Thursday, Jan. 29 | 6:30–8 p.m.**  
**Bellevue City Hall**

**Connect. Learn. Engage.**


Do you live in one of Bellevue's vibrant neighborhoods? Are you interested in learning more about how to create community and engage your neighbors in City of Bellevue decisions?

Join us for an evening of conversation and collaboration with Bellevue's new staff from our Community Engagement and Neighborhood Outreach Teams and meet your friendly Neighborhood Liaisons! Light refreshments provided.

**What's happening:**

- Discover Bellevue's neighborhood programs and resources
- Meet your neighborhood liaisons
- Learn practical ways to organize and build resilient, active communities
- Explore opportunities to stay involved and shape local initiatives

Register today to reserve your spot!  
[eventbrite.com/e/expanding-neighborhood-connections-roundtable-tickets-1979900679229](https://eventbrite.com/e/expanding-neighborhood-connections-roundtable-tickets-1979900679229)



# Downtown Livability 2.0

## Scope

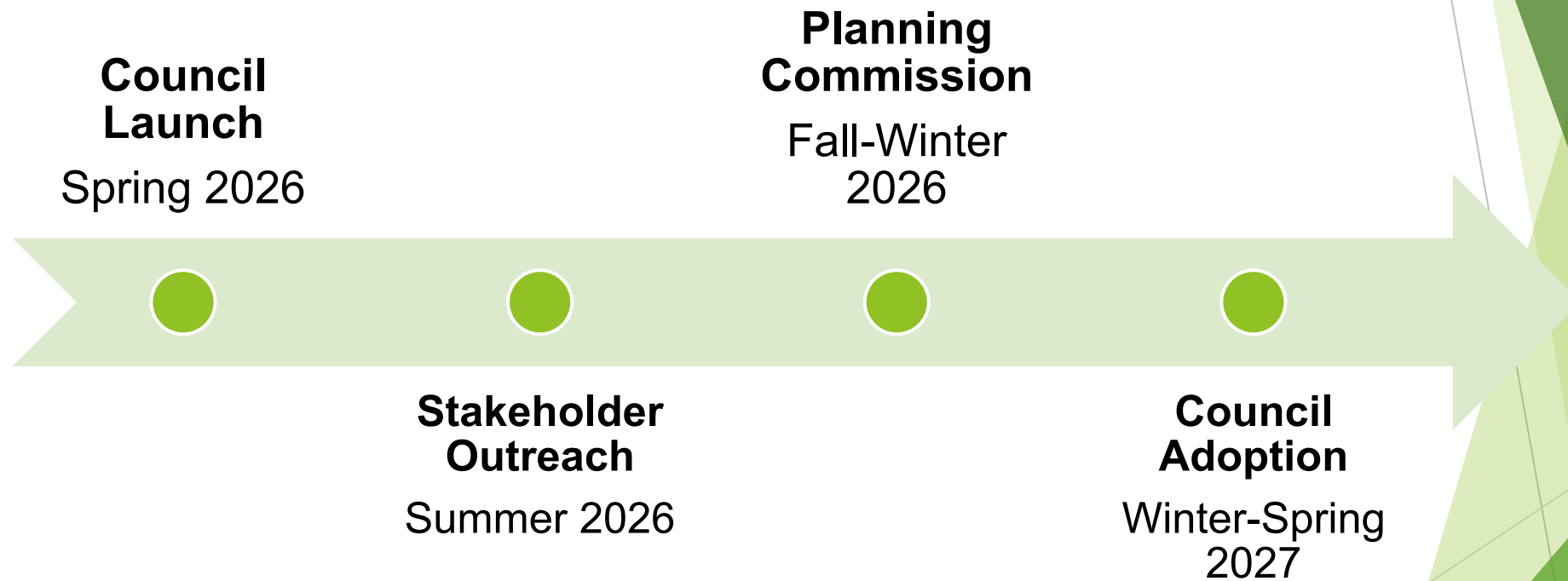
- ▶ Review the original Downtown Livability code and policy updates adopted in 2017.
  - ▶ Identify and fix implementation gaps, conflicts, and unintended outcomes.
- ▶ Enhance overall Downtown livability
- ▶ Adjust amenity incentives to support historic preservation in Old Bellevue
- ▶ Coordinate with Grand Connection crossing planning



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# Anticipated Schedule





## KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

- **Ashwood Park Master Plan**

**Zaccariah Collom**, Parks Project Manager

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*Master plan includes Parking, a children's play area, off-lease dog area, restroom, picnic shelters, open lawn, terraced seating on the south end, and walking access around the perimeter of the park*

Website: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/planning-and-development/current-projects/ashwood-park>





# KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

- **Urban Core Bike Network Connections**

**Glen Kho**, Transportation Project Manager

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Website: [Urban Core Bike Network Connections | City of Bellevue](#)

- **Main Street Multipurpose Path and Intersection Improvements**

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Website: [Main Street Multipurpose Path and Intersection Improvements | City of Bellevue](#)



# Previous NEP Projects

## 2019 Selected Downtown Bellevue projects:

### **NE 8th St Pedestrian Enhancements Over Interstate 405**

This project improved safety for pedestrians crossing the I-405 ramps along NE 8th St by marking crosswalks, adding rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs) and signaling crossings at select locations. Existing concrete islands were modified with shortened crosswalk lengths and vegetation. Excess pavement was removed, and landscaping was added to buffer pedestrians and improve the appearance of this important entrance into Downtown and BelRed. *Since the overall project cost exceeded the funding allocation from NEP, other city programs helped support project implementation. Additional funding provided from the Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity Levy (CIP R-199) program.* Project completed: Summer 2025.

### **Downtown Park SE Corner Stairs**

This project constructed a new stairway at the southeast corner of the park to allow access to the Promenade from the existing crosswalk. Currently Park users were walking up the landscaped slope to enter the park, deteriorating the landscape. New stairs were constructed of concrete and include a metal handrail. Project completed: Spring 2021.



## Now What?

**Meet your city project managers**

**Move to breakout rooms**

**“Self-select” rooms or request to be moved into a specific room**



## Breakout Rooms

1. **Parks:** Trails and Streetscape
2. **Parks:** Operations & Maintenance
3. **Parks:** Planning & Development
4. **Trans:** Traffic Engineering
5. **Trans:** Traffic Calming



# Stay Informed

[WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP](http://WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP)

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# PROJECT CRITERIA

## AFFORDABILITY

PROJECT COSTS MUST NOT EXCEED THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

## CONSISTENCY

PROJECTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CITY PLANS AND POLICIES

## FEASIBILITY

PROJECTS MUST BE PRACTICAL AND ACHIEVABLE FOR THE CITY

## IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECTS MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 4 YEARS OF SELECTION

## MAINTAINABILITY

PROJECTS MUST NOT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE THAT IS BURDOMEONE TO THE CITY

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

PROJECTS MUST BE LOCATED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, EASEMENTS, OR PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND MUST BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC