



**DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE
NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**



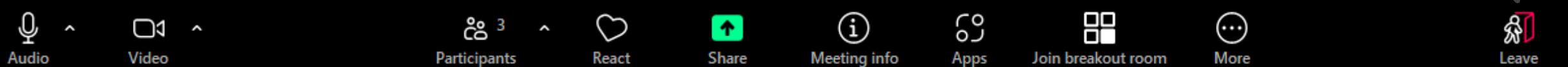
NEP Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Zoom Basics**
- **What is NEP? How does NEP work?**
- **Downtown Bellevue 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***

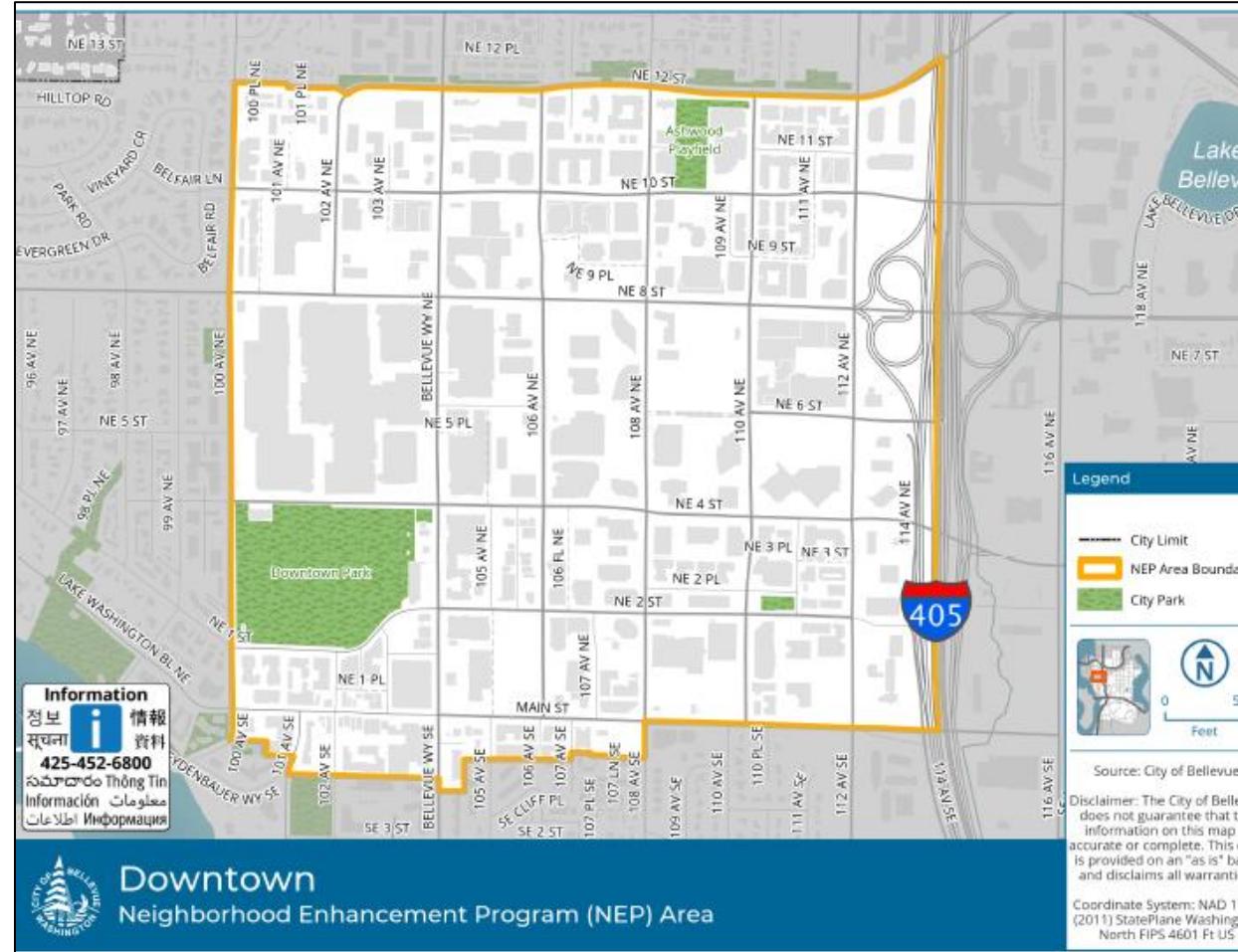
***\$975,000 AVAILABLE FUNDS**

FOR DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

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



Downtown Bellevue Neighborhood Area Map



10,750 households. Includes 100 % multi-family (apartments, condos, affordable housing units)



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

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 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)

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

 For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable modification requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-6836 (voice) or email NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding modifications, contact the City of Bellevue ADA, Title VI, and Equal Opportunity Officer at 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**



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



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 to receive Zoom Link. For more information, visit BellevueWA.gov/nep or contact Theresa Cuthill at cuthill@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4186



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Monthly Neighborhood News





Neighborhood News

January 2026



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.

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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/parking-reform-luca.

Council adopts Diversity Advantage Plan 2035

*By Emily Inlow-Hood
Deputy Communications Officer*

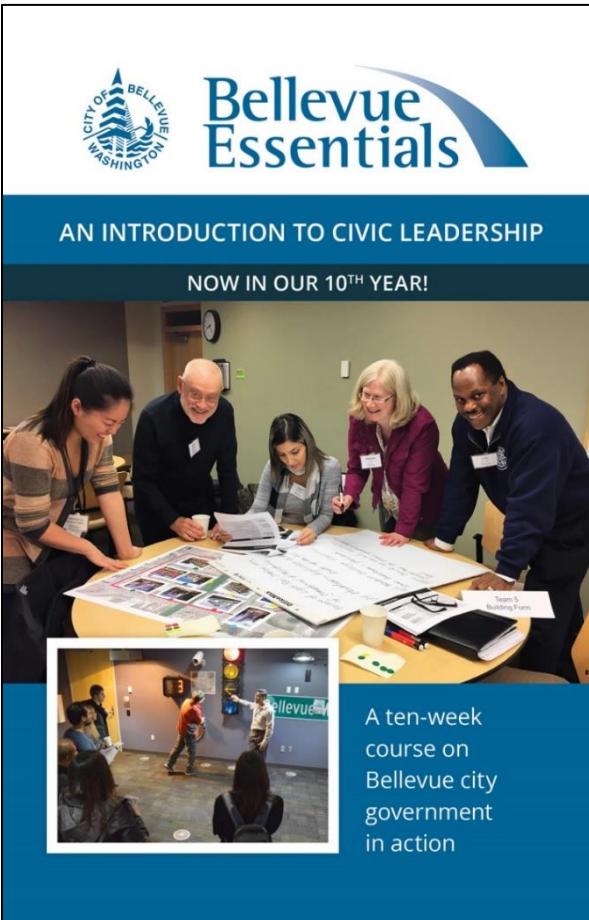
The City Council recently adopted the Diversity Advantage Plan 2035 (BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/file/2025/cmo-2025-39209-diversity-advantage-plan-2035.pdf), a 10-year citywide strategic plan that identifies a vision and commits to actions aimed at creating a more equitable community in 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

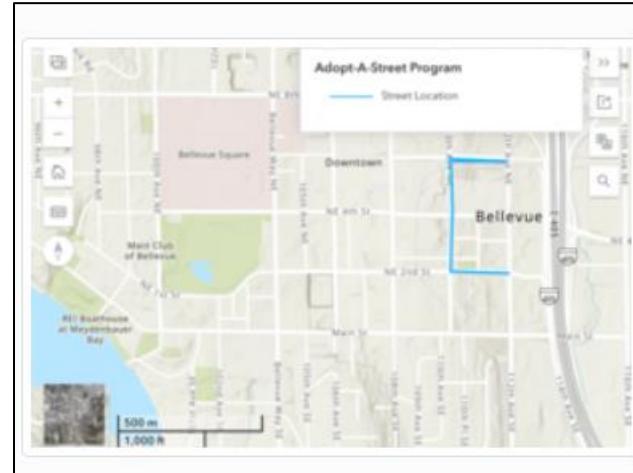


- 12-week introduction to Civic Engagement
- Applications start in April, Info meetings in May and June.
- Application deadline will be in July

bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials



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

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-197990679229



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



Contact: Mathieu Menard, Code & Policy Planner, MMenard@bellevuewa.gov

Anticipated Schedule

**Council
Launch**
Spring 2026

**Planning
Commission**
Fall-Winter
2026

**Stakeholder
Outreach**
Summer 2026

**Council
Adoption**
Winter-Spring
2027



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>



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- **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**

Sara Haile, Transportation Project Manager

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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 signalizing 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

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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 BURDOMESEN 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