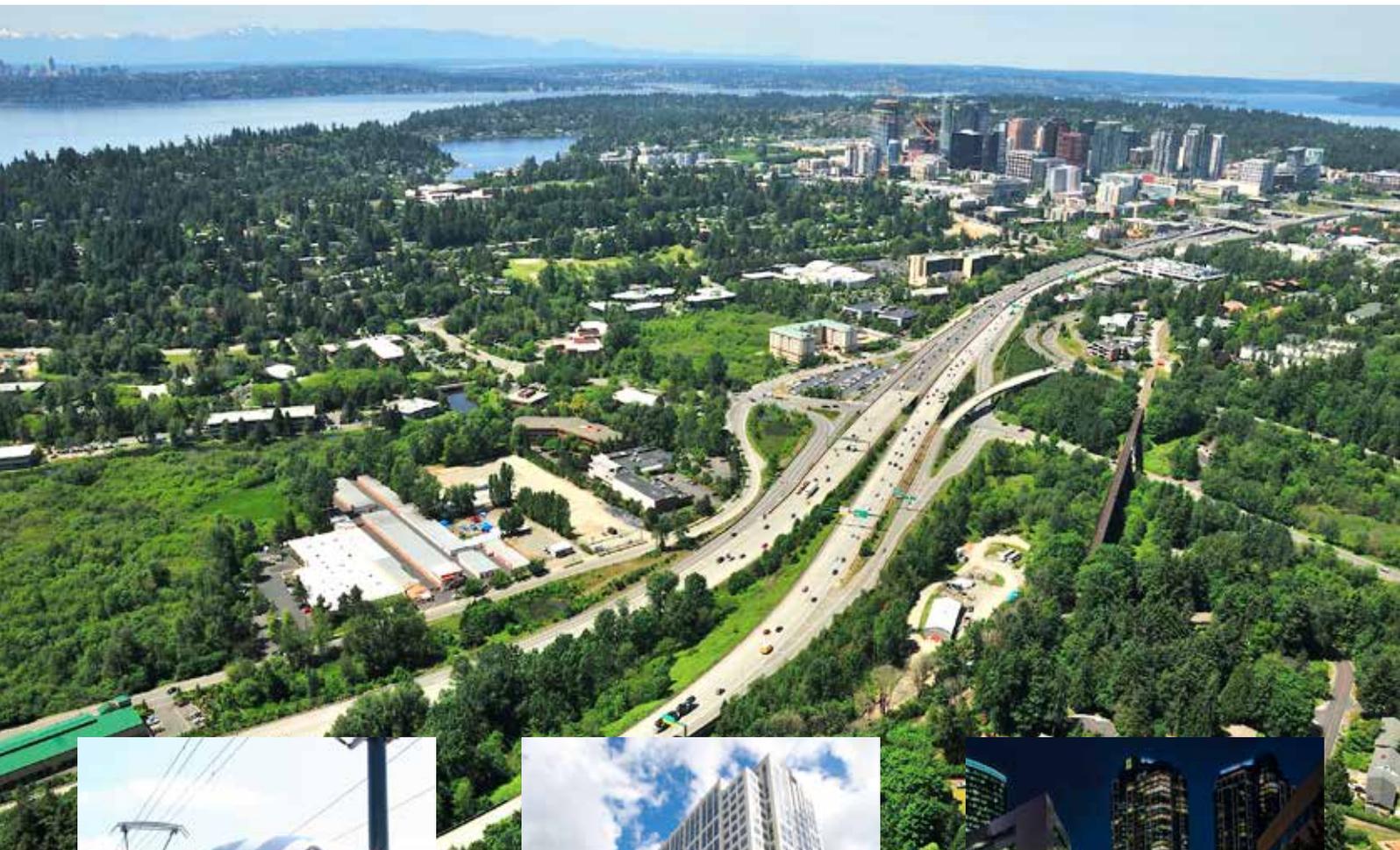




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TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Multimodal transportation network

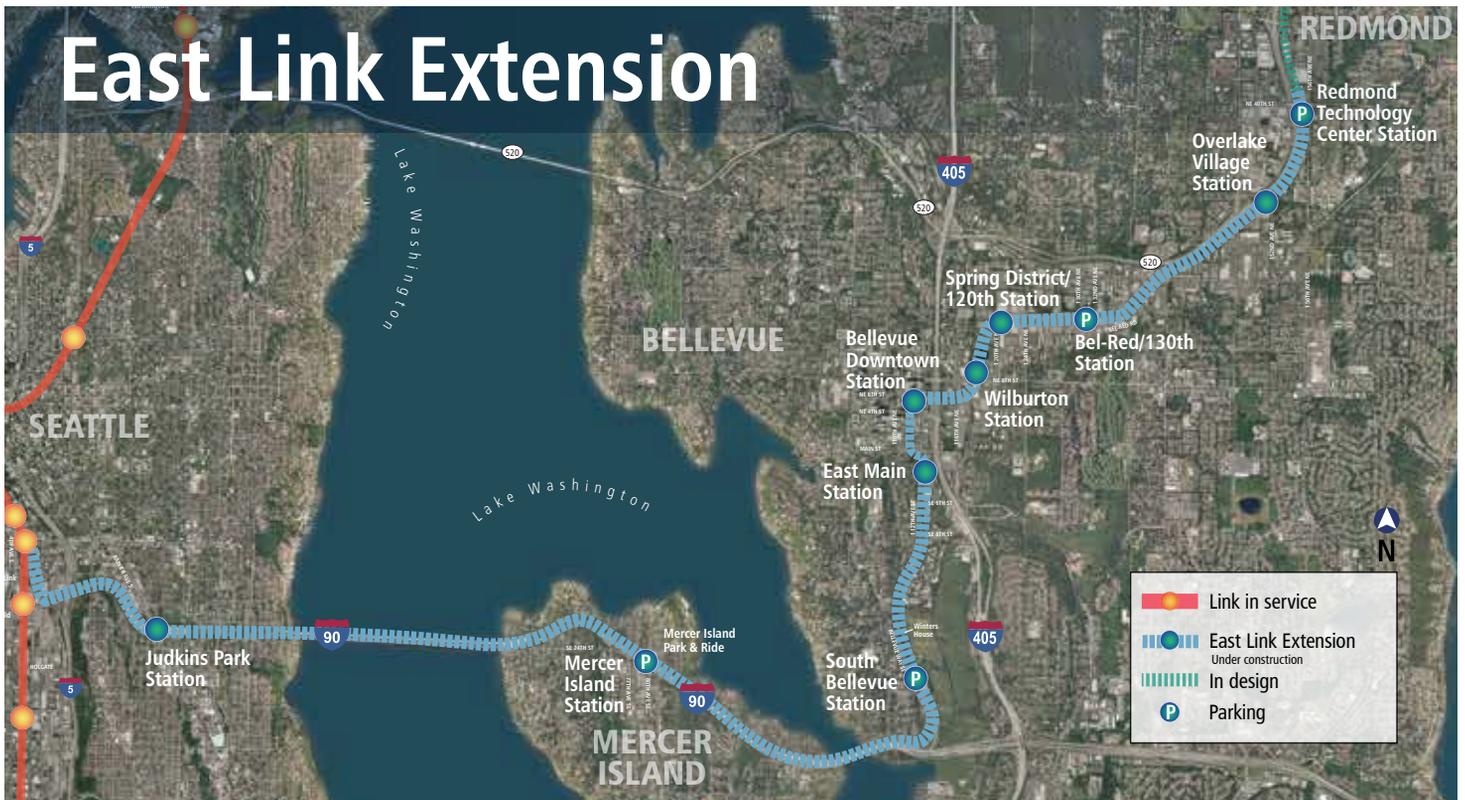
Convenient. Frequent. Efficient. Simple. Direct. Regionally connected. These are the goals for transit in Bellevue through 2030 as established in the city's Transit Master Plan.

The plan aims to support planned growth and development with a public transportation network that enables more people to reach more destinations in less time. City public transportation and utility projects are needed to support this growth, especially in the downtown core.

On any given weekday in Bellevue, more than 50,000 people ride the bus. Transit ridership in Bellevue is expected to almost triple by 2030.

As Bellevue's transit network evolves with the implementation of light rail and resources are increasingly focused on providing all-day bus service, it will be ever more important to enhance the pedestrian and bicycle environment. By doing so, more people can use transit to access Bellevue.

Bellevue is becoming a more transit-oriented city. The introduction of light rail into the city's transportation network complements the current and future amenities for bicycle facilities, pedestrian accommodations, and bus services. Looking to the future, the Bellevue City Council envisions a public transportation network that serves a more diverse range of people and trip purposes.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Access Bellevue

Bellevue is currently experiencing a high level of public and private construction. Much of the construction is to support anticipated population and job growth in Bellevue.

Construction often involves road closures, detours, vegetation removal and structure demolition. It can be disruptive and disheartening as it sometimes changes the cityscape that is familiar to those who live, work and play here.

In recent years, the City of Bellevue started road improvement projects in the BelRed area. East Link light rail construction is in full swing. New and some existing city parks are under construction or will be in the near future. All of the associated construction impacts can make it difficult to get around Bellevue at times.

The best way to prepare for construction is to be informed.

Access Bellevue is a city-led initiative that strives to communicate accurate, timely and consistent information to the community about East Link light rail and surrounding construction.

The purpose of this brochure is to:

- Highlight major construction activities, especially East Link light rail, which are underway and expected in the coming year.
- Provide resources to help you get the information you need.

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RESOURCES

Whether you are a resident, employee, business manager or visitor, knowing how construction impacts your access to your Bellevue destination is vital. The following resources should help you know how to access the type of information you need the most.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION RESOURCES

Popular **city social media** sites:

- @BvueTrans and @BellevueWa (Twitter)
- @BellevueWashington (Facebook)

Subscribe to **receive alerts via email or text**. Go to bellevuewa.gov and

- Search: Traffic Advisories for weekly road closure information
- Search: Neighborhood News for monthly "Traffic Corner" updates

COMMUTER RESOURCES

Contact the **Choose Your Way Bellevue program** for commute planning assistance.
425-283-1357
info@cywb.org
www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org

Check with **King County Metro Transit** for schedules and commute trip planning.
206-553-3000
www.justonetrip.org

Download **travel or transit apps** to help you find alternate routes during road closures or to know when to catch the next bus.

- WSDOT Traffic Map
- King County Trip Planner

EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Sound Transit outreach staff are available to answer questions and provide updates about the East Link light rail construction project.
206-398-5465
eastlink@soundtransit.org
soundtransit.org/Eastlink

1-888-298-2395 (24 Hour Construction Hotline)

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Work with the city's **Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services** to address traffic concerns in your neighborhood.
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transportation@bellevuewa.gov/safety-and-maintenance
Search: Neighborhood Traffic Safety

Get connected through the **Neighborhood Outreach Office**
425-452-6836
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planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/neighborhoods

Look up **transportation improvement projects** on an interactive map
transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects
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RESOURCES



BUSINESS RESOURCES

Prepare your company by updating your business plan, backing up your IT systems and informing your customers and employees.

- Contact the city's **Office of Economic Development**.
425-452-4114
planning.bellevuewa.gov/economic-development

- Talk to a small business advisor.
SCORE (business mentoring)
www.score.org

- U.S. Small Business Administration
www.sba.gov

- Refresh your business and financing plans.
Small Business Development Center
<http://wsbdc.org>

- Network with other businesses:
Bellevue Downtown Association
425-453-1223
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- **Bellevue Chamber of Commerce**
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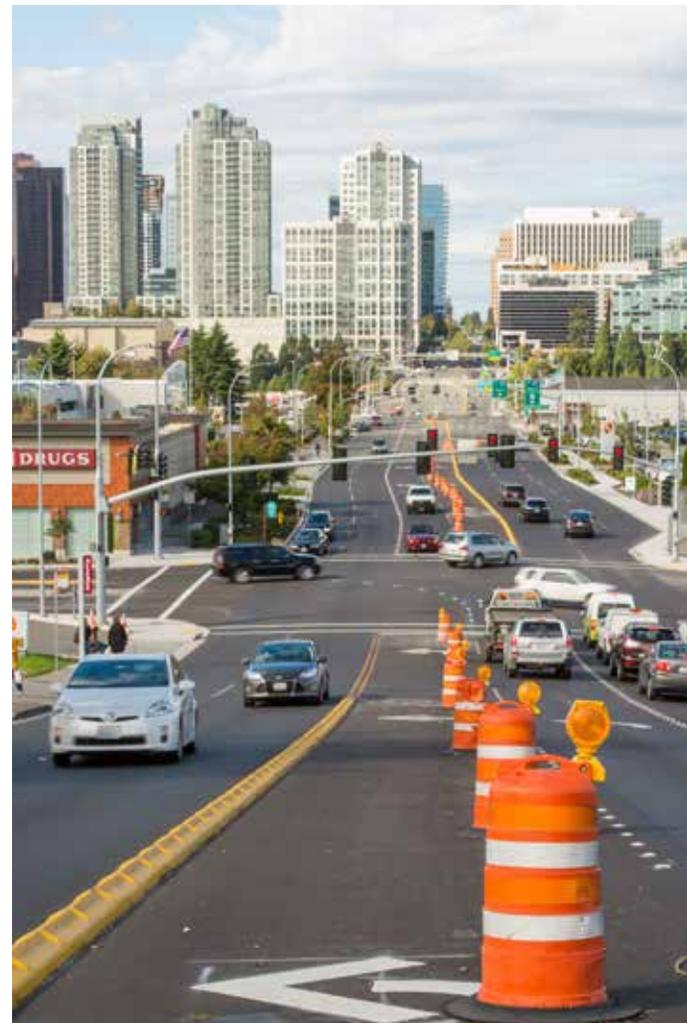
- Subscribe to receive the city's business newsletter
<http://Bit.ly/OEDnews>



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Connect with us via the **MyBellevue app** by downloading it from the app store. Report a concern; submit a request.

Contact the **Service First Desk** at City Hall for general assistance.
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EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION

Bringing light rail to the Eastside

Construction along the entire alignment of the East Link extension got underway this spring. The Overlake Transit Center and South Bellevue park-and-rides closed in May, the demolition of the condominiums along 112th Avenue Southeast started, and lane closures have been occurring in south Bellevue, central Bellevue and BelRed. Tunneling continues to head north under 110th Avenue Northeast in downtown.

The city is responsible for ensuring the design and construction meet city codes through permit review and inspection. Many city departments are coordinating with construction management staff from Sound Transit and its contractors to ensure timely submittal of required permit applications and supporting documentation.

Much of the heavy civil construction to build the stations, guideway and infrastructure will occur through 2021. The map on the following pages is a snapshot of activities happening through early 2018 (the information is current at the time of publication).

Light rail systems installation, testing and certifications will occur from mid-2020 to 2023 when East Link service begins.

It's important to note that construction schedules often change. You are encouraged to contact the City of Bellevue or Sound Transit should you have questions or concerns.



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EAST LINK MITIGATION



Lessening light rail construction impacts

Now that construction activities for East Link, particularly in the residential neighborhoods, are more visible, what may not be as visible are measures in place to lessen impacts from construction and once the light rail is in service.

The lessening of impacts is known as mitigation and it comes in many forms in the case of East Link. Noise level monitoring before and during construction, tree preservation and replacement, wetland and wildlife habitat restoration, and traffic control are some of the types of mitigation that is required for the light rail project.

Bellevue is the first jurisdiction to apply a local noise code to light rail operations.

Embedded in a formal agreement between the city and Sound Transit, as well as in city permit requirements, are assurances that noise, traffic and construction impacts are to be reduced. Bellevue has worked hard to lessen the impact of East Link construction on residents and businesses.

Key Mitigation Measures

- Installing taller and longer temporary and permanent sound walls along the alignment and on the guideway.
- Excavating the tunnel by excavator, not by boring machine.
- Placing special conditions on nighttime construction activities.
- Maximizing transit-oriented development on and near the light rail operations and maintenance facility in BelRed.
- Implementing traffic mitigation to discourage commuter traffic in neighborhoods.
- Maintaining two lanes of travel in peak direction on Bellevue Way Southeast during a.m. and p.m. commute hours.
- Seeking opportunities to open a portion of the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride prior to completion of station construction.
- Establishing parking zones within residential areas to discourage spillover parking from park and ride closures.
- Requiring tree preservation per city light rail code; three trees replanted for every one tree removed.
- Ensuring wetland mitigation and stream enhancement at Kelsey Creek West Tributary and restoration of Sturtevant Creek.
- Stipulating no net loss of wetlands and no stormwater discharge at Lake Bellevue.



EAST LINK MAP



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES*

#	Work Description
COMPLETED	1 SE 4th Street closure at 112th Ave SE
	2 South Bellevue Park-and-Ride closure
	3 Demolition of commercial bldgs (NE 20th St)
	4 Tree removal along SR 520
	5 Overlake Transit Center Park-and-Ride closure
	6 Lake Washington Loop Trail closed (between NE 2nd & NE 8th)
	7 NE 20th St lane closures (btwn 134th Ave NE & 140th Ave NE)
	8 Demolition of vacant condos; +2 single family structures (112th Ave SE)
	9 Construction Zone at Bellevue City Hall (Driveway from 110th Ave NE to visitor parking closed through early September)
UNDERWAY	10 Tunnel excavation, South Portal (112th Ave SE/Main St)
	11 Sidewalk closures Bellevue Way; bike-ped detour 108th Ave
	12 Bellevue Way/I-90 ramp weekend closures (continues through the fall)
	13 132nd Ave NE at NE Spring Blvd full closure (night time)
	14 112th Ave SE northbound lane closures from Bellevue Way to SE 15th St
	15 110th Ave NE lane closures (between NE 4th St & NE 6th St)
SUMMER 2017	16 Utility work at Sweyolocken Boat Launch (launch remains open)
	17 I-90 westbound lane closures
	18 136th Place NE lane closures
	19 NE 6th St Lane closure (between 110th Ave NE & 112th Ave NE)
	20 Bellevue Way SE single lane, weekend closures
	21 Demo Single Family homes (111th PI SE)
	22 Clearing and grubbing at Bellevue Way & 112th Ave SE
	23 Clearing and grubbing adjacent to Lake Bellevue
	24 Operations & Maintenance Facility –East construction begins
	25 110th Ave NE southbound lane closure from NE 3rd Place to NE 2nd Place
FALL 2017	26 112th Ave NE nighttime full closure NE 4th to NE 6th St
	27 Enatai Beach Park construction staging
	28 130th Ave NE at NE Spring Blvd full closure
WINTER 2017 2018	29 110th Ave NE/NE 2nd Place - Mid tunnel access construction
	30 Spring Blvd spur construction (up to 4 non-consecutive months)
	31 Surrey Downs Park Master Plan begins
	32 112th Ave SE bypass road construction begins

* Construction schedule subject to change.



BELRED TRANSFORMATION

Emerging neighborhoods

If you've been to the BelRed area lately, you're seeing a grand vision for the corridor becoming reality. This once light-industrial and commercial area is transforming into unique, thriving and livable neighborhoods served by a multimodal transportation system.

In 2009, after considerable input from community stakeholders, the city adopted the BelRed Subarea Plan, which envisions transforming the 900-acre corridor into vibrant, walkable neighborhoods.

What you see today in BelRed will be very different in 2023. You will find East Link light rail in service, more new development and redevelopment completed, and parks, trails and open spaces connecting people to other areas in the city. All of these features will create a sense of place as BelRed gracefully transitions into its new identity.

Just as the city is looking to the future of BelRed, it's also taking a "look back" to assess which strategies of the subarea plan are working and which may need adjustment to better support the vision. The City Council will receive an update later this year.

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BELRED TRANSFORMATION



Improving mobility in BelRed

The BelRed vision, adopted by the City Council with community input, imagined a more complete and connected transportation system serving the area. That vision is emerging now with city roadway improvements under construction.

Construction is about done on 120th Avenue Northeast (see map on next page). When complete later this summer, the north-south thoroughfare will be extended, realigned and widened, and include bike lanes and other features between Northeast Eighth Street and Northeast 12th Street. From Northeast 12th to Northeast 16th Street, 120th Avenue will be raised to accommodate East Link light rail tracks passing underneath. This phase of work will soon be complete.

East Link light rail construction is also occurring in BelRed and will provide another means to access BelRed when service begins in 2023.

To provide a key interim connection to the 12-mile regional pedestrian and bicycle system between Seattle and East King County, the city is adding bike lanes and sidewalks to both sides of Northup Way from 116th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 24th Street, as well as a pedestrian bridge over the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC.) The project is expected to be complete this summer.

BelRed Subarea Plan Milestones

- Seattle Children's Hospital opened its Bellevue location on 116th Avenue in July 2010.
- Global Innovation Exchange (GIX), a graduate-level institute created by the University of Washington and Tsinghua University (China), to welcome first class in fall 2017.
- REI's 8-acre headquarters anticipated to open in 2020.
- Nearly 1,700 new housing units completed or under construction, including affordable housing through incentive zoning system.
- Bellevue School District purchased eight acres off of 120th Avenue for new elementary school to accommodate projected population growth.
- King County's strategic plan allocated \$10 million for affordable housing near East Link light rail stations in BelRed.
- Transit-oriented development planned at Sound Transit's operations and maintenance facility off of 120th Avenue and at Bel-Red/130th Station.
- City purchased eight acres along the West Tributary, in part, for a new park to be constructed after 2021.
- Transportation improvements underway to arterials, intersections, bicycle facilities and new sidewalks.



BELRED TRANSFORMATION

Northeast Spring Boulevard is a new, east-west, multimodal arterial street to connect BelRed to downtown. It is expected to be done this fall, with a second phase being designed.

Thanks to a \$99.6 million federal Build America loan, five additional mobility projects are queued up for further design and construction in the BelRed, Downtown and Wilburton areas. Specific to BelRed, the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan will fund additional improvements to sections of Spring Boulevard, 124th Avenue Northeast and 130th Avenue Northeast. These projects are timed to be built in conjunction with the new light rail line.

The following projects will be complete in September, with the exception of Northeast Spring Boulevard Zone 1b, which will be complete this fall. They will enhance access to BelRed and downtown for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

- 1. Northrup Way connection to SR 520 Trail: 116th Ave. NE to 24th Street.** Bringing bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of Northrup Way and a pedestrian bridge at the Eastside Rail Corridor crossing.
- 2. 120th Ave. NE: NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street.** Widening brings five travel lanes, improved traffic signal system and bike lanes and sidewalk on both sides of 120th Ave. NE.
- 3. 120th Ave NE: NE 12th Street to NE 16th Street.** Raising roadway in order for light rail to run under it and will have five travel lanes, bike lanes and sidewalk on both sides of 120th Ave. NE.
- 4. NE Spring Blvd: 120th Ave. NE to just west of Eastside Rail Corridor, Zone 1b.** Multi modal arterial street connection between NE 12th Street/116th Avenue NE and 120th Avenue with multipurpose path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

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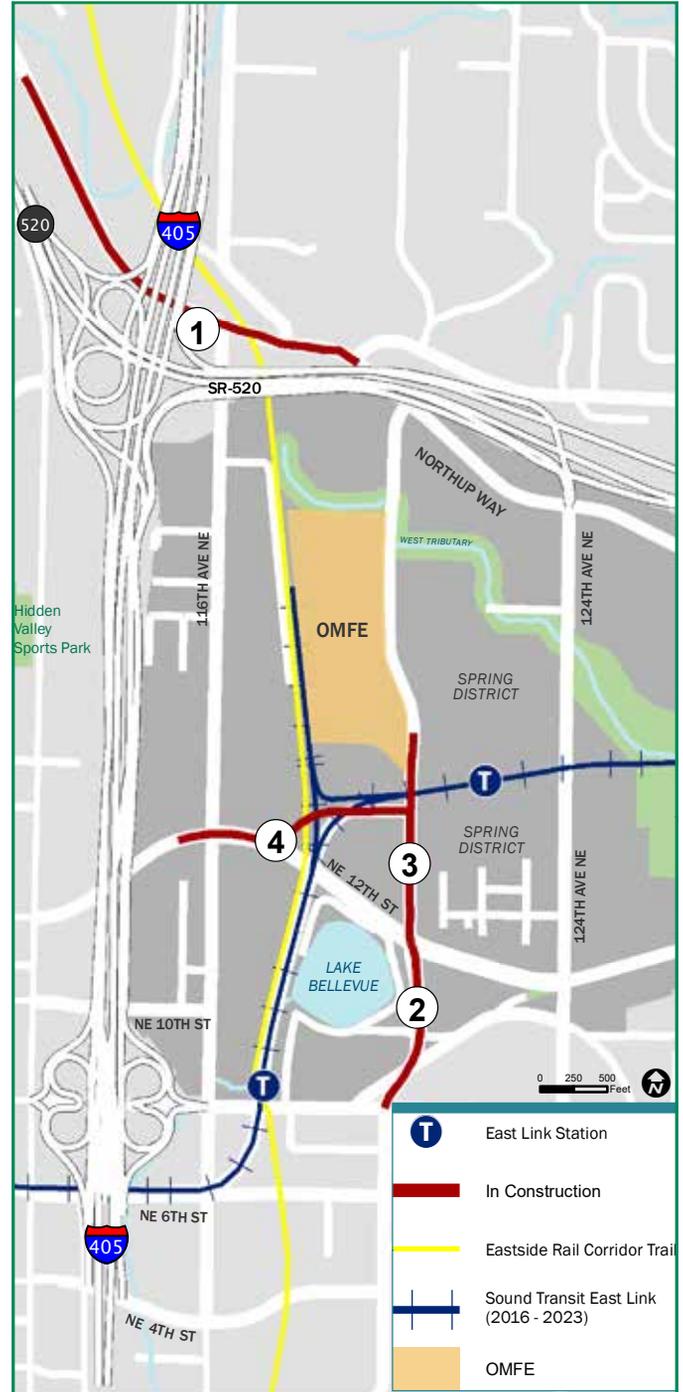
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GRAND CONNECTION



Imagination at heart of Grand Connection

Innovative placemaking. Connectivity and mobility. Unique urban experience. These are just a few of the key objectives for Bellevue's Grand Connection.

This planning initiative seeks unique ways to access Bellevue from within. Along a planned corridor, the Grand Connection is intended to connect Meydenbauer Bay Park to the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC), through Old Bellevue, downtown and the Wilburton Commercial Area.

The draft framework plan includes recommendations related to the route, identity, design strategies, connectivity and public space improvements. Significant recommendations to improve public space include a redesign and expansion of Compass Plaza at the heart of downtown, a new entrance to Downtown Park at Northeast Fourth Street and Bellevue Way, and a reconfiguration of the Bellevue Transit Center on Northeast Sixth Street to simplify bus movements and improve safety of all transportation modes. The draft plan is available online for public feedback at www.bellevuegrandconnection.com/online-open-house.

A significant segment of the Grand Connection is the proposed crossing of Interstate 405. Three design alternatives, ranging in complexity, would create opportunities to connect with the ERC in the Wilburton Commercial Area. The selection of the preferred crossing alternative will be assisted by the environmental review process. An open house for the Interstate 405 crossing will be held later this year.

Since January 2017, as a companion effort to the Grand Connection initiative, a citizen advisory committee has been engaged in a planning process to re-vision the Wilburton Commercial area into one of Bellevue's next great urban neighborhoods.

King County's regional recreational trail, the ERC will act as a spine and defining asset to the Wilburton Commercial Area. At the southern tip of the study area will be the rehabilitated Wilburton Trestle, which is expected to serve as a regional attraction for trail users. This segment of the ERC represents a unique opportunity to provide a truly urban experience around the trail.

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CITY IN A PARK



Your City in a Park is growing

Bellevue's "City in a Park" moniker holds true, with nearly 100 parks, over 80 miles of trails and 2,700 acres of open space located within city limits. With the Grand Connection pedestrian corridor and East Link light rail set to change Bellevue's landscape in the coming years, there will be new and different ways to reach some of Bellevue's most popular parks and to access new ones.

DOWNTOWN PARK

In June 2017, the community celebrated a grand re-opening of Downtown Park following the "Complete the Circle" project. In addition to making the park's signature promenade a true circle, as intended in the park's original 1984 master plan, the city added a unique, universally accessible playground through a partnership with the Bellevue Rotary Club. Last but not least, the city created a grand entrance and a water feature at the south end of the 21-acre park.

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK

The new Meydenbauer Bay Park will improve connections between downtown and Lake Washington. With 700 feet of waterfront, the seven-acre area expands the current Meydenbauer Beach Park east to 99th Avenue. A large public swimming beach, pedestrian pier, restored whaling building and new beach house will make the park a destination for residents, downtown workers and visitors. Park opening is expected in the fall of 2018.

CITY IN A PARK



MERCER SLOUGH NATURE PARK

As part of the East Link project, enhancements and mitigation to Mercer Slough Nature Park will include restoring over six acres of wetland and wetland buffer within the park and planting more than 2,800 trees to offset the removal of 691 trees for the project. Additionally, six acres were added to the park through acquisition of private property just south of the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center to offset a strip of parkland along Bellevue Way needed for light rail.

Access to Mercer Slough Park, the trail system and the Swayolocken Boat Launch will remain open during East Link construction. A new temporary parking lot, located on the east side of Bellevue Way SE between 112th Avenue Southeast and 113th Avenue Southeast, is available for park users only. Both the boat launch and temporary parking lot will be open for the duration of the project with intermittent closures as needed.

Following construction of East Link, a new building and parking area near the Winters House will provide park restrooms plus u-pick blueberry and seasonal, farm-fresh produce sales. These amenities will be connected to 700 linear feet of new boardwalk trail.

SURREY DOWNS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

With East Link trains to run along 112th Avenue Southeast, plans for improvements to Surrey Downs Park were changed. Instead of featuring vehicle access from 112th, the park will be more neighborhood-focused with the addition of open grass areas, playgrounds, picnic shelters and a pedestrian "overlook" integrated into the city trail system. Surrey Downs Park improvements are expected to begin in the spring of 2018.

A NEW MAIN STREET PARK



A new park, to be located just north of the East Main light rail station, will provide pedestrian connections between the station and the neighborhoods to the west. Extending a full block on the south side of Main Street between 110th and 112th avenues, the park will also provide a green buffer between the higher-density, mixed-use developments north of Main Street and the single-family neighborhoods south of Main Street.

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