Bellevue Downtown Association
Downtown Bike Series

Meeting 1: Introduction & Information

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Today’s Agenda:

1) Meeting Purpose
2) PBII Overview
3) BDA Consultative Process
4) Next Steps: Bike Share
5) Next Steps: Demo Corridor
The BDA has asked the Bellevue Transportation Department to engage in a timely discussion about how to make Downtown a comfortable, safe, and attractive place for people to bike.
- BDA Transportation Committee will conduct an internal review and discussion, followed by driving consensus on a recommendation.
- The recommendation will be presented to the BDA Board of Directors (12/19).
- The Board will vote on a position that will be communicated to the Bellevue Transportation Commission.
SAFE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR 1,000+
MSFT EMPLOYEES WHO
BIKE TO WORK
I'll bike in Bellevue when I feel safe.... protected bike lanes!
Meeting Purpose

Safe bike routes for our residents and employees
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Make ALL destinations safe enough for us.
- Formulated vision, goals, objectives.
- Assessed gaps in the non-motorized network.
- Established performance targets.
2019 Performance Target:

“Within 10 years, implement at least two completed, connected, and integrated north-south and at least two east-west bicycle routes that connects the boundaries of the city limits, and connects to the broader regional bicycle system.”

- 2009 Pedestrian & Bicycle Transportation Plan

Priority Bicycle Corridors
“Engage community stakeholders in setting the priorities for investment in non-motorized facilities.”

- Council Program Principle(s)
Bellevue City Council

Transportation Commission

- Business Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Residents, Employees, Students
- Colleges, Schools, Transit Agencies

PBII Oversight
“The separated lane is very attractive for safety reasons. My greatest concern is the taking of scarce roadway space for a limited user base.” – Lampe

“Separating the biker from traffic is a given…. We provide it for cars to prevent accidents. We should provide it for bikers given the imbalance in protection.” – Barksdale
Which of these types of facilities would encourage you/your employees to bike in Downtown Bellevue?

- **Shared Lane Marking**: 4%
- **Bike Lane**: 19%
- **Protected Bike Lane**: 56%
- **Off-Street Path**: 22%

BDA Board Results (10/25/15)
“Downtown Bellevue is not an area where the faint of heart would choose to ride; that said, it is prime for investment to attract additional riders. What’s needed are safe and inviting bicycle facilities that are separated from the auto.”

- Karen Doherty, Senior Vice President, Puget Sound Area Manager of HDR

Stakeholder Interviews
Fall 2015: Locations that feel unsafe for people walking and bicycling.

Spring 2016: Comments on 52 project ideas being considered in the BRIP.

Wikimap Outreach
Which of these types of facilities would encourage you to bicycle in Bellevue?

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Open House (March 2016)
“We strongly urge you to prioritize funding for a complete, connected 57 mile network of bike/ped infrastructure throughout Bellevue, emphasizing protected bike paths as much as possible.”

- Eric Artz, Chief Operating Officer

“We support increased investment in bicycling infrastructure and taking rapid action on the following projects …”

- Al Kinisky, Senior Director of Real Estate

“... the Bicycle Rapid Implementation plan is a cost-effective strategy to help transform Bellevue into a safe and inviting urban center for bicyclists and vital for improving station access in preparation for Sound Transit’s East Link....”

- Lisa Brandenburg, President
In 2017-2018, the BRIP program will leverage roughly $1.7M of funding from the Transportation Levy.
- Bike Share
- Demonstration Bikeway Project
- Downtown Bicycle Network

BDA Consultative Process (Phase I)
Bellevue City Council

Transportation Commission

- Business Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Downtown Residents
- Downtown Employees

Downtown Consultative Process
“Provide people in Bellevue access to a bicycle when they want one, without having to worry about storage, security, and maintenance.”

- PBII Scope of Work
Bike share is...

- **Shared Fleet**
- **Point-to-Point**
- **Short Term**

- **Spontaneous**
- **Transportation**
- **Recreation**

**Not Long Term Rental**

What is Bike Share
United States of Bike Share

119 cities with bikeshare

4789 total nationwide stations/hubs
Why Use Bike Share?

- Convenience
- Expedience
- Expanded Range
- Flexibility
- Improved Access to Transit
- Enjoyment
- Bike Mobility without...
  - Maintenance
  - Parking/Storage
  - Planning Ahead
Types of Bike Share

Station-Based

Hub-Based

Free-Floating
Bike Share Permit Requirements:

- Safety
- Parking
- Operations
- Data Sharing
- Fees
- Application

Seattle Pilot Program
Bike Share in Bellevue
9. If a bike share service was available in Bellevue today, would you use bike share in Bellevue? □
   - Yes, I would use bike share in Bellevue
   - No, I would not use bike share
   - I don’t know

Please explain why or why not.

10. If a bike share service was available in Bellevue today, in which parts of the city would you use bike share? □
    - Downtown Bellevue
If a bike share service was available in Bellevue today, would you use bike share in Bellevue?

- Yes, I would use bike share in Bellevue: 56%
- No, I would not use bike share: 20%
- I don't know: 24%

n=580
Common Concerns

- Public Investment
- Helmet Law
- Safety
- Aesthetics
- Vandalism
Initial Feedback?

1. Questions/concerns?
2. Should we permit private companies to operate bike share in Bellevue in 2018?
“Advance the implementation of Bellevue’s planned Bicycle Priority Corridors to facilitate continuous bicycle travel along a connected grid of safe facilities throughout the city and the region.”

- Council Program Principle(s)
Demonstration Bikeway Project
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Where People Ride

Bellevue Way

NE 12th St

108th Ave NE

NE 2nd St

112th Ave NE

Main St

Lake WA Blvd
2017-18 Bike Projects:

- 108th Ave NE/SE
- 112th Ave NE
- NE 12th St
- NE 24th St
- SE 8th St

Existing Bike Network
Downtown Bicycle Network
Candidate Corridors:

North-South
- 100th Ave NE
- 106th Ave NE
- 108th Ave NE
- 114th Ave

East-West
- Main St
- NE 2nd St
- NE 12th St

Potential Bike Network
Demonstration Bikeway Project
Candidate Corridors:

- **108th Ave NE**
  Main St to NE 12th St

- **Main St**
  105th Ave to 112th Ave

- **NE 2nd St**
  106th Ave NE to 110th Ave NE

- **106th Ave NE**
  Main St to NE 12th St

Candidate Demo Corridors
## Did we miss something?

### Bicycle Improvements
- Existing bike network connections
- High comfort bikeway
- Consistency with community feedback

### Street Use Impacts
- Travel lanes repurposed
- Turn lanes repurposed
- Changes to on-street parking
- Transit operation challenges

### Land Use
- Construction activity
- Driveways

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**Next Steps: Share Assessment @ 10/26 BDA Meeting**

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- BDA Feedback on Evaluation Criteria
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