

Downtown Bikeway Projects

April–May 2019

Public Email Communications to City Council

From: Lizette Hedberg <lboberg12@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 11:08 AM
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Retain and Fix and EXPAND 108th Bike Lane Please

Hi-

We need all ages and abilities riding bikes to save the planet, to save their health. Please retain and fix the 108th Bike Lane and expand so that we may ride to and through Bellevue from any direction to shop, play, work.

Appreciate you saving humanity and the suffering of the planet by leading in a visionary way towards healthy, safe biking vs noisy, polluting cars that kill.

I demand my rights to the safe use of our roadways that I pay for. Please step up and do more for protected bike lands now.

Thank you,
Lizette Hedberg

From: Shelly Bowman <ShellyBowman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Request More Protected Bike Lanes, Retain and Improve 108th+

Hello,

I work at Bellevue City Hall for Parks, and I bike to work in nicer weather, and I would like to bike in rain, but due to lack of safe routes to and through Bellevue, I do not chance it. My health and my love of nature and my wish for humans to remain on the planet are my number one reasons for pedaling.

So, I would like to Thank You for the demo 108th, and ask you to retain and refine it, and I would like to request more protected bike lanes to and around Bellevue please. Please apply your 108th learning and apply them to addition north/south and east/west routes.

It would be amazing to ride from my Bellevue 140th north property to Bell Red Road & developments directly into City Hall and from there over to the Mall to do some shopping.

I would also like to ride from Overlake to the Spring District to take a class, then over to Meydenbower Beach for a swim.

Cars are boring- noisy, polluting and my butt hurts sitting in parking lot traffic. This I KNOW because I drive way toooo many places because I am denied my right to safely commute on my roadways that I paid taxes for.

Please save us all and make life more fun and safe> more protected bike lanes in Bellevue, please.

Thank you> the planet and humanity needs you to lead change now.
Shelly Bowman

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From: Jason Lin <jsnlin@hotmail.com>**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 6:46 PM**To:** Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>**Subject:** Bicycle lane support

Hello,

I am writing in support of the bicycle lane on 108th. As a resident of East Bellevue, it is a blessing that there are bicycle lanes in Bellevue. I feel much safer when traveling in the city by bicycle whenever there are bike lanes, and hope to see bike lanes extended all throughout the city, and especially between East Bellevue and Downtown.

Commuting by bicycle is empowering, and reduces car congestion to boot. I often wonder if more of my neighbors used bicycles for short trips to the grocery store or to nearby restaurants, how much lower traffic, air, and noise pollution would be in Bellevue.

Please keep Bellevue safe for walking and bicycling for all people.

Thank you,

Jason Lin

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From: Loewenherz, Franz

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 4:48 PM

To: renaybennett@msn.com

Cc: Stevens, Paula <PStevens@bellevuewa.gov>; Yan, Shuming <SYan@bellevuewa.gov>; Long, Chris <CLong@bellevuewa.gov>; Gonzalez, Karen <KGonzalez@bellevuewa.gov>; Murphy, John <JMurphy@bellevuewa.gov>; Jensen, Marie <MJensen@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: RE: Council FW: Bellecrest Neighborhood Association concerns regarding bike lanes on Main St.

Hello Renay –

Our staff – Karen, John, and Marie – sincerely appreciates your recognizing them for their work on traffic changes at SE 16th and 108th Ave SE. I understand they valued the contributions of the Bellecrest Neighborhood Association for its input in creating a successful mitigation program during East Link construction.

Regarding bicycling facilities on Main Street, city plans have called for bike lanes on Main Street and other streets in downtown since 2009 (see the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan](#)). These streets are identified as essential components of a connected citywide network of north-south and east-west priority bicycle corridors. Bike lanes along Main Street through downtown would complete a continuous east-west route between Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish known as the Lake-to-Lake Trail. This Bicycle Priority Corridor (see page 92 in the 2009 Ped-Bike Plan) connects parks, schools, neighborhoods, and urban areas with separated pathways, bike lanes, boardwalks and gravel trails as one traverses the City through 800 acres of interconnected park and open space property.

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At its May 13 meeting, the City Council will review the Transportation Commission's assessment and proposed next steps on the 108th Avenue Northeast Bikeway. Additionally, Chair Lei Wu of the Transportation Commission will reference a potential engagement approach to inform consideration of a Main Street bike lane project. Pending Council direction, staff will return to the Transportation Commission on May 23 to vet alternatives to fill the gap in the existing bicycle lanes along Main Street between Bellevue Way and 108th Avenue Northeast. Among other items, staff will address requests for additional details on the existing Main Street bike lanes (implemented in September 2017) on traffic operations at the Bellevue Way intersection.

Staff appreciates your communicating your concerns and we'll be certain to share your feedback with the Transportation Commission. Finally, please feel free to contact me at 425-452-2802 if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Franz

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Franz Loewenherz

Principal Transportation Planner

City of Bellevue

425-452-4077

From: Renay Bennett <renaybennett@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 07:43

To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Bellecrest Neighborhood Association concerns regarding bike lanes on Main St.

Dear Mayor Chelminiak and Bellevue City Council Members,

As long time partners in the preservation and protection of our community, we thank you for the most recent traffic mitigation that Bellecrest Neighborhood Association has received. (This is the same mitigation that Woodridge has received.) The traffic change at SE 16th and 108th AVE SE is working! Our cut through traffic has lessened considerably and we very much appreciate the improvement to our neighborhood safety. We do recognize a need for more enforcement, as there are some folks who seem not to be able to follow the rules, but we hope that with more police attention, this will right itself. We also want to sincerely thank Karen Gonzalez, John Murphy, and Marie Jensen for working so hard to make this happen. Without their strong support of our neighborhood safety and livability, this wouldn't have happened.

As you know, 108th AVE SE is a Lower Traffic Street, as termed in the Bike Map for Bellevue, and we support the use of our street for bike lanes to facilitate this connector to the downtown and pleasure riding. However, situated as we are between three major arterials (Bellevue Way, 112th AVE SE, Main St.), our cut through traffic has been very high, and we hope that it doesn't rise. Again, mitigation has helped, but with the continued development of downtown, and the arrival of Amazon, we are concerned about more traffic trying to get in and out of the downtown.

The city council will have a proposal before them to add additional bike lanes on Main St. from 106th AVE SE to 108th AVE SE on Main St. We are opposed to this proposal. There is a fixed amount of vehicle roadway available in the downtown, and there won't be any more of it. Main Street is a direct route between Bellevue Way and SR405 and should continue to facilitate traffic in and out of the downtown long into the future. Taking lanes from the most used mode of travel to give it to a very small mode just doesn't make sense and will, and has already, had very negative impacts on vehicle traffic movement.

As reported in the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Concurrency Update Report, the Level of Service calculations at the intersection of Bellevue Way/Main St. increased dramatically when the eastbound dedicated through bike lane on Main St. was added and the eastbound vehicle lane was converted from a through-right turn lane to a right turn lane only to accommodate the bike lane.

Report Year Level of Service Volume/Capacity (v/c) Letter Grade:

2016 0.74 C

2017 0.74 C

2018 0.96 E+

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The large increase in v/c, the official metric for concurrency, validates the significant difference between the 0.74 v/c calculation (LOS C) for 2017 and 0.96 (LOS E+) for 2018. The only reason for this increase is the installation of the eastbound bike lane and removal of the second eastbound through vehicle lane, plus some modest development completion.

This is a real-life example of the dramatic impact of the removal of a vehicle travel lane on a critical major arterial.

Please do not approve this proposal to make permanent the current bike lanes on Main St. from Bellevue Way to 106th AVE SE and do not increase them from 106th AVE SE to 108th AVE SE.

Sincerely,

The Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board

Renay Bennett, President

Alan Smith, Vice President

Nanette Lescher, Secretary

Liz Hale

Claudia Bean-McIntosh

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Hello Mr. Bennett –

Thank you for contacting the City about your concerns regarding the Transportation Commission's March 28 consideration of potential alternatives to fill the gap in the existing bicycle lanes along Main Street between Bellevue Way and 108th Avenue Northeast. Staff is in the alternative assessment phase of the Main Street bike lane project and during this time we're receiving valuable feedback from the community – like your email.

By way of background, city plans have called for bike lanes on Main Street and other streets in downtown since 2009 (see the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan](#)). Many of these downtown streets, including Main Street, are identified in the 2009 Ped-Bike Plan as essential components of a connected citywide network of north-south and east-west priority bicycle corridors. In the case of Main Street, new bike lanes through downtown complete a continuous east-west route between Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish known as the Lake-to-Lake Trail. This Priority Bicycle Corridor (see page 92 in the 2009 Ped-Bike Plan) connects parks, schools, neighborhoods, and urban areas with separated pathways, bike lanes, boardwalks and gravel trails as one traverses the City through 800 acres of interconnected park and open space property.

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From: James Bennett <bennettjk@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 21:26
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Converting car lanes to bike lanes

Dear Bellevue Council,

I have heard that you are studying the idea of taking away a travel lane on Main Street to install a bike lane, despite a study that shows it makes traffic worse.

I appreciate what a great job you have done to study the impacts of the project.

I ask that you don't do this - traffic is hard enough!!!!

Thank you,

Jim

Jim Bennett

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.jamesbennett.com&data=02%7C01%7CCouncilcoordinators%40bellevuewa.gov%7C33d5c92120414bc01db608d6c61179ae%7C222d2edd825545bd859752141b82f713%7C1%7C1%7C636914175710219253&sdata=%2BMTKS9hG51C1eeSsFlq22TvnNviLHZ%2FTz9bISWSDzg%3D&reserved=0>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Janet Suppes <janetsuppes@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 22:39
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Bike Lanes

Please do not make traffic worse on Main Street by adding a bike lane. I've heard that the study you commissioned says that it is a bad idea and will create much worse traffic on that street. It is already bad enough.

Janet Suppes
14937 SE 60th St
Bellevue, WA 98006

janetsuppes@gmail.com

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Hello DeNova –

Thank you for contacting the City about your concerns regarding the Transportation Commission's March 28 consideration of potential alternatives to fill the gap in the existing bicycle lanes along Main Street between Bellevue Way and 108th Avenue Northeast. Staff is in the alternative assessment phase of the Main Street bike lane project and during this time we're receiving valuable feedback from the community – like your email.

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Franz

Franz Loewenherz

Principal Transportation Planner
City of Bellevue
425-452-4077

From: DeNova Weaver [<mailto:denovaw@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Please - No Bike Lanes on Main

Dear Bellevue City Council,

Bellevue is considering taking away a travel lane on Main Street to install a bike lane, despite a study that shows it makes traffic worse. On the one hand, they've done a great job of studying the impacts of the project. On the other, the results show there is very little bike use and a major increase in congestion. In one alternative the congestion delay at Main Street and 108th would DOUBLE.

The modeling paints a clear picture that maintaining the bike lanes on 108th is reasonable but dedicating a lane on Main Street is not.

Converting car lanes to bike lanes is a bridge too far.

Sincerely,
DeNova Weaver