



May 13, 2019

Dear Mayor Chelminiak and members of the Bellevue City Council,

REI co-op supports continued development of separated bike lanes and facilities that promote cyclist safety and active commuting in the City of Bellevue. We believe the outdoors is for all, and access to separated bike infrastructure is critical to the values of the organization as well as the wellness of our employees.

We believe Bellevue provides the environment for our employees to thrive. The City's access to a natural landscape, transportation options, and a lively retail sector are inviting resources for our employees. However, our choice to relocate to Bellevue sets an imperative to reduce our Single Occupancy Vehicles below 50% of daily trips. Bike facilities are critical tools in the strategies used to get employees to campus. We believe this is the right approach for our business, the environment, and our community.

City of Bellevue is an excellent partner in achieving our goals. We've partnered with City staff in advancing bike lanes in the Spring District and collaborated with King County in cultivating access to the Eastside Rail Corridor.

The following steps will continue this partnership:

- Retain the 108th Avenue Northeast Demonstration Bikeway with refinements to the design per community feedback and staff observations; and,
- Incorporate rapid-build bicycle facilities on Main Street between 108th Avenue Northeast and Bellevue Way as the next logical element of a downtown bicycle network;
- Continue investment in bike facilities that connect the Eastside Rail Corridor and Spring District to Bellevue neighborhoods.

The City of Bellevue has made great strides in the right direction by investing in the 108th bikeway. We strongly encourage the city to continue development of separated bicycle infrastructure – promoting safety, wellness, and the outdoors.

Sincerely,

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Marc Berejka
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