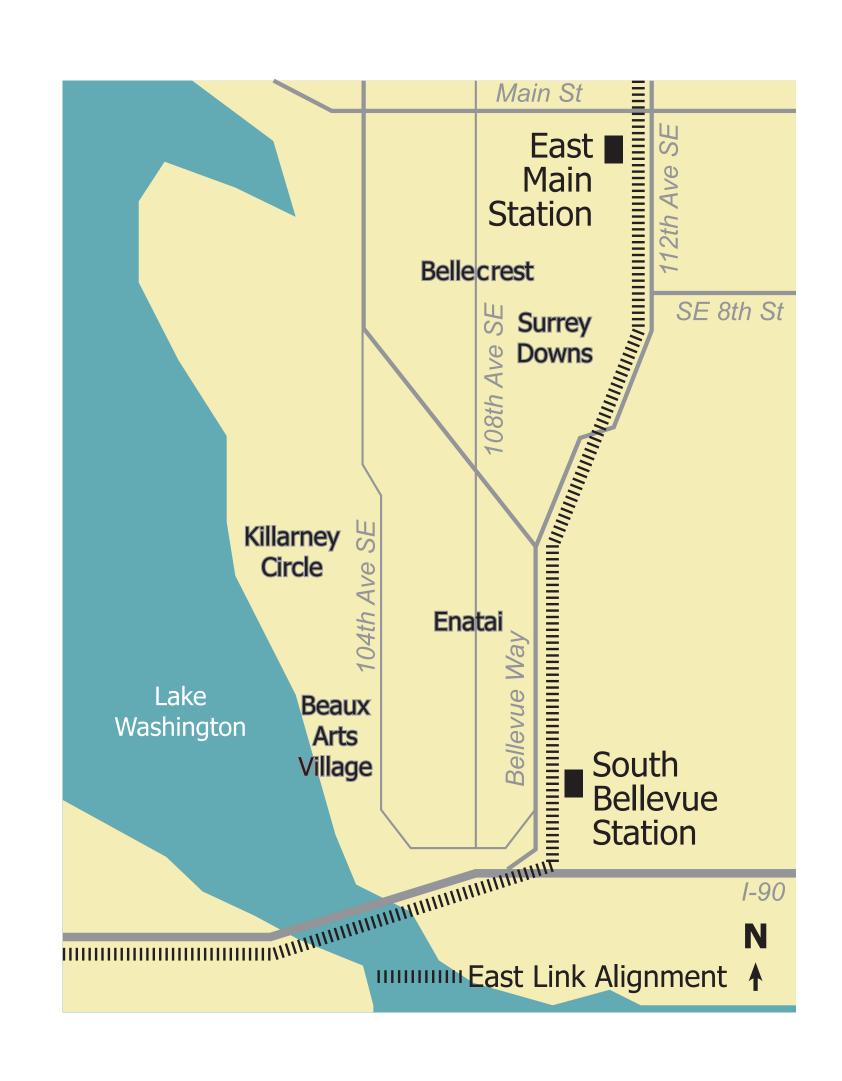
# WELCOME

# SOUTH BELLEVUE EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEETING

Tonight's meeting is to focus ways to address impacts that East Link construction along Bellevue Way SE and I 12th Ave SE will have on neighborhood traffic.



### Agenda:

6:00 - 6:30 Open House

Learn about East Link construction impacts, maintaining traffic on Bellevue Way, known neighborhood traffic concerns and ways to address them.

6:30 - 7:00 Presentation

7:00 - 7:45 Break-out session

Get involved and talk with your neighbors. Prioritize areas of concern. Identify tools to mitigate concerns.

7:45 - 8:00 Wrap Up

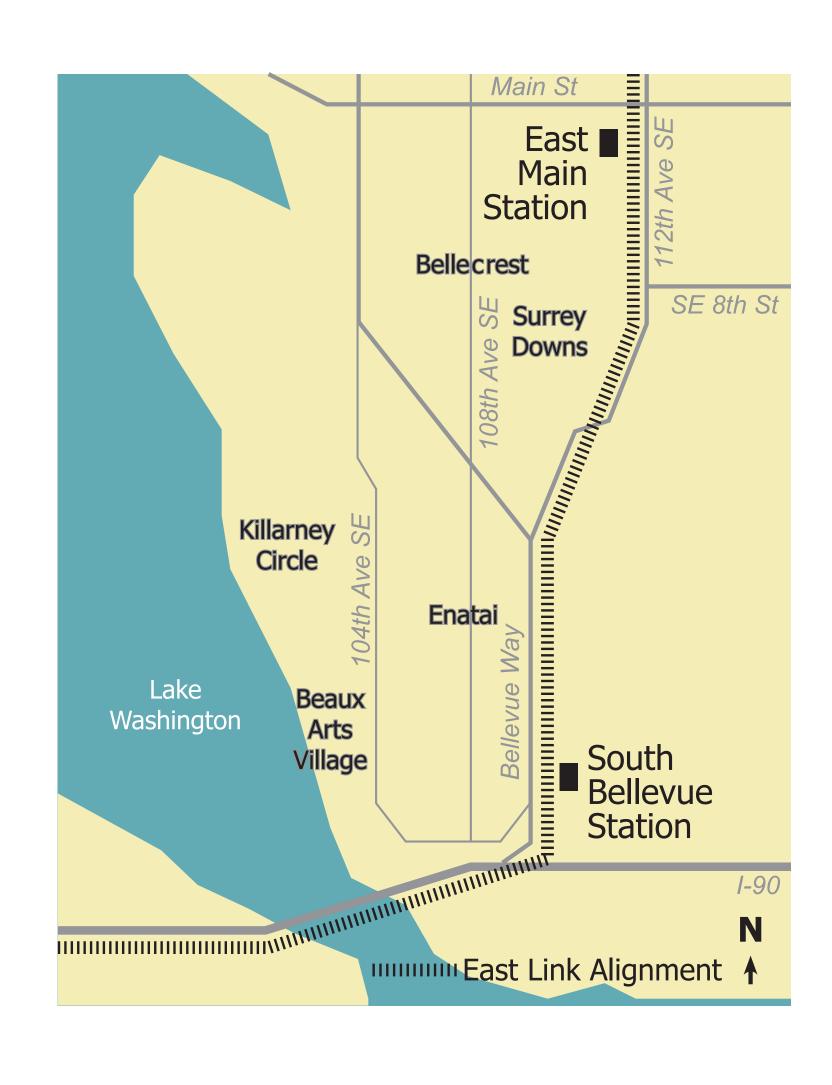


# SOUTH BELLEVUE EAST LINK CONSTRUCTION NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEETING

Tonight's meeting is to focus ways to address impacts that East Link construction along **Bellevue Way SE** and **112th Ave SE** will have on neighborhood traffic.

### By the end of tonight, you will:

- Have answers to questions about East Link construction
- Hear about existing traffic conditions in the South Bellevue neighborhoods
- Hear about anticipated traffic impacts during construction
- Share your concerns with neighbors
- Help prioritize areas of concern
- Assist the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (yet to be formed)



## SOUTH BELLEVUE CONSTRUCTION FAQS

# When will construction of the South Bellevue segment begin?

Late 2016.

# How long will construction of the South Bellevue segment take?

The portion of Bellevue Way SE between the South Bellevue Park & Ride (P&R) and I I 2<sup>th</sup> Ave SE is expected to take 26 to 28 months with incentives for the contractor to complete the construction within 19 to 21 months. The South Bellevue segment (E320) construction will be approximately 4 years.

# Where will construction (equipment) staging be?

Most of the staging is at the South Bellevue
Park and Ride. Additional staging will also
occur adjacent to the alignment along Bellevue
Way SE and I 12<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

## Has a contractor been hired?

No. Sound Transit plans to advertise the contract in May.

# When will South Bellevue Park and Ride close and for how long?

Sound Transit anticipates the closure in fall 2016 and expects the closure to last approximately 5 years. Sound Transit and the City will work with the contractor once on board to explore opportunities to open the Park and Ride earlier per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Sound Transit will tell commuters of the closure and where to find alternative parking (in existing underutilized Park and Ride locations and new locations)

# Hide and ride parking when the South Bellevue Park and Ride closes

The City of Bellevue is prepared to work with Sound Transit to implement parking restrictions, in neighborhoods should they be warranted, to limit the amount of spillover parking as a result of the Park and Ride closing.

#### Important to note:

Revisions to current maintenance of traffic (MOT) plans will likely occur once Sound Transit has hired a contractor



# MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT) ALONG BELLEVUE WAY SE AND 112<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE

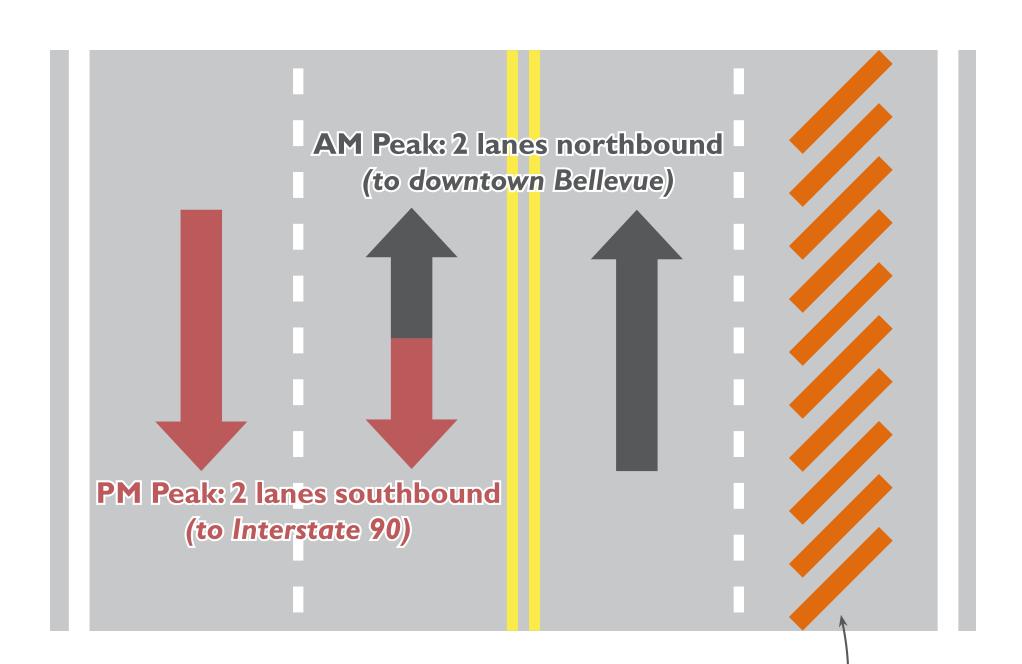
Goal: Minimize traffic impacts to residential neighborhoods by maintaining traffic flow on the arterials.

# Bellevue Way SE Maintenance of Traffic

#### Full Weekend Closures:

- » Expect full weekend closures in the beginning of the project and near the end.
- Weekend closures typically begin late Friday
   evening through late early Monday morning.
   During the full closures, local and emergency access will be provided.
- » The closures will extend from I-90 to the "Y" at I I2<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Full closure means all lanes, both directions.

### Bellevue Way SE reversible lane configuration: up to 16 months



When Bellevue Way is in a reversible lane configuration, the northbound curb lane of Bellevue Way will be closed

#### Partial Weekend Closures:

» There will be weekend partial road closures throughout the construction where only one northbound lane on Bellevue Way will be open.

#### 112th Ave SE Maintenance of Traffic

- » Expect long term and short term lane closures from Bellevue Way SE to Main St.
- » Construction along I 12<sup>th</sup> Ave SE is anticipated to happen concurrently with the work on Bellevue Way.
- » Temporary 2 lane bypass road between SE 15th St and SE 8th S

#### Important to note:

Revisions to current MOT plans will likely occur once Sound Transit has hired a contractor



## MITIGATION TOOLS

## Physical features and signs identified to discourage traffic diversion and manage speeds.

Agreement between Bellevue and Sound Transit state that mitigation tools are for construction-related impacts and will be temporary installations.

#### speed hump

A speed hump is a raised area of roadway approximately 3 inches in height with a travel length of 12 or 22 feet. They are different from the more severe speed bumps that you may find in parking lots. Speed humps reduce vehicle speeds and create delay for motorists.



#### partial closure

Partial closures restrict the roadway to one direction of travel. They limit vehicular access into neighborhoods while still providing residents with either an exit or entrance depending on the restriction.



A full closure physically closes a roadway in a neighborhood and is considered the most restrictive and severe form of traffic calming. These installations eliminate or reroute cut-through traffic but come with significant trade-offs for residents including increased travel time to and from their homes.



# SPEED

#### radar signs

The basic function of the stationary radar sign is to provide a dynamic speed display (increasing and decreasing) to the driver of a passing vehicle to encourage the motorist to reduce vehicle speeds if necessary.



Access restrictions prohibit **ALL** traffic from traveling on a street through the use of signage at intersections where heavily traveled roads meet less traveled roads.



#### one lane zone/ chicane

Chicanes are a series of two to three curb extensions that alternate from one side of the street to the other forming S-shaped curves on what would be an otherwise straight roadway. Slow points are curb extensions that narrow a roadway, sometimes allowing only one car at a time to pass. This treatment is used to reduce vehicle speeds. In some cases, this tool can be designed as a one lane zone which allows only one vehicle at a time to pass, requiring vehicles at both ends to stop or yield before proceeding through. This creates delay for motorists and can reduce cut-through traffic as a result.

#### local access only signs

Local access only signs are placed at entrances to neighborhood streets that communicate that the street should be traveled by those who have a destination within the immediate area. Drivers who are going 'through' to the next arterial street must instead take another route.





# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Work with the City to identify ways to lessen neighborhood traffic impacts associated with construction of the South Bellevue East Link segment on Bellevue Way SE and 112th Ave SE.

#### The committee will...

- Understand existing traffic conditions in affected areas
- Based upon feedback from neighbors and staff input, consider possible neighborhood traffic impacts from East Link construction
- Identify temporary mitigation based upon the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services program

#### Interested in participating?

Contact East Link Outreach Lead Marie Jensen mjensen@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-2064

First meeting is May 11, Bellevue City Hall

