## July 6, 2016

# Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee Summary of Meeting #3

5-6:30 pm, 1E-112, City Hall

#### Staff Liaisons:

- Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach, Transportation Dept.
- John Murphy, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services (NTSS), Transportation Dept.

### Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee: (☑indicates present at meeting)

Beaux Arts	Bellecrest	Enatai	Surrey Downs
Village			
Tom Stowe	<b>☑</b> Mike Koehn	Kevin Paulich	☑Kerri Patterson
Eugenia Yen	☑Tricia	☑Rebecca Sears	☑Ed Nugent
	Thomason		
Cynthia Hudson	Liz Hale	☑Katherine	
		Christopherson	

This meeting was audio recorded.

#### *I.* Welcome

- Marie reminded the committee that the past two meetings included a lot of background information to help set the context of East Link construction so the committee can make an informed decision when recommendation mitigation tools.
- Reminder to keep in touch with your fellow neighbors about the process/progress

#### **II.** Goal Confirmation

• Following some conversation, the committee agreed that increases in neighborhood cut-through traffic was the number one thing to mitigate.

#### **III.** Conceptual Plan

- Having this common goal in mind, the committee worked to develop a conceptual plan that would most effectively discourage cut-through traffic.
- Five (5) locations were identified at key neighborhood exits/entrances that—if a mitigation tool was to be applied there—it would be impactful in meeting the goal of discouraging cut-through traffic. The key locations included:
  - 1. 108<sup>th</sup> Ave and Main St
  - 2. 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Bellevue Way SE
  - 3. 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Bellevue Way
  - 4. 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Bellevue Way
  - 5. 113<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Bellevue Way

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- The committee worked through the various tradeoffs associated with the various tools and ultimately recommended a conceptual plan that includes the following:
  - 101st Ave SE south of Main St: Sign for southbound 101th Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"
  - 108th Ave SE south of Main St: Sign for southbound 108th Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"; committee also recommended implementing <u>East Main Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recommendation</u>: ("Add a protected left turn signal phase for all legs of the Main Street and 108th Avenue SE intersection to facilitate residential neighborhood access while improving safety for people walking across Main Street and 108thAvenue SE. Evaluate concurrently with street traffic mitigation.")
  - SE 2nd St east of 108th Ave SE: Sign for eastbound SE 2nd St motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"
  - 104th Ave SE south of Bellevue Way: Sign for southbound 104th Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"
  - SE 11th St east of 108th Ave SE: Sign for eastbound SE 11th St motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"
  - 104th Ave SE and SE 16th St: Traffic circle
  - SE 16th St and Bellevue Way: 2 turn restrictions: 1) no left turn from westbound SE 16th St to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no right turn from northbound Bellevue Way to SE 16th St from 7-9 am
  - 108th Ave SE and Bellevue Way: 2 turn restrictions: 1) no left turn from southbound 108th Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no right turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 108th Ave SE from 7-9 am
  - 112th Ave SE and Bellevue Way: 2 turn restrictions: 1) no right turn from northbound 112th Ave SE Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no left turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 112th Ave SE from 7-9 am
  - 113th Ave SE and Bellevue Way: 2 turn restrictions: 1) no right turn from northbound 113th Ave SE Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no left turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 113th Ave SE from 7-9 am
- The committee discussed the use of additional tools (such as one lane zones and full closures on 108th Ave SE near Bellevue High School). The committee expressed interest in possibly revisiting these tools but are proposing this concept plan first for discussion with the rest of the committee.
- Once received, staff will conduct an initial look at feasibility of recommended tools and report back at next meeting (August 2, 2016)

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#### **IV.** Good of the order

- Some members wanted to see the map of locations where the city conducts annual vehicle volume counts. This map
   (http://www.bellevuewa.gov/gisdownload/PDF/Transportation/AAWT2015 11x1 7.pdf) depicts annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) at 154 locations across Bellevue.
- Committee members had a few questions. Some follow up information is below in italics other follow up will be provided at Aug. 2 meeting.
  - 1. What is ST doing to encourage bus transit?
    - This was addressed at the June 16 meeting when Sound Transit representatives spoke to the committee and provided, among other materials, a handout "Getting Around During South Bellevue Construction." Sound Transit is partnering with King County Metro, TransManage, and other community partners to provide a variety of travel options and incentives during construction. Read the June 16 summary for more about Sound Transit's incentives. Specific questions can be sent to Sound
  - 2. What about paid parking at P&R?
    - New interim park-and-ride lots opened before the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride closure will be free parking for commuters during signed times. At the June 16 meeting, Sound Transit mentioned a study it conducted of a (paid) parking management program, which included, among other elements, a pilot permit parking program. Information about the program, including an Evaluation Report, is available at http://www.soundtransit.org/parkingpilot.
  - 3. How can committee members advocate for improved or augmented King County Metro or Sound Transit bus service?
    - King County Metro coordinates the scheduling of Metro and Sound Transit routes within King County, including Bellevue. Metro's Customer Services info is available at http://metro.kingcounty.gov/cs/index.html#call.
  - 4. Where will traffic be directed during the weekend closures of Bellevue Way?
    - An update will be provided at the Aug. 2 meeting.
  - 5. Can traffic cameras be installed where right turn restrictions are to be placed?
    - An update will be provided at the Aug. 2 meeting.

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