



Introduce the Bellevue Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative

Connect Eastside Meeting
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Agenda:

- 1) *PBII Overview*
- 2) *Stakeholder Involvement*
- 3) *Thank you!*





“Building and maintaining a seamless network of walkways, bikeways, and off-street trails requires a coordinated effort that is documented in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative.”

- Transportation Element





2009

city of bellevue
pedestrian & bicycle
transportation plan report



- Formulated vision, goals, objectives.
- Assessed gaps in the non-motorized network.
- Established performance targets.

Ordinance No. 5861 (2/17/2009)



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2009 Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan

Council support for a unified and recognizable strategy that:



- Links planning with implementation
- Promotes coordinated solutions (5Es)
- Advances a “Complete Streets” philosophy
- Considers creative & affordable strategies
- Leverages best practices and innovative tools
- Investigates “Vision Zero” techniques
- Advances demonstration projects
- Identifies early-win opportunities
- Balances the needs of various roadway users
- Maximizes construction efficiencies
- Promotes physically separated facilities
- Prioritizes “filling the gaps”
- Engages stakeholders early

1. Conducting stakeholder interviews with friends and family members about walking/bicycling in Bellevue.
2. Transcribing stakeholder interviews from audio files.
3. Photo-documenting priority bicycle corridors.
4. Publicizing wikimap survey by handing out flyers at transit centers, distributing to major employers, etc.



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8. Have any recently implemented facilities (e.g. new lanes, trails, wayfinding signs) in or around Bellevue had an impact on how [you / your employees] travel by bicycle?
9. What do you think are the two or three things that Bellevue could do in the near term—in the next couple of years—to have the greatest impact on bikeability and encourage more people to bike?
10. Relative to other transportation issues in the City, such as improving bus service or managing traffic congestion, how important is it to you to improve facilities for people on bicycles?
11. Any follow-up final comments? Examples of great facilities in other places that you have experienced and believe could be applied here? Longer-term projects you'd like to see Bellevue pursue?



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Yuhong Li
Print Name
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Step 1: Sign Release





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Community Outreach: Interview Questions

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Step 4: Photographs

Interview conducted on August 19, 2015. All comments transcribed from audio recording.



Name: Yuhong Li
Resides in: Bellevue
Household: Father of one son.
Works in: YLI Law Firm, Downtown Seattle
Type of bicyclist: Fair weather commuter and leisure cyclist on weekends.
Can be found riding: The 112nd Ave NE to/from South Kirkland P&R and also on the south Lake Washington bike route on weekends.
Highest bicycling priority: Implement median-protected bike lanes, i.e., bike lanes separated from vehicle lanes, to make Bellevue safe for bikes.

Top Quotes:

"I think that if we have safer bike lanes, it would encourage more people to bike."

"I have choice that I can drive, but riding bike is a very good exercise, especially if I can do it every day. A good body keeps your healthy mind."

"The biggest barrier is still not having enough bike lanes."

"The most protected bike lanes are wonderful. I hope we can build all of them."

1. Why do you bike in Bellevue? About how often and where (in what areas / along what corridors)?

- During weekdays I usually ride bike from home to P&R, located at South Kirkland, and then take bus to downtown Seattle.
- I think this is the most efficient way for me to commute and also for my health.
- I use 112nd Ave NE

2. How would you characterize yourself as a bicyclist? For example, are you a fair-weather commuter, a cycling enthusiast, a casual/social bicycle rider, etc.?

- I characterize myself in between: one as I mentioned that I bike almost every day to commute; during weekends I do leisure biking, meaning I would bike probably about 20 miles around the Lake Washington for fun or just for outdoor activities.

3. In general, what is your impression of bicycling in Bellevue?

- In general bicycle lanes are not good in my opinion. For example, on 112 Ave NE where I bike almost every day for my commute. There are some missing sections. Unfortunately those missing sections are close to the entry to freeway where people drive to freeway.
- The missing sections scare me. I am concerned of safety. The major section of the road has bike lanes, I like it. Because the road is steep, I like those bike lanes. But for that critical missing sections, every time I bike passing that section, I am afraid that cars behind me may squeeze me.

4. What are the two or three top reasons why you think investments in bicycling benefit Bellevue?





















- I think that if we have safer bike lanes, it would encourage more people to bike.
- For example of myself, in raining days, I would probably not bike at all because the safety becomes more concerning to me.
- Also if Bellevue becomes the more bike-friendly city, it will attract more people to come Bellevue either for living, leisure, or travelling. Of course, it also makes Bellevue safer for bike riders.

5. Was this a consideration for you in getting involved in cycling?

- I think the most motivation for me is to keep my body in a good health condition. Of course, I have choice that I can drive, but riding bike is a very good exercise, especially if I can do it every day. A good body keeps your healthy mind.
- There are other reasons: environment friendly, reducing gas emission. It also can have more people go freely around Bellevue. I believe not everyone has a car, but comparing with cars, bikes are more convenient and cheaper way to go around the cities.

6. What do you think are the greatest strengths of Bellevue's bicycle facilities?

- I think there are some bike lanes that are built already, I like it. For example, on the same 112nd Ave NE, the new construction contains the bike lanes. There were no bike lanes before. After this road was completed, there are new bike lanes on the paved new roads.
- I also like the City's zoning in downtown Bellevue, which is easy for people to go around, even easier for people who ride bikes.

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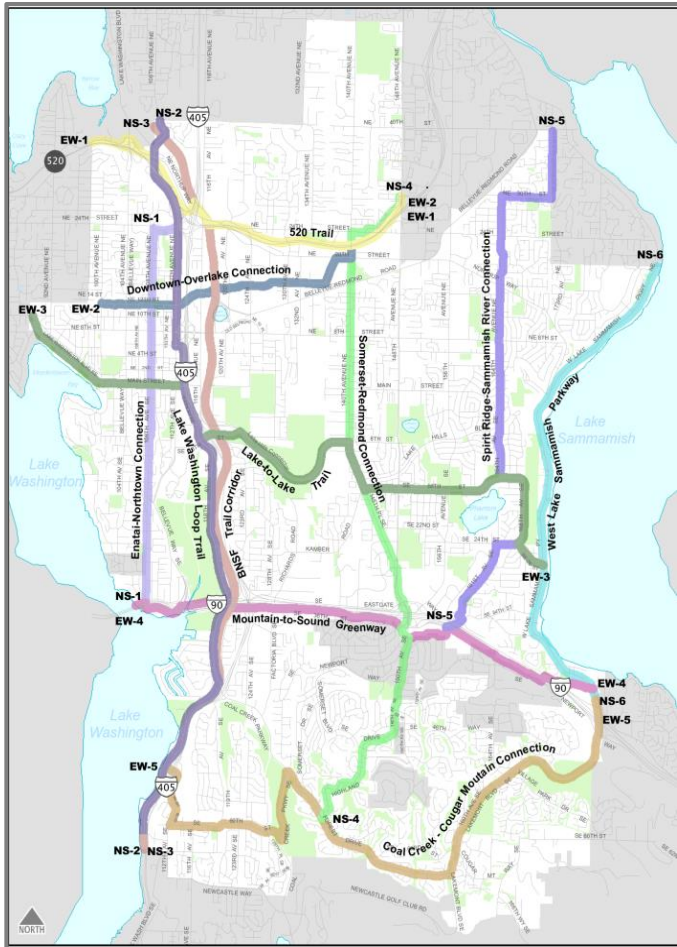
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Hello Yuhong -

I am wondering whether you might be willing to help me transcribe this interview with Benson Porter, CEO of Boeing Employee Credit Union. It would be very helpful to me to have you structure this in the same way that you produced your own interview. Please let me know.

Thank you,
Franz



“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.”

- Program Principles (2/17/15)



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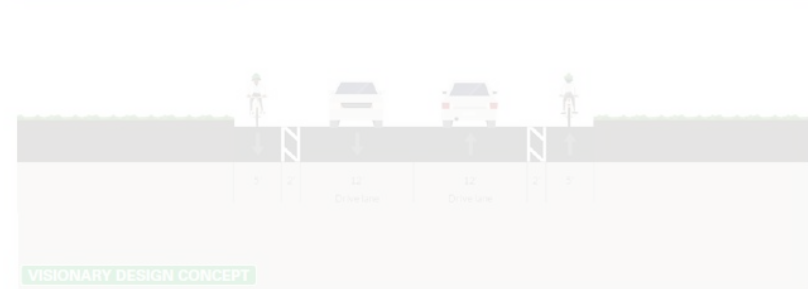
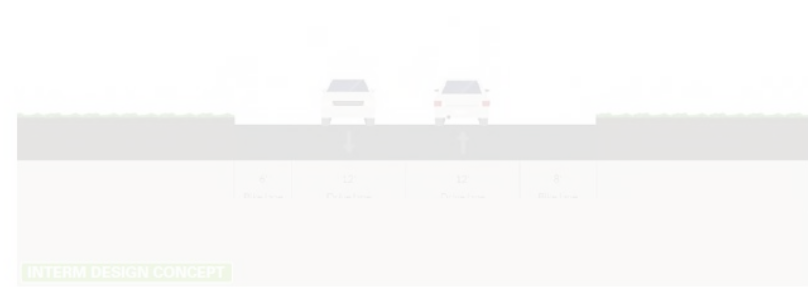
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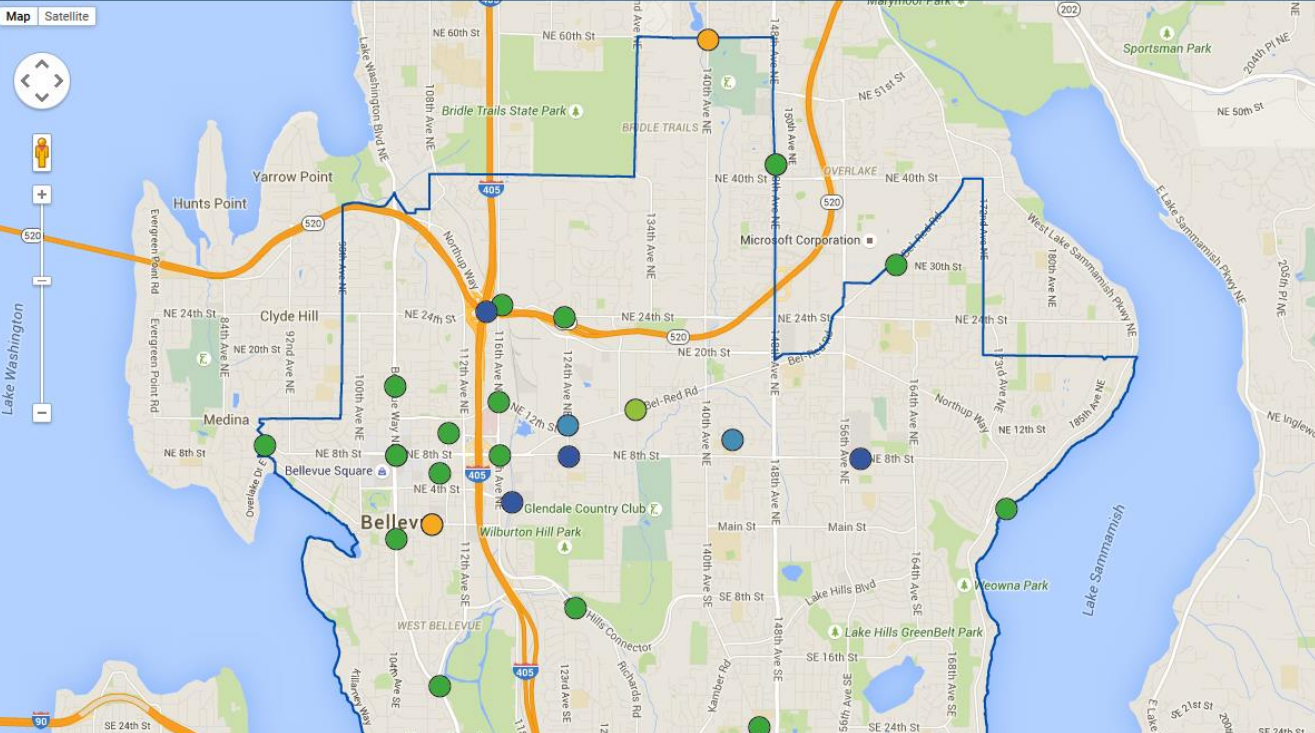
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