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TO: Members of the Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative

PURPOSE

At its May 28, 2015 workshop, staff seeks Transportation Commission concurrence on the Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative (PBII) Scope of Work (see attachment). This document refines the seven tasks identified in the preliminary PBII Scope of Work (12/11/14) to more thoroughly elaborate on the intended outcomes and associated timeline.

BACKGROUND

At its October 9, 2014 workshop, staff reviewed with Commission a preliminary Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan scope of work – an update to the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan. Commissioners were in agreement that the 2009 Plan articulates a shared vision of a desirable future that remains relevant today. As such, Commissioners were not supportive of expending resources on a master planning process that revisits/refines the overall construct of the 2009 plan document at this time. Instead, Commissioners requested staff develop a pedestrian and bicycle implementation initiative that results in specific outcomes that advance the projects and programs identified by the 2009 Plan.

At its December 11, 2014 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted in favor of recommending Council initiate the Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative (PBII) – a complement of action-oriented strategies to advance the projects and programs identified in the 2009 Plan. At its February 9, 2015 meeting, the City Council endorsed the PBII program principles and preliminary scope of work. Council expressed support for a unified and recognizable strategy that:

- Links planning with implementation so that we can “finish what we’ve started.”
- Promotes coordinated solutions in engineering, education, encouragement, evaluation, and enforcement.
- Advances a “Complete Streets” philosophy aimed at improving the conditions for people who walk and bicycle.
- Considers a variety of creative and affordable solutions to achieve the adopted performance targets.
- Leverages the best technologies and innovative tools that are successful elsewhere and applicable to Bellevue.
- Investigates “Vision Zero” techniques to enhance safety for all users of the roadway network.
- Advances demonstration projects that test experimental facility design treatments.

- Identifies early-win opportunities that can be implemented quickly to advance project delivery.
- Balances the needs of various roadway users and their associated design requirements.
- Coordinates roadway and non-motorized projects to maximize construction efficiencies.
- Promotes physically separated facilities to minimize conflicts between roadway users where possible.
- Prioritizes a connected network that “fills the gaps” in lieu of piece-meal implementation.
- Engages stakeholders at the earliest stages of scope development to ensure their input is included in project design.

At its February 17, 2015 meeting, the City Council received a transmittal letter from the Transportation Commission seeking concurrence to initiate the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative. Scott Lampe, Chair of the Transportation Commission and Commissioners Francois Larrivee and Clifford Chirls were in attendance. Council was unanimous in approving the PBII program principles, preliminary scope of work, and the Transportation Commission’s oversight of this initiative.