

## Community Open House – Summary

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The City of Bellevue hosted a second community open house on Jan. 19, 2017. The purpose of this open house was to solicit input on pared-down design options for the Bellevue Way HOV Project. The focus of the meeting was to present refined design options and design features, reflect community feedback to date, and further identify community priorities and concerns. An online open house with the same content and questions was also available between Jan. 11 and Jan. 31, 2017, so that members of the public could participate without attending the in-person event. (Initial project briefings and the first open house – which was also available online and in-person – were held in spring 2016.)

### **Notifications**

The project team advertised the second round of open houses to a broader area using more tools than the first round, which resulted in increased in-person turnout. A postcard was distributed to 4,462 residences and businesses and an email invite was sent to 139 individuals on the project email list. Community notifications also included a news release, posts on the city events calendar and Neighborhood News, and advertisements on Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor.

### **Attendance**

**Open House:** Jan. 19, 2017, 5 – 7 p.m., Bellevue City Hall

- 45 sign-ins, 50-55 total attendees
- 13 surveys (29% of attendees), respondents did not always answer all questions

**Online Open House:** Jan. 11 – 31, 2017

- 192 site visits, 134 unique users
- 27 surveys (20% of users), respondents did not always answer all questions

### **Summary of Survey Results**

Survey respondents included both residents in neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor and members of the traveling public. Please note that respondents did not always answer all questions. Overall, survey respondents provided the following feedback:

- **Length:** When asked to select a preferred project length, 33% of respondents (10 of 30) preferred Option 2 (HOV through “Y” intersection). However, in response to a second question about length, 70% of respondents (21 of 30) voiced support for Option 4 (HOV through “Y” intersection on 112th Avenue only). Option 4 provides the best annual travel time savings.
- **Width:** 61% of respondents (22 of 36) preferred the wider shoulder width option. Most mentioned space for disabled vehicles as their main reason for choosing the wider option. Some also preferred the space for larger trees.
- **Construction phasing:** A majority (56%, or 18 of 32 respondents) did not support phasing construction. If phased, 60% (9 of 15 respondents) preferred phasing option 4B (1,700-foot HOV extension from South Bellevue P&R to Winters House).

- **Aesthetics:** Most (75%, or 21 of 28 respondents) supported how aesthetic design is progressing. Commenters generally supported natural features and features that relate to the area's history.
- **Noise walls:** Approximately 63% (20 of 32) – but not all adjacent property owners – would like the city to continue considering noise walls.
- **Project opposition:** Four of the 40 respondents (10%) voiced strong opposition to the project. Their concerns included (1) whether the project would provide long-term traffic relief, (2) construction impacts on neighborhood residents, and (3) project cost and funding sources.