

Bellevue Transportation Commission

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To: Planning Commission

From: Transportation Commission

Subject: Transmittal of Recommended Transportation Element Policies for the

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

On March 14, 2024, the Transportation Commission approved recommended Transportation element policy amendments for the Comprehensive Plan as part of the Periodic Update directed by the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) and voted to transmit the recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Staff from the Community Development Department and the Transportation Department met in study session with the Transportation Commission on the following dates:

- March 10, 2022: Reviewed scope of update to the Transportation element.
- **September 8, 2022**: Reviewed an overview of major changes expected in the Transportation element.
- November 10, 2022: Reviewed and discussed preliminary updates to the policies in the Transportation element.
- **December 8, 2022**: Reviewed and discussed preliminary updates to the policies in the Transportation element.
- May 11, 2023: Provided an update regarding the release of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- **January 11, 2024:** Reviewed and discussed updates to draft Transportation element policy amendments based on additional staff analysis.
- March 14, 2024: Reviewed and made final recommendation for policy amendments in the Transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan. Transmittal to the Planning Commission.

Transportation element policies provide direction for transportation planning and investments to support the Comprehensive Plan. Recommended Transportation element policies provide direction for the planning, implementation and management of the complete and connected multimodal transportation network throughout the city. The Commission has heard from a variety of stakeholders through public comment at our meetings as well as through the City's outreach efforts. The Transportation Commission believes that the recommended Transportation element policies will serve as a valuable framework to inform the planning, design and development of transportation network facilities in the City.