

## Response to Feedback

The staff recommended policy changes to policies in Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan were released to the public on January 15. The public was invited to submit general or specific comments on the policy updates between January 15 and February 16.

Several boards and commissions reviewed the policies, made changes and recommended the updates to Planning Commission. Planning Commission reviewed the individual elements at their meetings between January 24 and April 10. They provided direction on changes to the policies.

The following list includes response to direction by Planning Commission for review of specific policies or topics (denoted by the phrase “PC Feedback”). In addition, it includes comments by one or more community members that led to changes in policies (“denoted by “Community Feedback”) and further staff recommended changes (denoted by “Staff Addition” or “Staff Change”).

### Introduction and Vision

1. PC Feedback: The Commission suggested that the vision discuss Bellevue being on the cutting edge of technology.
  - Response: Staff recommend revising the vision statement to include “These centers are home to today’s world renowned technology companies and tomorrow’s industry leaders”. (p. IV-2)
2. PC Feedback: The Commission suggested that the vision include a statement about safety.
  - Response: The first sentence of the vision addresses safety. This is something that is important to the community and because of that, there have been many additions to the policies in the Comprehensive Plan. Staff do not recommend adding more focus on safety in the vision statement because safety is one of many things that is important to the future of Bellevue.

### Community Engagement

3. PC Feedback: CE-3. The Commission suggested the policy should be specific about what adequate time is.
  - Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CE-3. <u>Provide issue and policy education opportunities related to projects with adequate time to support community engagement and thoughtful dialogue.</u>	CE-3. Provide issue and policy education opportunities related to projects <del>with adequate time as part of an overall</del> <u>community engagement plan to support</u> informed and thoughtful dialogue.

4. PC Feedback: CE-4: The Commission suggested that protecting residents in not captured from (old number) CE-4 and (old number) CE-5. The commission suggested that community may be too broad for this context.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification (the clauses of the policy have been reordered).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CE-4. Consider the interests of the entire community and the goals and policies of this Plan before making city <u>project, land use, and policy</u> decisions. <del>Proponents</del> <u>Conduct detailed and community-informed stakeholder analyses to identify what segments of change in land use should demonstrate that the proposed change responds to the interests and changing needs of the entire city, balanced with the interests of the neighborhoods most directly the community will be impacted by the project, with particular attention given to historically underserved communities.</u>	CE-4. Conduct detailed and community-informed stakeholder analyses to identify what <u>neighborhoods and segments</u> <del>Consider the interests of the entire community will be impacted by and the goals and policies of this Plan before making city projects, land use, and policy decisions of impacted,</del> <u>with particular attention given to historically underserved communities</u>

5. PC Feedback: CE-12. The Commission asked that the policy be more specific about those impacted by development.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CE-12. Encourage and emphasize open <u>and ongoing</u> communication between developers and <del>neighbors about compatibility issues</del> <u>those impacted by development projects.</u>	CE-12. Encourage and emphasize open and ongoing communication between developers and <u>residents, businesses, and other segments of the community</u> impacted by development projects.

## Land Use

6. PC Feedback: “Health” and “vitality” are ambiguous terms. The Commission suggested using more specific terms in the policies in the Land Use element.
- Response: Staff do not recommend any changes. The two policies use the term “health” (LU-43, LU-44) and one policy uses both terms (LU-1). Staff do not recommend changing wording for LU-43 and LU-44 because they refer to the physical health of people (as in public health). Staff considered other wording for the clause in LU-1 that uses the two words (“Enhance the health and vitality of existing single-family, multi-family and mixed use residential neighborhoods.”). This is a broad policy intended to cover a broad array of implementation measures, some of which are referenced in the Land Use element and other elements, including physical actions such as the use of public spaces, parks, sidewalks and other civic infrastructure and programmatic actions such as arts programming, community events, and other activities. The clause in LU-1 focuses on the outcomes in residential neighborhoods of healthy people and a vital (in other words, life-sustaining) community.
7. PC Feedback: The Commission asked if the City needed a policy about acquiring land for schools similar to the policy we have for parkland (LU-2).
- Response: The Land Use element includes a policy supporting collaboration with school districts to plan for future facility needs (LU-11).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-11. Support school district’s efforts to identify and plan for future school facility siting that meets community needs.	No change.

8. PC Feedback: LU-3. The terms “brownfield”, “greyfield”, and “greenfield” are not well known, though they may be defined in the glossary. The Commission suggested that the policy be reworded to clarify the intent.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-3. <u>Prioritize development of brownfields and grayfields over greenfields, wetlands, and environmentally sensitive areas.</u>	LU-3. Prioritize the redevelopment of <del>brownfields and greyfields</del> on under-developed land over <del>greenfields, wetlands,</del> <u>vacant land, open space</u> and environmentally sensitive areas.

9. PC Feedback: LU-8. The Commission questions whether “substantial portion” was the right term to use here and suggested consideration of other words such as, “optimize”.

- Response: This policy has served the city well in the development of housing in the past. As more housing capacity is added to the city in this time of housing shortages, it will be critical to encourage the use of a substantial portion of the density available on a site. It is helpful to use “substantial portion” because that definition may change between zones.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-8. Encourage new residential development to achieve a substantial portion of the maximum density allowed on the net buildable acreage.	No change.

10. PC Feedback: LU-13. The Commission indicated that they would like to keep the phrase, “appropriate to the neighborhood” or some similar language that recognizes that different parts of Bellevue have distinct physical characteristics that are valuable to local identity and sense of belonging.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-13. <del>Protect residential areas from the impacts of non-residential uses of a scale not appropriate to the neighborhood.</del> <u>Apply design techniques and development regulations to transition between low density and high density areas, particularly in residential areas.</u>	LU-13. Apply <u>contextually appropriate</u> design techniques and development regulations to transition between low density and high density areas, particularly in residential areas.

11. PC Feedback: LU-14. The Commission suggested that the policy be more directive as to what should be assessed.

- Response: Commercial land uses are varied. The assessment happens at the development stage. Compatibility is determined through provisions in the code at the time of land use review.

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LU-14. Assess the compatibility of commercial uses and other more intense uses when located in mixed use and predominantly residential areas.	No change.
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12. PC Feedback: LU-17. The Commission suggested adding “economic vitality” to the list of attributes desired in new Neighborhood Centers.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<del>LU-17. Promote maintenance and establishment of small-scale activity areas within neighborhoods that encourage pedestrian patronage and provide informal opportunities for residents to meet.</del> <u>Establish new Neighborhood Centers through a process that utilizes inclusive outreach, identifies and seeks to fulfill gaps in locations providing neighborhood services, and encourages multimodal access to Neighborhood Centers across the city.</u>	LU-17. Establish new Neighborhood Centers through a process that utilizes inclusive outreach, identifies and seeks to fulfill gaps in locations providing neighborhood services, <u>contributing to local economic vitality</u> and encourages multimodal access to Neighborhood Centers across the city.

13. PC Feedback: LU-25. The Commission suggested that parking should be optimized so that people are not inconvenienced.

- Response: Neighboring buildings have shared parking in the past where the uses are complimentary, such as medical office (typically occupied during the day) and restaurants (typically occupied in the evening). While these agreements are not required, it is helpful to people looking to park to have such agreements.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-25. Encourage private developers of adjacent or nearby properties to execute agreements to provide joint use and funding of shared parking facilities.	No change.

14. PC Feedback: LU-26. The Commission noted that this policy does not highlight the needs for planning for roads, sewer, and other infrastructure in the master planning process. The Commission asked for that addition to be considered.

- Response: Infrastructure needs of developments broadly are addressed in Transportation and Utilities elements. Infrastructure needed for master planned communities does not need to be called out separately. For any given development needs for and impact to infrastructure is required to be considered through the development review under the SEPA.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-26. Encourage the master planning of multi-building and multi-parcel developments and large institutions to <del>emphasize aesthetics and community compatibility, integrate with its surroundings. Include circulation, landscaping, open space, storm drainage, utilities, and building location and design in the master plan.</del>	No change.

15. PC Feedback: LU-27. The Commission asked that this policy maximize access to community facilities for the most number of people.

- Response: Siting community facilities near transit does improve access to community facilities for many, however, maximizing access for the most number of people is not the sole goal of siting community facilities. The Comprehensive Plan includes policies to provide equitable and affordable access to community facilities (CF-2) and to ensure that there is an equitable distribution of parks throughout the city (PA-3).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-27. Locate new community facilities near major transit routes and in areas convenient to pedestrians and bicyclists.	No change.

16. Community Feedback: Respondents were split regarding parking, with some people wanting to see a lifting of parking minimums and others who want to preserve parking. State law prohibits parking minimums in some cases. While there may be cases where parking should be required near station areas, allowing parking need to be met by developers at the market rate will ensure that the land near stations is being put to the highest and best use.

- Response: Staff recommend the addition of the following policy to the Transit Oriented Development subsection. Note that this has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

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None.	LU-32. <u>Encourage reducing parking requirements in areas with good access to transit and active transportation facilities and prioritize parking options to serve the community with special needs.</u>
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17. PC Feedback: LU-32. The Commission suggested that it is necessary to balance the need to support the distinctiveness of different parts of Bellevue while at the same time allowing the City to evolve over time. The Commission asked that language be considered to reflect that tension. In addition, the Commission suggested that the first instance of “neighborhood” be retained.

- Response: This is important to the identity of the City as a whole and to neighborhoods and sub-neighborhoods. There are several policies in the plan about place-making including LU-33, recognizing the value of arts and culture, TR-37 and TR-38, consideration of the role of the street, and UD-61, recognizing and affirming the diverse heritages of the community. LU-32 addresses this balance specifically. Staff recommend replacing the first instance of “neighborhood” with “local” to be more flexible about what level distinctiveness is defined. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of LU-32).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-32. Help communities to maintain <del>their</del> a local, distinctive <del>neighborhood</del> character, while recognizing that <del>some</del> neighborhoods <del>may evolve over time to</del> meet community needs.	LU-33. Help communities to maintain distinctive <u>local</u> character while recognizing that neighborhoods evolve over time to meet community needs.

18. PC Feedback: LU-34. The Commission pointed out a typo: “additional” appears twice.

- Response: Staff recommend the following correction. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of LU-32)

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-34. <del>Employ-Consider</del> a land use incentive systems that offers additional <del>floor area</del> <u>additional development capacity or flexibility</u> in exchange for <del>infrastructure and amenities that contribute to the commensurate public benefits good, that</del> address identified needs of that area.	LU-35. Employ land use incentive systems that offer additional <del>additional</del> development capacity or flexibility in exchange for commensurate public benefits that address identified needs of that area.

19. PC Feedback: LU-38. The Commission noted a typo. The policy is missing “with” between “those areas” and “fewer public amenities.” The Commission also asked if grocery stores should also be listed as a public amenity.

- Response: Staff recommend the following correction. Staff do not recommend adding grocery stores as this policy is focused on public amenities. While grocery stores are an important component of a neighborhood, they are privately provided. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of LU-32).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
LU-38. <u>Provide equitable access to parks, safe pedestrian and bicycle routes and other public amenities for all neighborhoods, prioritizing improvements for those areas fewer public amenities.</u>	LU-39. Provide equitable access to parks, safe pedestrian and bicycle routes and other public amenities for all neighborhoods, prioritizing improvements for those areas <u>with</u> fewer public amenities.

20. Community Feedback: The community supported policies to enhance the tree canopy and asked for additional policies to preserve or encourage natural areas during development.

- Response: Staff recommend adding the following policy. Note that subsequent policies have been renumbered due to the addition.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
None.	LU-40. <u>Provide opportunities for increased density and height to accommodate clustering, efficient site planning and significant preservation of trees and open space on parcels over 10 acres.</u>

21. PC Feedback: LU-40 to LU-42. The Commission suggested that the policies on air quality may have some overlap and could be consolidated.

- Response: Staff recommend combining LU-42 and LU-43 into one policy that more closely aligns with the CPPs. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of LU-32 and LU-40)

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LU-40. <u>Promote measures to protect sensitive uses from risks of exposure to air and noise pollution by locating them away from pollution sources, where possible, or by use of feasible, effective building and site design measures to mitigate exposure.</u>	LU-42. (no change)
LU-41. <u>Design new development and encourage the retrofit existing buildings to improve indoor air quality and reduce resident exposure to air pollution.</u>	LU-43. (no change)
LU-42. <u>Assess the cumulative health impacts on people of color, low-income groups and other groups that have historically been most impacted by poor air quality near freeways when making land use changes.</u>	LU-44. <u>Consult with historically impacted low-income communities and communities of color as well as experts in the field of development to prevent, mitigate and remediate harmful environmental pollutants and hazards, including light, air, soil and structural hazards, where they have contributed to racially disparate environmental and health impacts, and to increase environmental resiliency in low-income communities.</u>
LU-43. <u>Consult with historically impacted low-income communities and communities of color as well as experts in the field of development when looking to implement policies, guidance and regulations aimed at air pollution mitigation.</u>	

## Neighborhoods

22. PC Feedback: NH-1. The Commission suggested that the term “accessibility” was too vague in this context.

- Response: Accessible can be read in many ways, accessible for folks with disabilities, accessible meaning it is easy to connect with activities there. We mean all of those. It is good as a broad policy for what we hope neighborhoods are for people in Bellevue.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
NH-1. Maintain <u>all</u> neighborhoods as safe <del>and</del> , welcoming and <u>accessible</u> environments for <del>everyone</del> <u>all</u> to enjoy.	No change.

23. PC Feedback: NH-2. The Commission suggested that “child care” and “senior centers” be added to the policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<p>NH-2. <u>Support the creation of a variety of land uses to fulfill each neighborhood's basic needs, including:</u></p> <p><u>1. A range of housing types at various affordability levels;</u></p> <p><u>2. Access to basic needs such as groceries, pharmacies, and other essential services;</u></p> <p><u>3. Natural areas and open spaces; and</u></p> <p><u>4. Places to gather.</u></p>	<p>NH-2. Support the creation of a variety of land uses to fulfill each neighborhood's basic needs, including:</p> <p>1. A range of housing types at various affordability levels;</p> <p>2. Access to basic needs such as groceries, pharmacies, <u>child care</u> and other essential services;</p> <p>3. Natural areas and open spaces; and</p> <p>4. <u>Public P</u>laces to gather <u>like senior centers and parks and private places to gather like churches and country clubs.</u></p>

24. PC Feedback: NH-3. The Commission felt this was too specific to climate change. They suggested we want to mitigate all disasters, regardless of the cause.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<p>NH-3. Plan and prepare for the response, recovery, and mitigation of potential disasters and hazards.</p> <p><u>1. Factor climate impacts into neighborhood emergency preparedness and enhance local capacity to respond to climate-related hazards.</u></p> <p><u>2. Prioritize high-risk neighborhoods for mitigating climate hazards.</u></p>	<p>NH-3. Plan and prepare for the response, recovery, and mitigation of potential disasters and hazards.</p> <p><del>1.</del> Factor climate impacts into neighborhood emergency preparedness and enhance local capacity to respond to climate-related hazards.</p> <p><del>2. Prioritize high-risk neighborhoods for mitigating climate hazards.</del></p>

25. PC Feedback: NH-4. The Commission asked whether this policy needs a second sentence to better describe what healthy food options are? The Commission clarified that it should be a statement about nutrition, not a statement on what food people value as key for health and welfare.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
NH-4. <u>Incorporate equitable access to healthy food into all neighborhood areas.</u>	NH-4. Incorporate equitable access to healthy food into all neighborhood areas <u>by encouraging the location of healthy food purveyors, such as grocery stores, farmers markets, and community food gardens in proximity to residential uses and transit facilities.</u>

26. PC Feedback: NH-14. The Commission suggested adding more language around accessibility.

- Response: This policy is about enhancing a neighborhood's distinctive identity through physical amenities and while accessibility is an important consideration, it is not the only consideration. The physical amenities may contribute to distinctiveness in sound, sight, touch or another sense and would contribute to the unique experience of different parts of the city by a variety of people. The policy is meant to be broad enough to include many creative ways to support distinctiveness and diversity.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
NH-14. <del>Preserve</del> <u>Support efforts to enhance the distinct physical amenities and develop distinctive neighborhood elements that bring artistic, cultural, or natural character within Bellevue's qualities to life across Bellevue's diverse neighborhoods.</u>	No change.

## Housing

27. PC Feedback: The Commission suggested modifying the use of "explore" in policies HO-34, HO-35, HO-46, HO-53, HO-55.

- In general, the word "explore" is used to initiate the discovery phase of programs or activities that have not been adopted by council or directed by federal or state laws, or included in CPPs or MPPs. Because there is no higher mandate to launch the program or activity, the word explore is used to indicate that the city may choose whether or not to engage in the activity. See the individual policies for responses to the specific issues related to that policy.

28. PC Feedback: The Commission suggested using more specific or action-oriented language for policies HO-1, HO-5, HO-10, HO-12, HO-25, HO-34, HO-56, HO-75.
- Response: In general, policy language provides a framework for further action rather than directing implementation. See the individual policies for responses to the specific issues related to that policy.
29. PC Feedback: HO-1. The Commission suggested using stronger and more specific language to clarify policy intent. The commission suggested replacing “encourage” with “ensure.”
- Response: The city has limited tools to direct private investment. There are ways to encourage investment in priority areas through incentives, partnerships, zoning/regulations, and other means. There are also ways the city can support housing affordability and stability through zoning/regulations, social programs, and other means. However, there are other factors outside of the city’s control in the housing market. Changing “encourage” to “ensure” would require the city go beyond what the typical city does to regulate the housing market.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-1. Encourage investment in <del>and revitalization of single family and multifamily neighborhoods</del> <u>areas with historically lower investment and where private investment patterns are not accomplishing this objective</u> <del>to encourage housing affordability and stability while providing amenities for the community.</del>	No change.

30. PC Feedback: HO-3. The commission suggested that the goal of the collaboration between the city and those disproportionately impacts by housing costs should be clarified.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-3. <u>Collaborate with those disproportionately impacted by housing cost in creating and implementing city policies, practices and regulations.</u>	HO-3. <u>To ensure progress towards reducing housing disparities,</u> <del>c</del> Collaborate with those disproportionately impacted by housing cost in creating and implementing city <u>housing</u> policies, practices and regulations.

31. PC Feedback: HO-5. The Commission suggested using stronger language than “ensure.”

- Response: Ensure means to guarantee or make certain. Staff do not have a stronger word to use in its place in this policy.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-5. <u>Acknowledge and document Bellevue’s role in historical events and actions that have led to housing disparities and discrimination and ensure equitable outcomes in housing in all city processes, procedures, and regulations while working to undo past harms.</u>	No change.

32. PC Feedback: HO-6. The Commission expressed concern that this policy is backwards looking and could create compliance issues for the city going forward.

- Response: Staff recommend adding environmental racism to the glossary. The policy intent is to minimize exposure. The way to minimize and to what degree it can be minimized may change over time based on available technology and resources. Historical patterns of environmental racism include siting apartments near freeways and other hazards to buffer single-family homes from exposure to those sources of pollution, siting parks and other healthy amenities away from neighborhoods with more lower income residents, reducing opportunities through zoning for the creation of commercial activities that support health like full-service grocery stores and pharmacies and health clinics, and implementing large blocks, fast roads and small sidewalks, discouraging an active lifestyle in certain neighborhoods. One of the purposes of this policy is to make sure that the city does not continue these practices and works to reverse the impacts where they have been implemented in the past.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-6. <u>Minimize residents' exposure to both natural and manmade environmental hazards and ensure that the city’s housing policies and regulations do not perpetuate historical patterns of environmental racism.</u>	No change.

33. PC Feedback: HO-9. The Commission suggested revising the policy to add “marginalized populations.”

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-9. <u>Provide additional support to historically underserved communities to connect them to housing and home ownership opportunities.</u>	HO-9. Provide additional support to historically underserved communities <u>and marginalized communities</u> to connect them to housing and home ownership opportunities.

34. PC Feedback: HO-10. The Commission suggested using stronger language.

- Response: Staff would like to confidently remove the words “work to” at the beginning of this policy, however, they recognize that the work of identifying and eliminating the city’s role in housing disparities and discrimination is on-going. Some of the policies identified for removal in this element and in others are due to their role in perpetuating housing disparities. Yet, there continues to be more work to do to identify and eliminate barriers to housing equity.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-10. <u>Work to identify and eliminate current city policies, practices, and regulations that perpetuate housing disparities and discrimination.</u>	No change.

35. PC Feedback: HO-12. The Commission was concerned this policy was not specific enough to guide coordination.

- Response: This policy intends to offer a policy framework for collaboration rather than direct coordination efforts. Specific actions the city can take or details about partners the city can collaborate with are detailed in the Affordable Housing Strategy. Additional policies on coordination including HO-26, HO-29, HO-31, HO-36, HO-60, HO-69.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-12. <u>Collaborate with diverse partners on the provision of resources and programs to meet the city’s housing need.</u>	No change.

36. H-13. The Commission suggested adding “wide” before range of household types.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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HO-13. Provide incentives to encourage residential development for a range of household types and income levels in <del>multifamily and mixed use commercial zones</del> areas throughout the city.	HO-13. Provide incentives to encourage residential development for a <u>wide</u> range of household types and income levels in mixed use areas throughout the city.
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37. PC Feedback: HO-13. The Commission identified a typo within the policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-14. <u>Ensure there are zoning ordinances and building policies in place that allow and encourage an increase the housing supply attainable to households along the full range of income levels.</u>	HO-14. Ensure there are zoning ordinances and building policies in place that allow and encourage an increase <u>in</u> the housing supply attainable to households along the full range of income levels.

38. PC Feedback: HO-17. The Commission asked if this policy is compliant with HB 1337. They also suggested retaining the phrase, “subject to specific development, design, location and owner occupancy standards.”

- Response: This policy was modified to be in compliance with HB 1337. HB 1337 prohibits an owner-occupancy requirement, development regulations (such as height, setback, access, etc.) that are substantially different from those of the primary unit, or design review for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-17. Allow attached and detached accessory dwelling units <del>in single family districts subject to specific development, design, location, and owner occupancy standards.</del> Allow detached accessory dwelling units <del>where expressly allowed by neighborhood subarea plans.</del> <u>in residential and mixed-use areas with the ability to be rented or sold individually.</u>	No change.

39. PC Feedback: HO-18. The commission asked if this policy would allow for creative approaches to providing housing, such as single access point blocks (a type of apartment building that is built around a single stair and elevator core). The commission also asked if “incentivize” could make the policy more instrumental in the creation of housing density, choice and affordability.

- Response: There are many ways the city can promote housing density, choice and affordability. One way is through the use of incentives. Another is by designating housing density in the future land use map. Yet another is to allow for a variety of building types and the use of creative approaches in the land use code. These are all ways the city is working to meet the purpose of this policy. Staff do not recommend narrowing it to just focus on incentives or new and creative building types. HO-22 is a policy specifically supporting innovative housing types.

40. PC Feedback: HO-21. The Commission suggested that, beyond monitoring, there should be a feedback cycle to fix identified problems.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-21. <u>Monitor and assess the housing production in the city to track the city's progress toward meeting the projected jurisdictional housing needs across the entire income spectrum, consistent with state law and countywide planning policies.</u>	HO-21. Monitor and assess the housing production in the city to track the city's progress toward meeting the projected jurisdictional housing needs across the entire income spectrum, consistent with state law and countywide planning policies <u>and take additional steps if needed.</u>

41. PC Feedback: (Old number) HO-3. The Commission suggested this policy could be retained without reference to the character of single family neighborhoods.

- Response: The city does not need a policy to enforce its regulations. The commission has also suggested that the character of neighborhoods should be allowed to evolve as the needs of residents evolve. Other policies in the Neighborhoods element address managing the changing identities of neighborhoods (NH-14 to NH-16).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(Old policy ) HO-3. <del>Maintain the character of established single family neighborhoods, through adoption and enforcement of appropriate regulations.</del>	No change.

42. PC Feedback: (Old number) HO-4. The Commission suggested this policy could be retained to regulate and monitor short term rentals.

- Response: The impact of short-term rentals on the cost and supply of housing in Bellevue is unclear currently. Staff recommend adding a policy to



evaluate the impact before directing the regulation of short-term rentals.  
Note that this has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(Old policy) HO-4. <del>Monitor and appropriately regulate room rentals in single family areas.</del>	HO-23. <u>Evaluate the impact of short-term rentals on the cost and supply of housing.</u>

43. PC Feedback: (Old number) HO-13. The Commission suggested this policy could be retained with revisions to address discriminatory impact.
- Response: The assumption of this policy is that mixed use areas are bad for Bellevue. Since the city is moving to a structure where most of the formerly commercial areas are mixed use and the fastest growing residential areas will also be in mixed use areas, staff do not feel this is an appropriate way to structure policy about mixed use areas. In addition, the Urban Design element has a section on Mixed Use Areas (UD-12 to UD-21) and the Land Use element has a subsection on Mixed Use Centers (LU-19 to LU-21) which are more appropriate places for a policy focused on mixed use development.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(Old policy) HO-13. <del>Ensure that mixed-use development complements and enhances the character of the surrounding residential and commercial areas.</del>	No change.

44. PC Feedback: HO-24. The commission supported this policy and recommend using stronger language, such as replacing “Promote” with “Ensure” or “Incentivize”.
- Using “Ensure” would lead to additional building code requirements that could make building homes in Bellevue significantly more costly. In addition, much of the work to help buildings become more energy efficient is related to retrofitting existing buildings, which is difficult to require without an imminent threat to health and safety. “Promote” could include incentives for climate-friendly housing but it could also result in other programs such as the use of federal grants to help people install heat pumps. Incentivize could inadvertently limit the tools available to reach these goals. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-24. <u>Promote climate-friendly housing that minimizes energy and resource use throughout the construction and life of the</u>	HO-25. No change.

<u>structure, and that is adaptable to a changing climate, including heat, flooding, air pollution, and wildfire events.</u>	
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45. PC Feedback: HO-25. The Commission suggested identifying both for-profit and non-profit housing developers.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-25. <del>Promote working partnerships</del> Partner with housing developers to help create a variety of housing types in the community.	HO-26. Partner with <u>non-profit and for-profit</u> housing developers to help create a variety of housing types in the community.

46. PC Feedback: HO-26. The commission asked if there should be a reference to the fact that the development of a faith-based property for affordable housing is given a 50 percent density upzone and an additional story.

- Response: Staff affirmed that this policy relates to the existing C-1 program. Details such as density upzone are best left to the code.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-26. Allow properties in <del>single family residential</del> designated areas on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan map to reclassify to <del>multifamily</del> <u>higher density residential designations</u> when they meet all the following criteria: 1. one hundred percent of the housing being developed will be permanently affordable housing; and 2. the property is owned or controlled by a religious organization; and 3. the property is located near high capacity transportation infrastructure and services; and 4. the property is located near other multifamily residential or commercial use districts.	HO-27. No change.

47. PC Feedback: HO-29. The Commission noted that there are significant barriers for people to qualify for affordable housing

- Response: Staff acknowledge this difficulty. Expanding funding sources will help with the development of affordable housing so that it is available to more people. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-29. Substantially expand funding sources for affordable housing.	HO-30. No change.

48. PC Feedback: HO-31. The Commission noted that there are cases where preventing displacement is not possible or ideal and recommend changing “prevent” to “minimize.”

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-31. <u>Explore</u> Develop strategies to <u>prevent displacement of marginalized populations, such as rental, eviction and foreclosure assistance programs.</u>	HO-32. Develop strategies to <u>prevent minimize</u> displacement of marginalized populations, such as rental, eviction, and foreclosure assistance programs.

49. PC Feedback: HO-33. The Commission supported this policy and recommended stronger language for this policy, such as using “create” instead of “explore.”

- Response: This policy provides a policy framework for the creation of a program and would support the research and analysis, including fiscal analysis, that would go into identifying options for creating a funding mechanism. Such a program could be adopted by the city at a future time. Creation of a program would require Council action. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-33. <u>Explore</u> the creation of a funding mechanism to assist extremely low-, very low- and low-income households with property tax payments to prevent displacement.	HO-34. No change.

50. PC Feedback: HO-34. The Commission supported this policy and recommended stronger language, such as using “create” instead of “explore.”

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-34. <u>Explore opportunities to require or incentivize affordable housing when increases to development capacity are made.</u>	HO-35. <del>Explore</del> <u>Create</u> opportunities to require or incentivize affordable housing when increases to development capacity are made.

51. PC Feedback: HO-36. The Commission noted that there are cases where preventing displacement is not possible or ideal and recommend changing “prevent” to “minimize.”

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-36. <del>Encourage preservation, maintenance and improvements to</del> <u>Ensure continuity of housing and prevent displacement of people with lower incomes by preserving existing affordable housing and encouraging its maintenance and improvement.</u>	HO-37. Ensure continuity of housing and <del>prevent</del> <u>minimize</u> displacement of people with lower incomes by preserving existing affordable housing and encouraging its maintenance and improvement.

52. PC Feedback: HO-49. The Commission recommended that faith-based be added to the glossary. The Commission suggested that rephrasing the language in the positive for clarity.

- Response. The definition has been added to the glossary. Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-49. <del>Implement Affordable Housing Strategy C-1 by providing</del> <u>Ensure that regulations and standards are not limiting the effectiveness of</u> bonuses and incentives to increase permanently affordable housing on any qualifying property owned by faith-based or non-profit housing entities, or on surplus property owned by public entities.	HO-50. Ensure that regulations and standards <del>are not limiting</del> <u>support</u> the effectiveness of bonuses and incentives to increase permanently affordable housing on any qualifying property owned by faith-based or non-profit housing entities, or on surplus property owned by public entities.

53. Staff Addition: Staff recommend a new policy to explore opportunities for affordable housing through the Capital Facilities planning process. Note the addition of this policy has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
None.	HO-53. <u>Explore co-locating affordable housing in the development of new city-owned capital facilities.</u>

54. PC Feedback: HO-52. The commission supported this policy and recommend stronger language such as replacing “Explore” with “Develop” or “Pursue”.
- Response: This policy is for a program that has not been used in the city before. All implications will need to be analyzed before it is launched. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-52. <u>Explore the creation of a land bank to acquire land for future affordable housing needs as opportunities arise.</u>	HO-54. No change.

55. The commission supported this policy and recommend stronger language such as replacing “Explore” with “Develop” or “Pursue”.
- Response: This policy is for a program that has not been used in the city before. All implications will need to be analyzed before it is launched. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-53. <u>Explore the shared equity homeownership models to create permanently affordable homeownership throughout the city.</u>	HO-55. No change.

56. PC Feedback: HO-54. The commission suggested that the policy use stronger, more directive language.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-54. <u>Analyze major cost and regulatory barriers to the construction of affordable housing and work to</u>	HO-56. Analyze major cost and regulatory barriers to the construction of affordable

<u>minimize these barriers where they exist.</u>	housing and <del>work to</del> minimize these barriers where they exist.
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57. PC Feedback: HO-56. The commission suggested that “pursue” might not be the right word in this policy.

- Response: The policy was amended to become slightly more directive in that, rather than directing the city to explore all available financing options, it now directs the city to pursue them, with the inference that the city would only pursue those that make sense for Bellevue. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-56. <del>Explore all</del> <u>Pursue</u> available federal, state, and local programs and private options for financing <u>the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the city.</u>	HO-58. No change.

58. PC Feedback: HO-57. The commission suggested that the policy use “Support” instead of “ensure” because the city would not realistically be able to ensure a stable transition for those households.

- Response: This policy is specifically about actions the city is taking as a result of enforcement actions the city took. Therefore, the city does not need to support the activity, it can simply ensure that it happens. It is possible that any individual household may choose not to take the transition option the city offers. However, the city should still ensure that it provides a stable transition option to households. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-57. Participate in relocation assistance to <del>low</del> <u>ensure a stable transition for lower-</u> income households <del>whose housing may be displaced by condemnation or city-initiated code enforcement</del> <u>facing displacement.</u>	HO-59. No change.

59. PC Feedback: HO-62. The commission asked for clarity about how this policy would result in more accessible housing.

- Response: In cases where the city can require the use of universal design, the does such as ADA accessibility requirements for buildings with more than four units. However, it is not possible to require all of the principles in all instances. This policy supports efforts to go beyond ADA requirements and encourage awareness of the benefits of using universal design principles more broadly. This policy was broadened to focus on access for all instead of just access for seniors. Implementation strategies for affordable housing are further outlined in the Affordable Housing Strategy. Universal Design is defined in glossary. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-62. <del>Support housing options, programs, and services that allow seniors to stay in their homes or neighborhood.</del> Promote <del>awareness</del> <u>the use</u> of Universal Design <del>improvements</del> <u>methods</u> that increase housing accessibility.	HO-65. No change.

60. PC Feedback: HO-61. The commission pointed out that HO-61 addresses the needs for housing of seniors but not of those with disabilities

- Response: Staff recommend splitting the policy into two policies that address the needs of older adults to remain in their area of their choosing as their needs change over time and also the needs of people of all ages with disabilities. Note HO-61 is renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23 and HO-53 and the addition of HO-64 has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-61. Encourage a range of housing types for <del>seniors</del> <u>older adults</u> affordable at a variety of income levels, <del>and with access to transit and services, to minimize displacement and ensure older adults can reside in the area of their choosing as their needs change over time.</del>	HO-63. Encourage a range of housing types for older adults affordable at a variety of income levels, <del>and with access to transit and services,</del> to minimize displacement and ensure older adults can reside in the area of their choosing as their needs change over time.
	HO-64. <u>Encourage and support the creation of housing to support those with unique needs throughout the city, including youth, persons with disabilities or in need of mental and physical health</u>

	<u>assistance, victims of domestic violence, and refugees.</u>
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61. PC Feedback: HO-74. The commission suggested stronger wording for this policy and that, "and their communities" be added between "residents" and "experiencing."

- Response: Ensuring the safety and well-being of people experiencing homelessness is an effort of many organizations in addition to the city. The city supports and participates in these efforts but cannot do it alone. Staff noted that there was some confusion about the definition of a "resident" experiencing homelessness and recommend changing the term to clarify the policy. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HO-23, HO-53 and HO-64).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HO-74. <u>Support efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of residents experiencing homelessness.</u>	HO-77. Support efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of <del>residents</del> <u>people</u> experiencing homelessness.

## Capital Facilities

62. PC Feedback: The commission suggested using accessibility standards for people with disabilities into city facilities.

- Response: The city will comply with all ADA standards in the construction of all facilities. In addition, there are several policies on accessibility that encourage the city and others to go beyond that whenever possible. These policies include: UD-11 addresses the use of universal design in indoor and outdoor places; HO-63 and HO-64 – encourages the use of universal design in housing; ED-19 – providing an accessible economic environment; TR-73 – providing accessible transportation services; PA-18 – providing accessible signage in parks; PA-41 – providing parks that are accessible for all users; UD-10 – providing accessible outdoor public places. Staff to not recommend further modifications to policies.

63. PC Feedback: CF-1. The commission suggested looking at future growth to forecast demand.

- Response: One way to meet level of service standards in a reasonable amount of time is to forecast future demand. This demand may derive from



population growth, economic growth or just changing community needs. This policy focuses on the desired outcome, not the means to achieve it. Those means are best addressed through the facilities planning process and the Capital Investment Program.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-1. Ensure that capital facilities necessary to meet level of service standards are provided within a reasonable amount of time.	No change.

64. PC Feedback: CF-2. The commission suggested using the term “adversely impacted communities” instead of “historically underserved”.

- Response: The purpose of this policy is to consider disparities in how the benefits and burdens of public facilities have been shared by community members. Historically, many burdens were disproportionately held by communities of color and low-income communities while the benefits were held by white and wealthier communities. By changing “historically underserved” to “adversely impacted” communities, this takes the focus off of addressing the disparity and providing higher services to the historically underserved and instead focuses on the community experiencing the adverse impacts of a particular project regardless of whether these impacts are part of an inequitable system.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-2. <u>Provide affordable and equitable access to capital facilities and public services to all communities, especially the historically underserved. Prioritize investments to address disparities.</u>	No change.

65. PC Feedback: CF-3. The Commission suggested adding resilience to disasters, especially earthquakes.

- Response: Because our region is particularly prone to earthquakes, we have high standards for earthquake resilience. There are other performance standards such as fire standards, that need to be adhered to as well. Staff recommend not identifying some standards over others.

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CF-3. Plan for the long-term <del>renewal</del> <u>retrofit</u> or replacement of aging capital facilities as needed to <del>maintain target service levels</del> <u>comply with green facility requirements and meet performance standards</u> .	No change.
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66. Staff Addition: Staff recommend a new policy to address long range Capital Facilities planning, including strategic acquisitions to support the growing community. Note the addition of this policy has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
None.	CF-4. <u>Develop and implement a Long-Range Capital Facilities Master Plan which addresses strategic site and facilities acquisition for municipal services to support level of service standards to serve the growing community.</u>

67. Staff Change: CF-4. The Council is considering changing the Capital Investment Program (CIP) planning timeframe to be longer. Staff recommend the following modification to be consistent with future changes. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-4. Use the city's Capital Investment Program, as amended every other year, to prioritize the financing of capital facilities within projected funding capacities.	CF-5. Use the city's Capital Investment Program, as amended <u>periodically</u> <del>every other year</del> , to prioritize the financing of capital facilities within projected funding capacities.

68. PC Feedback: CF-6. The commission suggested adding "future growth" to the list of things to take into account when planning for long range facility needs.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

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CF-6. Use facility system plans to identify and plan for the long-range facility needs for individual city services, <u>taking into account both the condition of the facility and its compliance with city standards.</u>	CF-7. Use facility system plans to identify and plan for the long-range facility needs for individual city services, taking into account <del>both</del> the condition of the facility, <del>and</del> its compliance with city standards <u>and expected population growth.</u>
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69. PC Feedback: CF-15. The commission suggested that the plan prioritize essential roles and facilities and not focus too much on a complete plan for all staff.

- Response: The details of the plan and to what extent it focuses on different facilities is best addressed by emergency management planning professionals at the plan level, rather than in the Comprehensive Plan. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-15. Maintain the post-disaster Response and Recovery Plan <del>that ensures, including clear staff roles and responsibilities, to ensure the city's capability to prepare for, withstand, and rapidly recover and reconstruct from a disaster.</del> <u>climate impacts and other disasters.</u>	CF-16. No change.

70. PC Feedback: CF-16. The commission supported this policy but suggested, given our regional risks, that earthquakes should be called out specifically.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-16. <u>Plan capital investments to prepare to withstand, rapidly recover from, and promote community resiliency against climate impacts, including extreme heat, wildfire, smoke, extreme precipitation, drought, and flooding.</u>	CF-17. Plan capital investments to prepare to withstand, rapidly recover from, and promote community resiliency against climate impacts, including extreme heat, wildfire, smoke, extreme precipitation, drought, <del>and flooding</del> <u>and other disasters.</u>

71. PC Feedback: CF-19. The commission suggested that this policy also include community education on waste disposal.

- Response: There are two policies in the Utilities element focused on community education about waste disposal (UT-22 and UT-24). This policy

focuses on city operations and facilities. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-19. <u>Reduce solid waste at capital facilities through a comprehensive program and purchasing policies that promote processing and recovery of recyclable materials, compostable food and yard waste, and disposable items to promote a circular economy.</u>	CF-20. No change.

72. PC Feedback: CF-20. The commission suggested that the city could also incentivize the use of LID by private developers.

- Response: LID is often required of private developers. The Comprehensive Plan includes several policies on LID (UT-13 – require LID in utility infrastructure projects; UT-38 – require LID in development generally; CL-38 use LID in development and redevelopment projects; CL-60 use LID city-wide; CL-62 Make LID the commonly used approach; CL-63 provide education and incentives for LID). (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-20. <u>Incorporate Low Impact Design (LID) standards and operational strategies into all relevant capital projects and ongoing maintenance.</u>	CF-21. No change.

73. PC Feedback: CF-21. The commission suggested that energy use can be reduced through building design (by prioritizing building performance in the design process) as well as through the technologies listed. In addition, the commission desired to incentivize energy reduction by the community as well.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. There are several policies addressing encouragement of the community to reduce energy consumption (HO-25 – Housing that minimizes energy use; UT-59 – support conversion away from fossil fuels; UT-60 – support general resource conservation; UT-68 – public education about energy conservation; CL-3 – promote and invest in energy efficiency; CL-11 to CL-14 are policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; CL-65 – support phasing out of fossil fuels; CL-66 – support energy efficient retrofits in affordable housing) (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-21. <u>Reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations and facilities by supporting renewable energy, electrification, and energy conservation measures.</u>	CF-22. Reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations and facilities <u>through building design and by supporting renewable energy, electrification, and energy conservation measures.</u>

74. PC Feedback: CF-28. The commission suggested changing “site or expand” to “site and expand”.

- Response: Essential public facilities are a specific type of facility defined by state law that are necessary for communities but can have higher impacts to local communities. While the expansion of such facilities, when necessary, should include equitable processes, the desire is to not expand them unnecessarily. Using the word, “and” instead of “or” implies a desire to expand these facilities. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-28. Work to site or expand essential public facilities <del>in ways</del> <u>through equitable processes</u> that <del>equitably</del> balance social, environmental, <del>and economic, and historic</del> impacts to achieve citywide and regional planning objectives.	CF-29. No change.

75. PC Feedback: CF-29. The Commission asked for a definition of Secure Community Transition Facilities.

- Response: A secure community transition facility is defined in the RCW as a residential facility for persons civilly committed and conditionally released to a less restrictive alternative than a total confinement facility where an individual has total supervision and treatment. A secure community transition facility has supervision and security, and either provides or ensures the provision of sex offender treatment services. The definition has been included in the glossary. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

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CF-29. Locate Secure Community Transition Facilities, as defined by RCW 71.09.020 now or as hereafter amended, outside of <del>single family and multifamily</del> residential districts. Provide a separation between Secure Community Transition Facilities and residentially developed property in other land use districts.	CF-30. No change.
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76. PC Feedback: CF-30. The commission suggested that the city should not just consider climate change when siting essential public services and facilities but also analyze the impacts of climate change on such facilities.

- Response: Staff agree that analyzing the impacts of climate change is an important action but should not be limited to the siting of essential public facilities, those are facilities where there are substantial regional benefits but often, local burdens that are not evenly shared, for example airports. Climate change is one of many factors to consider in siting those facilities and consideration would require some analysis. CF-22 addresses climate change for capital facilities more generally, CL-13 directs the city to consider climate change when planning for growth. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of CF-4).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CF-30. <u>Consider climate change, economic, equity, and health impacts when siting and building essential public services and facilities.</u>	CF-31. No change.

## Utilities

77. PC Feedback: The Commission suggested that planning for emergencies be included in the Utilities policies.

- Response: Providing reliable service means that it continues during emergencies or is restored quickly after there is a disruption. UT-1 addresses this most broadly across all utilities. Staff recommended an amendment to include the mitigation of service disruptions.

78. PC Feedback: The Commission asked for a definition of Low Impact Development (LID).

- Response: The definition has been included in the glossary. Low Impact Development is a stormwater and land use management strategy that strives

to mimic pre-disturbance hydrologic processes of infiltration, filtration, storage, evaporation and transpiration by emphasizing conservation, use of on-site natural features, site planning and distributed stormwater management practices that are integrated into a project design.

79. Community Feedback: UT-5. PSE suggested adding “and energy” after “telecommunications”.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-5. Encourage new and cost-effective emerging information and telecommunications technologies that would benefit city utility users and improve utility service and efficient water and energy use.	UT-5. Encourage new and cost-effective emerging information <del>and</del> , telecommunications <u>and energy</u> technologies that would benefit city utility users and improve utility service and efficient water and energy use.

80. Community Feedback: UT-7. PSE commented that not all components are sized or located only to address the local area and land use. Bellevue is part of a larger energy system and system component in Bellevue may contribute to PSE’s ability to provide and maintain reliable and resilient utility system facilities for the region including the local area.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-7. Base the extension and sizing of system components on the land use plan of the area. System capacity will not determine land use.	UT-7. Base the extension and sizing of system components <del>on the land use plan of the area</del> <u>existing and future demand</u> . System capacity will not determine land use.

81. Community Feedback: UT-11. PSE commented that they would like to be partners in education as they feel there is mutual learning that can happen between PSE and the City.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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UT-11. Educate and inform utility providers, consumers and the community about the costs and benefits of emerging technologies.	UT-11. <u>Work with utility providers to</u> <del>E</del> educate and inform utility providers, <del>consumers and the community</del> the public about the costs and benefits of emerging technologies.
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82. PC Feedback: UT-23. The Commission suggested that “facility” should be plural in this policy.

- Response: Staff reviewed the quantity of hazardous waste disposal sites in the City and found there is only one: the Factoria Transfer Station (13800 SE 32nd St, Bellevue, WA 98005). It’s provided for via the city’s ILA with King County Solid Waste. Therefore staff do not recommend making the word plural.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-23. Provide for the safe and convenient disposal of hazardous household waste through a permanent and conveniently located collection facility for Bellevue residents.	No change.

83. PC Feedback: UT-26. The Commission suggested to expand this policy to include consideration of future growth in siting disposal facilities.

- Response: This is addressed indirectly in UT-29 “Work with King County to maintain a geographically balanced system of solid waste transfer and disposal facilities and avoid disproportionate impacts to any individual community.” In addition, solid waste handling facilities are considered Essential Public Facilities and are subject to the policies related to those facilities (CF-25 to CF-31).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-26. Use a public review process in the selection and approval of sites for any disposal facility, to study and consider sensitivity to aesthetics, <u>equitable distribution of burdens and benefits</u> , health effects and the environment.	No change.

84. PC Feedback: UT-30. The Commission suggested using more directive language in this policy, perhaps “develop” instead of “explore”.



- Response: Develop makes it sound like the City is looking for other options. Explore just indicates that the City needs to be aware of the options, although the most likely path is to renew the contract with King County.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-30. Explore transfer and disposal options for the period after the city's current contract with King County terminates in mid-2028.	No change.

85. PC Feedback: UT-33. The Commission asked staff to explore requiring homeowners to connect to wastewater systems

- Response: All new construction is required to connect to the wastewater system. In addition, if a septic tank fails, the property owner must connect to the wastewater system rather than replace the septic system. However, it would be a burden for many homeowners to have to decommission their septic systems and connect to the wastewater system immediately, especially in places where significant extension of sewer lines would be required.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-33. <u>Encourage homeowners with septic systems to connect to wastewater systems where available.</u> Allow existing single family homes with septic systems to continue to use septic systems, provided they remain in compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health requirements. <del>Homeowners are encouraged to connect to wastewater systems where available.</del> If existing septic systems fail to maintain compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health standards and cannot be brought into compliance, homeowners <del>should be</del> <u>are</u> required to connect to the wastewater system <u>where available.</u>	No change.

86. PC Feedback: UT-34. The Commission suggested changing "provide and maintain" to "provide and enhance" storm and surfacewater system. Also, the Commission questioned whether Evs will have an impact on pollution in the storm and surface water system.

- Response: Provide is building the system, maintaining is making sure the city repairs it when it breaks. Doing things to “enhance” the system would fall into the provide category. For example, The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which is required for the operation of the the City’s storm and surface water system, requires that cities retrofit (enhance) of some parts of the system to reduce pollutants entering the environment. In addition, UT-5 asks the city to use emerging technologies (esp. telecommunication) to improve the system. The impact of EVs is too narrowly focused for this policy.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-34. Provide <u>and maintain</u> a storm and surface water system that controls damage from storms, protects surface water quality, provides for <del>the</del> safety and enjoyment of <del>citizens</del> , supports fish and wildlife habitat, and protects the environment.	No change.

87. PC Feedback: UT-37. The Commission was concerned that this policy sounded condescending.

- Response: This policy has provided direction for many water conservation activities that the city has engaged in. For example, [the City produced a video](#) educating people about protecting storm drains from the flow of chemicals into our lakes and streams. The City also sponsors a Salmon Watcher team citizen scientists to monitor salmon in the city’s streams, including training. These are two examples of many useful and important educational opportunities that this policy supports.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-37. Educate the public about water quality issues.	No change.

88. PC Feedback: UT-44. The Commission would like the City to educate the public about bioswales and rainwater harvesting.

- Response: These are practices that can contribute to low impact development (LID). Encouraging the adoption of the broader array of LID practices is addressed in CL-63: "Provide education and incentives to support the implementation of low impact development practices, integrated site

planning, and green building, with a focus on early consideration of these in the site development process.” This policy is focused on using water that is part of the water utility efficiently.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-44. Serve as a role model for the community in the efficient use of water.	No change.

89. Community Feedback: UT-48. PSE suggested that the deletion of (old number) UT-72 meant that the piece addressing regional demand was lost as that part of it was not redundant with UT-48.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-48. Coordinate with the appropriate jurisdictions and governmental entities in the planning and implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements.	UT-48. Coordinate with the appropriate jurisdictions and governmental entities in the planning and implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements. <u>Consider regional distribution networks and the efficiency of meeting regional demand.</u>

90. Community Feedback: UT-55. PSE suggested that this policy also include recognition of utility clearance standards.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-55. Encourage directional pruning of trees and phased replacement of <u>unsafe or</u> improperly located vegetation in the right-of-way. Perform pruning and trimming of trees <del>in an environmentally sensitive and aesthetically acceptable manner and</del> according to professional arboricultural specifications and standards.	UT-55. Encourage directional pruning of trees and phased replacement of unsafe or improperly located vegetation in the right-of-way. Perform pruning and trimming of trees according to professional arboricultural specifications and standards <u>and in recognition of utility clearance standards.</u>

91. Community Feedback: UT-69. PSE commented that since the language explaining exceptions needed for temporary facilities was deleted in the policy, they believe

that further clarification is necessary in the remaining sentence that this applies to permanently constructed distribution lines.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UT-69. Require the undergrounding of all new electrical distribution lines <del>except that interim installation of new aerial facilities may be allowed if accompanied by a program to underground through</del> in coordination with the city and other utilities. <del>Require the undergrounding of all existing electrical distribution lines where a change in use or intensification of an existing use occurs, unless delayed installation is approved as part of a specific program to coordinate undergrounding of several utilities or in conjunction with an undergrounding program for several sites or when related to street improvements.</del>	UT-69. Require the undergrounding of new <u>permanent</u> electrical distribution lines in coordination with the city and other utilities.

92. Community Feedback: UT-70. PSE suggested that the City clarify “where feasible” in the policy.

- Response: “Where feasible” is used through out the plan to indicate that there may be exceptions to a requirement. Those exceptions are spelled out in code or other implementing documents. Staff recommend the following modification.

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<p>UT-70. Require the undergrounding of <del>all new</del> existing electrical distribution lines, <u>where feasible and except that interim installation of new aerial facilities may be allowed if accompanied by a program to underground through</u> in coordination with the city and other utilities, <del>Require the undergrounding of all existing electrical distribution lines where</del> <u>when a change in use or intensification of an existing use occurs, unless delayed installation is approved as part of a specific program to coordinate undergrounding of several utilities or in conjunction with an undergrounding program for several sites or when related to street improvements.</u></p>	<p>UT-70. Require the undergrounding of existing electrical distribution lines, where feasible and in coordination with the city and other utilities, when a change in use or intensification <u>of an existing use occurs that requires a change in distribution infrastructure.</u></p>
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93. Community Feedback: UT-80. PSE commented that it is regulated by the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission (WUTC), and PSE's system improvements are planned through its IRP, with capital investments reviewed and approved through rate cases. The City cannot require PSE to make specific investments, nor dictate timeframes for completing planned system improvements. They strongly support having an active franchise agreement, and encourage the City to seek opportunities to implement policies that would support PSE's ability to complete projects through simpler and quicker processes.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<p>UT-80. <u>Update utility agreements, engage partnerships, and develop policy to require timely planning and investments to ensure sufficient grid capacity for electrification and decarbonization.</u></p>	<p>UT-80. Update utility agreements, engage partnerships, and develop policy to <del>require</del> <u>encourage</u> timely planning and investments to ensure sufficient grid capacity for electrification and decarbonization.</p>

## Transportation

94. PC Feedback: TR-4. The commission suggested incorporating safety into non-drive-alone modes of transportation.
- Response: The city works to ensure all modes of transportation are safe. Adding safety would make it confusing whether the goal is to establish

targets for safe commute trips or for non-drive-alone trips. General safety for the transportation system is addressed in TR-30, TR-49, TR-51, TR-52, TR-58, TR-59, TR-86; safety for active transportation modes is addressed in LU-15, LU-39, TR-71, TR-72, TR-99, TR-105; safety for transit facilities is addressed in LU-29, TR-88; safety for vehicles is addressed in TR-55; safety for residential streets is addressed in TR-133, TR-138.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-4. Establish targets to increase the proportion of commute trips by <u>non-drive-alone mode</u> . <del>modes other than driving alone (see Figure TR-1) Periodically evaluate progress toward these targets and adjust programs and activities as needed to achieve them.</del>	No change.

95. PC Feedback: TR-5. The commission suggested that the policy include clarity on the implementation intent.

- Response: The intent of the implementation is to achieve the mode share targets, and to make adjustments to programs and activities as needed. Details of the targets are included in functional plans.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-5. <u>Periodically evaluate progress toward mode share targets and adjust programs and activities as needed to achieve them.</u>	No change.

96. PC Feedback: TR-8. The commission suggested using “workers” instead of “employees” to be more inclusive of gig workers. They also suggested reducing the specificity of the remote work options because there have been so many developed post-pandemic.

- Response: This policy has been effective in encouraging a reduction in peak-hour commuting. Post-pandemic, Bellevue has seen a change in commute traffic due to employers taking such measures. Note that the count of daily vehicle trips on most Bellevue arterials have held steady or decreased, attributed in part to the success of the Transportation Demand Management Program.

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TR-8. Encourage employers to <del>help</del> reduce peak <del>hour</del> <u>period</u> commute trips by facilitating employees' use of telework, flexible work hours, compressed work week schedules, and other scheduling options.	No change.
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97. PC Feedback: TR-10. The commission indicated that this policy should incorporate safety into the design features.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. General safety for transit facilities is addressed in LU-29 and TR-88.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-10. Promote use of mobility options by requiring new development to incorporate design features such as: 1. Preferential parking for carpools and vanpools; 2. Special loading and unloading facilities for carpools and vanpools; 3. Transit passenger facilities, including comfortable bus stops and waiting areas that may be integrated in the building design; and 4. Secure and covered bicycle parking, showers, lockers, and related facilities to support bicycle commuters.	TR-10. Promote use of mobility options by requiring new development to incorporate design features such as: 1. Preferential parking for carpools and vanpools; 2. Special loading and unloading facilities for carpools and vanpools; 3. Transit passenger facilities, including comfortable <u>and safe</u> bus stops and waiting areas that may be integrated in the building design; and 4. Secure and covered bicycle parking, showers, lockers, and related facilities to support bicycle commuters.

98. PC Feedback: TR-18. The commission suggested that transportation investments should include parking.

- **Response:** The land use elements includes several policies on parking (LU-25 – allowing shared parking; LU-32 – avoiding parking minimums). The transportation element includes TR-10, which ensures that there is parking for all modes, not just cars, TR-56 which allows the use of travel lanes for parking if there is a need and capacity; and TR-136 which manages parking in residential areas.

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TR-18. Ensure that the transportation <del>system</del> <u>network</u> infrastructure in Bellevue provides mobility options for all modes, and accommodates the mobility needs of everyone, including underserved populations.	No change.
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99. PC Feedback: TR-20. The commission suggested that transportation investments should include parking.

- Response: This policy does not focus on any one particular investment, nor does it list investments that can be made to achieve the goal of reducing congestion and expanding mobility options.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-20. <del>To a</del> Aggressively plan, manage, and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand <u>mobility</u> opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.	No change.

100. PC Feedback: TR-21. The commission suggested that adjacent property owners and developers be notified of street improvements.

- Response: Nearby property owners are alerted to street improvements as described in the city code, including for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-21. Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements into roadway projects <u>to provide complete and connected active transportation networks in accordance with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.</u>	No change.

101. PC Feedback: TR-23. The commission suggested that the policy include clarity on the implementation intent.

- Response: The intent of this policy is to create a Complete Streets arterial network, as stated in the policy. Complete Streets is defined in the glossary



and implementation components and exemptions are defined in the Transportation Development Code.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-23. Increase <del>system connectivity and system completeness</del> for all <u>transportation modes</u> <del>by providing for vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycling facilities to create a Complete Streets</del> <u>arterial network throughout the city.</u>	No change.

102. PC Feedback: TR-27. The commission suggested that the policy include clarity on the implementation intent. The Commission also suggested that this policy should incorporate safety.

- Response: The intent “to evaluate and modify the MIP” with the engagement of the community is to keep it current with standards, practices and the Bellevue context. This is addressed in the final clause, “as warranted by changed circumstances”. General safety for the transportation system is addressed in TR-30, TR-49, TR-51, TR-52, TR-58, TR-59, TR-86.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-27. Engage the community to evaluate and modify the Mobility Implementation Plan as needed, in concert with each <u>periodic update</u> of the Comprehensive Plan, or as warranted by changed circumstances.	No change.

103. PC Feedback: TR-31. The commission suggested that the transportation network not only be resilient to climate change but also minimize the contributions to climate change.

- Response: The Climate and Environment element has several policies on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (CL-5 and CL-11 to CL-14). In the Transportation element, TR-129 focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-31. Design, maintain, and protect the <u>transportation network system</u> <del>to be resilient to disaster and impacts related to climate change.</del>	No change.

104. PC Feedback: TR-36. The commission suggested adding active medians as potential locations for food trucks.

- Response: While active medians such as those on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston or La Rambla in Barcelona can be attractive places for food trucks as well as other activities, Bellevue does not currently have this style of street. However, there is a need to manage the select curbside area to accommodate food trucks and other users as defined in the Curb Management Plan. The Commission recommended this policy in 2022 to support the Curb Management Plan.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-36. Consider creating designated curbside zones to allow for vendor and food truck activity.	No change.

105. PC Feedback: TR-44. The commission suggested adding “and maintain” after “Provide”.

- Response: Maintenance of the overall transportation system is addressed in TR-17 and TR-24. Maintenance of all streets is addressed in TR-50. This policy is about the provision of facilities in support of mobility.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-44. Provide an arterial system, and encourage the state to provide a freeway system, that together support local and regional mobility and land use plans.	No change.

106. PC Feedback: TR-47. The Commission suggested that the policy include language to focus on “appropriate” trees.

- Response: The goal of this policy is to ensure there is enough room in the right-of-way to accommodate trees and landscaping, not the type or style of landscaping, which is dependent on the context.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-47. Provide sufficient arterial rights-of-way <u>or obtain easements</u> to provide space for street trees and landscaping, and to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities, while considering neighborhood character and context <u>the visual and functional continuity of the corridor.</u>	No change.

107. PC Feedback: TR-48. The commission noted that in other places, “character” has been changed to “identity”.

- Response: This policy was not one of the policies flagged by the RDI analysis as potentially having a disparate impact on people of different races or backgrounds. While, it is true that “the intended character” is rather vague and in other places, it has been detailed to specify visual characteristics or in another way, changing this word to “identity” will not clarify the policy. This is policy that has informed the design of arterial streets, including the new arterials in BelRed where “the intended character” is detailed in the Subarea Plan.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-48. Design arterials and streets to fit the intended character of the areas through which they pass.	No change.

108. PC Feedback: TR-49. The commission suggested that the safety of the most vulnerable users should be a priority.

- Response: This policy has been effective in supporting safety enhancements. The most vulnerable users are often pedestrians and bicyclists, but street design safety components are intended for all users, as stated in the policy. Safety for active transportation modes is addressed in LU-15, LU-39, TR-52, TR-59, TR-71, TR-72, TR-99, TR-105.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-49. Maintain and enhance safety for all users of the <u>roadway street</u> network.	No change.

109. PC Feedback: TR-56. The Commission asked that staff consider direction from council. In addition there was discussion of having a more general policy that did not specify time periods or capacity, prioritizing the use of travel lanes or keeping it as it is.

- Response: Specific Council direction with regard to repurposing travel lanes applies only to the Bike Bellevue corridors. This policy is about the conditions for repurposing travel lanes more broadly.

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TR-56. Allow for repurposing of travel lanes for other uses such as parking, transit or pedestrian and bicycle facilities where excess vehicular capacity exists <u>at peak periods</u> and/or to optimize person throughput along a corridor.	No change.
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110. PC Feedback: TR-61. The commission suggested planning for a 24-hour transportation system. There was some concern with the use of the word “most”.

- Response: Staff acknowledge that it is hard to serve everyone all of the time with transit service. However, this policy focuses on getting to maximum ridership, rather than the time period that transit runs. If there is demand for 24-hour transit service, this policy would support that. Policy supports the implementation for increasing transit use as described in the Transit Master Plan.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-61. Support planned growth and development with a bold transit vision that provides efficient, useful, attractive service for most people, to most destinations, most of the time, serving maximum ridership.	No change.

111. PC Feedback: TR-66. The commission suggested that it would be good to emphasize safety in this policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-66. Integrate pedestrian and bicycle access to transit <del>as a means to serve neighborhoods, in collaboration with transit service providers and private-sector developers.</del>	TR-66. Integrate <u>safe</u> pedestrian and bicycle access to transit in collaboration with transit service providers and private-sector developers.

112. PC Feedback: TR-72. The commission emphasized that public parking is part of the transportation system.

- Response: This policy is inclusive of all intermodal transfers. A Mobility Hub is defined in the glossary.

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TR-72. Facilitate <u>safe</u> intermodal transfers and increased access to transit <del>stations in mobility hubs</del> through partnerships with <u>public transit service providers</u> and private <del>providers of transit and shuttle services with an emphasis on safety for people transferring between the station platform and the various modes.</del>	No change.
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113. PC Feedback: TR-81. The commission suggested that retaining the list would be useful, perhaps using the words “including, but not limited to”.

- Response: Components and considerations for the implementation of high-capacity transit are dependent on context and anticipated need at the time service expansion is being planned. It is possible that this list is not exhaustive and also that in some contexts, not all of the items on the list apply. The focus is on its contribution to advancing the adopted land use vision.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-81. <u>Collaborate with transit service providers to p</u> Plan for and implement high capacity transit service within Bellevue in a manner that advances the adopted land use vision <del>by:</del> <del>1. Optimizing ridership, system performance, and user convenience;</del> <del>2. Providing exceptional pedestrian and bicycle access to stations;</del> <del>3. Promoting superior urban design;</del> <del>4. Minimizing impacts on businesses and residents during construction;</del> <del>5. Minimizing overall impacts on the operation of the street network; and</del> <del>6. Protecting the character and livability of neighborhoods, including adequate ingress and egress to the neighborhood.</del>	No change.

114. PC Feedback: TR-82. The commission suggested that retaining the list would be useful, perhaps using the words “including, but not limited to”.

- Response: The list does not address the full spectrum of activities in the design, security, maintenance and operation of transit stations. It is focused

on the station design. In addition, there are stand-alone policies that more directly address the items in the list: TR-78 and TR-83 (context-sensitive design), CF-18 and TR-89 (placemaking and public art), TR-47 and UD-10 (landscaping), and TR-85 and TR-91 (noise and other spillover impacts).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<p>TR-82. Partner with transit providers and work closely with <del>neighborhoods</del><u>residents</u>, businesses and other stakeholders in the design, <u>security, maintenance and operation</u> of transit stations and facilities to integrate them into the community <del>as follows</del>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>1. Incorporate context-sensitive design that considers neighborhood objectives and superior urban design;</del></li> <li><del>2. Integrate art, public spaces and other public amenities;</del></li> <li><del>3. Utilize durable, high-quality and complementary building materials;</del></li> <li><del>4. Integrate substantial landscaping at stations and along the alignment, and</del></li> <li><del>5. Protect sensitive residential, outdoor recreation, and commercial land uses by minimizing and mitigating environmental, traffic and noise impacts.</del></li> </ol>	No change.

115. PC Feedback: TR-83. The commission suggested that retaining the list would be useful, perhaps using the words “including, but not limited to”.

- Response: The list limits the standards that the City can use to create valued transit stations. Some of the actions that are addressed in other policies such as public art celebrating local history or native plantings could potentially be part of a standard or guideline implemented in the Transportation Code, the Land Use Code or the Transportation Design Manual. By creating the list in the policy, it precludes the administrative work of determining the standards and guidelines based on the guidance in the entire Comprehensive Plan.

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TR-83. Implement standards and guidelines to create transit stations that are valued places in the community, <del>by providing:</del> <del>1. Comfortable and safe access to the surrounding community;</del> <del>2. Space that is comfortable for both large and small numbers of people; and</del> <del>3. Design that encourages social interaction.</del>	No change.
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116. PC Feedback: TR-84. The commission suggested that public-private partnerships could provide parking.

- Response: There is a policy in the Land Use element on cooperatively providing parking (LU-25).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-84. Work with neighborhood groups, business owners, other stakeholders, and transit providers to identify and fund improvements that can be constructed efficiently in conjunction with transit projects.	No change.

117. PC Feedback: TR-100. The commission suggested that this policy could be stronger by using a word other than “consider”.

- Response: There are many things to consider in transportation project design and funding, including things like the purpose of the project (e.g., an arterial or a sidewalk) or the connection to other parts of the transportation network (e.g., nearby bike lanes or a transit center). Among those things to consider, this policy asks the city to consider the health benefits of active transportation.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-100. Consider the personal health benefits and the community environmental benefits of <del>walking, jogging, and bicycling</del> active transportation in pedestrian and bicycle project design and funding.	No change.

118. PC Feedback: TR-116. The commission stated that freight mobility is important to maintain in the city and asked if this policy was sufficient to support that.

- Response: This policy was not recommended for changes because it has been good for supporting the freight mobility system. In the Transportation Element is a map that shows the truck/freight routes in Bellevue.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-116. Provide for the needs of freight movement in managing the existing transportation system and developing new facilities.	No change.

119. PC Feedback: TR-117. The commission asked whether providing freight loading and unloading onsite was burdensome for the developers and asked if the right-of-way could be used sometimes for freight loading and unloading.

- Response: Staff recommend minimizing the use of the right-of-way for freight loading and unloading, and the function of curbside deliveries is provided for in the Curb Management Plan. It is not efficient for the freighter and it is not efficient for the rest of the users of the transportation network to load in the right of way. No amendments were recommended for this policy because it has been effective at managing freight loading and unloading for large-scale freight.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-117. Require new development to provide for large-scale freight loading and unloading on-site rather than on the public right-of-way.	No change.

120. PC Feedback: TR-128. The commission suggested the policy also consider impacts to residential areas.

- Response: This policy is focused on environmental impacts in a comprehensive manner related to all elements of the environment and to all people who may be potentially impacted. There are other policies focused on managing transportation in residential areas (TR-54 addresses cut-through traffic; TR-85 focuses on spillover activity from transit areas; TR-133 addresses street safety; TR-136 addresses parking management; TR-137 focuses on traffic control; TR-139 addresses pedestrian safety; CL-110 to CL-116 focus on noise impacts in residential areas, mainly of transportation-related activities.

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TR-128. Develop the transportation system in Bellevue to <u>avoid, minimize or mitigate</u> environmental <del>and neighborhood</del> impacts, while addressing the city's long-term transportation and land use objectives.	No change.
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121. PC Feedback: TR-130. The commission suggested the city could do more to incentivize electric vehicle use.

- Response: There are several new policies in the Comprehensive Plan related to the use of EVs (including the following – TR-131). This policy is part of the larger framework to support the conversion away from fossil fuels. The Planning Commission recommended the addition of this policy to support the development of the Curb Management Plan in 2022.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-130. Add electric vehicle charging stations in designated curbside zones as required through development review.	No change.

122. Community Feedback: TR-131. PSE asked to be added to the list of organizations to partner with on mobility electrification.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
TR-131. <u>Partner with state, county, and local jurisdictions and agencies on mobility electrification.</u>	TR-131. Partner with state, county, and local jurisdictions, <del>and agencies,</del> <u>and public and private utilities</u> on mobility electrification.

123. PC Feedback: TR-133. The commission asked for an explanation of what would constitute an adequately funded neighborhood traffic safety program.

- Response: This policy has supported the City's work to maintain safety and livability of residential streets through the transportation project funding processes. The term "adequate" is subjective, but related to the evolving demand for the program. Adequate is used throughout the plan to mean funding at the right level, not over funding but meeting the needs of the community.

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TR-133. Preserve the safety and livability of residential streets through an adequately funded neighborhood traffic safety program.	No change.
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124. PC Feedback: (old number) TR-145. & (old number) TR-146. The commission said that these policies were not entirely captured in TR-128.

- Response: Measures to address traffic noise are also included in the Climate and Environment element (CL-114 to CL-120). TR-128 does not specifically call out air quality as an impact to be concerned about or specify that impacts should be avoided, minimized or mitigated during the implementation of the transportation project. However, air quality related to transportation and other sources is addressed in the Land Use element (LU-43 to LU-45).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(old number) TR-145. <del>Consider design treatments for arterials to reduce traffic noise in residential neighborhoods.</del>	No change.
(old number) TR-146. <del>Avoid, minimize or mitigate significant adverse impacts to air quality, noise, light/glare and other elements of the environmental in planning and implementing transportation projects.</del>	

### Economic Development

125. PC Feedback: ED-2. The Commission asked if independent is the right word for this policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification (it is the original language).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-2. Promote <u>independent</u> local businesses and locally-produced goods and services.	ED-2. Promote <del>independent</del> local businesses and locally-produced goods and services.

126. PC Feedback: ED-5. The Commission felt start-up is too specific a word for this policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-5. Foster business innovation and start-ups through <u>business</u> development strategies and promoting digital infrastructure.	ED-5. Foster business innovation <del>and start-ups</del> through business development strategies and promoting digital infrastructure.

127. PC Feedback: ED-6. The Commission found the framing of environmental sustainability and economic growth confusing and suggested reframing the two as a balance.

- Response: Economic growth has historically been something that was framed as increasing at the expense of the environment and an equitable society. In Bellevue, we strive to achieve equity and environmental sustainability as the economy grows. This policy provides direction to maintain regulations that support all three aims.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-6. Develop and maintain regulations that <del>allow for</del> <u>support</u> continued <u>equitable, environmentally sustainable economic growth</u> <del>while respecting the environment and quality of life of city neighborhoods.</del>	No change.

128. PC Feedback: ED-11. The Commission suggested that this policy could clarify the city's relationship with other countries.

- Response: This policy has supported a sister city relationship that has fostered exchanges of networks, culture and information. As the city is not planning to change its sister city policy or activities, staff do not recommend changing the policy that has supported it.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-11. Build on the strengths of Bellevue's diverse residents and businesses to increase connections and relationships with other countries as Bellevue develops into an increasingly global business center.	No change.

129. PC Feedback: ED-18. The Commission suggested that a stronger term than “facilitate” could be used in this context given the importance of housing for Bellevue’s workers.

- Response: The term “facilitate” is a good description of the City’s role in housing development in this context. The city can facilitate a range of housing opportunities through regulations such as the land use code as well as in other more active ways such as contributing funds to the construction of affordable housing.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-18. <del>Encourage</del> <u>Facilitate</u> development of a range of housing opportunities to accommodate Bellevue’s growing workforce.	No change.

130. PC Feedback: ED-26. The Commission wanted to be sure that this policy also contributes to creating a sense of community.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-26. Cultivate development of diverse, distinctive, well-defined places that invite community activity and gathering. <del>Specifically facilitate the redevelopment and re-invigoration of older neighborhood shopping centers. Work with stakeholders to transform such centers into high quality and dynamic retail/mixed use commercial areas that also provide a gathering place and sense of community for the neighborhood.</del> Allow for flexibility to repurpose and re-use a variety of building types to accommodate new uses.	ED-26. Cultivate development of diverse, distinctive, well-defined places that invite community activity, <del>and</del> gathering, <u>and connection</u> . Allow for flexibility to repurpose and re-use a variety of building types to accommodate new uses.

131. PC Feedback: Ensure that there is support for Bellevue College in the policies in the Economic Development element because it is an important contributor to our education system and workforce.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification to ED-29.

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ED-29. Encourage the continued investment in higher education and training that <del>creates economic stimulus to</del> <u>benefits</u> local businesses, residents and workforce.	ED-29. Encourage the continued investment in higher education and training <u>at institutions such as Bellevue College</u> that benefits local businesses, residents and workforce.
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132. PC Feedback: ED-38. The Commission suggested using more contemporary language than, “state of the art”.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-38. Facilitate private sector efforts to implement state-of-the-art technology, including communication technology, throughout the community.	ED-38. Facilitate private sector efforts to implement <u>leading edge</u> <del>state-of-the-art</del> technology, including communication technology, throughout the community.

133. PC Feedback: ED-39. The Commission asked staff to review the term “small and emerging”.

- Response: Staff tried other formulations of the terms but found that “small and emerging” was the most direct description of businesses that are either just starting out or intentionally small.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
ED-39. Promote and nurture entrepreneurial development in Bellevue by <del>exploring ways to retain or create</del> <u>retaining and creating</u> areas where small or emerging businesses can develop and flourish.	No change.

134. PC Feedback: The Commission wanted to emphasize small businesses or business start-ups in the Economic Development vision.

135. Community Feedback: The community voiced strong support for policies assisting small businesses, especially locally-based businesses and suggested that more be done to prevent displacement.

- Response: Staff recommend modifying the final policy and splitting it into two, one to focus on site selection assistance and one to focus on displaced businesses.

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ED-46. <u>Support new businesses and businesses at risk of displacement in finding and securing alternative space within the city.</u>	ED-46. Support new, <u>relocating or expanding</u> businesses <del>at risk of displacement</del> in finding and securing space within the city.
	ED-47. <u>Identify areas at risk of business displacement and the space needs of those businesses and work to find or develop alternative space within the city.</u>

### Climate and Environment

136. PC Feedback: Bellevue needs to be bold in its commitment to environmental sustainability. To the extent possible, use stronger language than “encourage”, “promote”, and “consider”.

- Response: Staff looked through the policies for places the language could be more directive in the Climate and Environment element. Most of the policies highlighted for reconsideration are not changed because the implementation details would be included in the land use code or an implementation plan or because the policy already goes beyond the city’s current practices. The following changes are suggested based on this feedback. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-13. <u>Consider climate change impacts when planning for new growth, limiting additional greenhouse gas emissions and supporting emissions reductions from existing uses.</u>	CL-14. Consider climate change impacts <u>and limit new greenhouse gas emissions</u> when planning for new growth, <del>limiting additional greenhouse gas emissions and</del> <u>while</u> supporting emissions reductions from existing uses.
CL-25. <u>Ensure that stormwater design standards account for future climate change impacts such as extreme precipitation events, and encourage groundwater recharge where feasible, in accordance with Best Available Science.</u>	CL-27. Ensure that stormwater design standards account for future climate change impacts such as extreme precipitation events, and <del>encourage</del> <u>recharge</u> groundwater <del>recharge</del> where feasible, in accordance with Best Available Science.

137. PC Feedback: (old number) EN-1. Commissioners liked the broad goal and would like to retain it, even if the City has not yet determined how to balance environmental sustainability.

- Response: This policy was identified for repeal because the language frames environmental sustainability as something that needs to be balanced and assumes that it is in tension with other city obligations and the city's commitment to these obligations inevitably causes environmental harm. Staff recommend framing the City's commitment to providing for environmental sustainability as linked to our goals of providing for public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and others. Environmental sustainability goals help us achieve other goals and vice versa. CL-1 frames the goals this way.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(old number) EN-1. <del>Balance the immediate and long range environmental impacts of policy and regulatory decisions in the context of the city's commitment to provide for public safety, infrastructure, economic development and other obligations.</del>	No change.

138. Community Feedback: CL-1. The Snoqualmie Tribe requested the City include protection of tribal sovereign and inherent rights in this list of stewardship goals.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-1. Conduct city operations in a manner that <u>support of the achievement of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship goals and</u> ensures the sustainable use of natural resources, promotes an environmentally safe workplace for its employees, and minimizes adverse environmental impacts.	CL-1. Conduct city operations in a manner that support of the achievement of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship goals and ensures the sustainable use of natural resources, promotes an environmentally safe workplace for its employees, <del>and</del> minimizes adverse environmental impacts <u>and respects tribal sovereign and inherent rights.</u>

139. Community Feedback: CL-2. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife commented on inconsistencies with state law.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-2. Minimize, and where practicable, eliminate the release of substances into the air, water, and soil that may have harmful impacts on people, wildlife, or the environment.	CL-2. <del>Minimize, and where practicable,</del> <u>Eliminate the release of substances into the air, water, and soil that may have harmful impacts on people, wildlife, or the environment. If total elimination is not practical, minimize to the greatest extent feasible.</u>

140. PC Feedback: CL-6. The commission asked for different language that had a more collaborative tone.

141. Community Feedback: CL-6. The Snoqualmie Tribe suggested this policy include the Snoqualmie Tribe's Ancestral Lands Movement in this education effort.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification of CL-6 and a new policy about education around ancestral tribal lands. Note that the addition of this policy has cause subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-6. Educate the public about environmental issues and illustrate how individual actions can have a cumulative effect to benefit the environment.	CL-6. <del>Educate</del> <u>Provide</u> the public <u>with educational opportunities and resources</u> about environmental issues and illustrate <del>how individual actions can have a cumulative effect to</del> <u>that</u> benefit the environment.
None.	CL-7. <u>Acknowledge ancestral tribal lands as part of environmental education.</u>

142. Community Feedback: CL-8. The Snoqualmie Tribe suggested a similar policy that supports a partnership between the City and regional tribes to steward ancestral lands for the benefit of all.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-8. Support partnerships between the city and private landowners to steward private lands, streams, habitat and other natural resources for public benefit.	CL-9. Support partnerships between the city, <del>and private landowners</del> <u>and regional tribes</u> to steward private lands <u>and ancestral lands</u> , streams, habitat and other natural resources for <u>the public benefit of all</u> .



143. Community Feedback: CL-10. The Snoqualmie Tribe suggested this policy include the Snoqualmie Tribe's Ancestral Lands Movement in this education effort.

- Response: Staff recommend the following change. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-10. <u>Incorporate environmental education and interpretation into public and private projects, where appropriate.</u>	CL-11. Incorporate environmental education, <del>and</del> <u>interpretation and ancestral land acknowledgment</u> into public and private projects, where appropriate.

144. PC Feedback: CL-11. The commission was concerned that this policy was not broad enough to include all types of green building practices such as natural air conditioning and that the standards were too low.

145. Community Feedback: CL-11. Puget Sound Energy emphasized that an acceleration in building electrification will need to be matched by support for the electric infrastructure to meet the increase in load demand to the system.

- Response: Accelerating the transition is already a higher standard than what is currently in place. The specific standards for buildings that will facilitate this are in code and may evolve as the technology evolves. There are additional policies that support the use of green building technology in buildings across the city (CL-60, CL-63, CL-64) and in city-owned buildings in particular (CF-14, CF-22, PA-42). (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-11. <u>Accelerate the transition to all-electric buildings to improve public health and safety, increase climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and protect building owners and tenants from the future costs of removing or retrofitting obsolete fossil fuel infrastructure.</u>	CL-12. No change.

146. PC Feedback: CL-18. The commission added something about protecting trees after development.

- Response: CL-17 and CL-19 address the protection of trees at all other times. Staff is developing standards for post-planting tree care through the update to the tree code. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7).

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CL-18. <u>Protect trees during development to ensure survivability and health of trees on sites undergoing development.</u>	CL-19. No change.
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147. Community Feedback: The Snoqualmie Tribe suggested including Culturally Modified Trees as a protected cultural resource, excluded from impacts related to development, both on public and private lands.

- Response: Staff recommend adding a new policy specific to Culturally Modified Trees. Note that the addition of this policy has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
None.	CL-20. <u>Protect Culturally Modified Trees on both public and private lands, in partnership and consultation with regional tribes.</u>

148. PC Feedback: CL-24. Stronger language is needed to ensure that the grid is reliable for residents. Recent energy conservation requests by PSE during the winter were alarming and the city should do what it can to ensure that the city has the power needed to meet customer needs.

- Response: While the city does not regulate PSE and has limited ability to require actions of the organization, it does have a MOU to report on electrical reliability and coordinate with the city to plan for future needs. This policy supports those actions and future collaboration with PSE to ensure grid reliability. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-24. <u>Advocate for increased grid reliability through state and utility regulatory rulemaking and legislation that supports demand response, storage, and other clean technologies that reduce peak load, improve grid flexibility, and support rapid electrification of buildings and vehicles.</u>	CL-26. No change.

149. PC Feedback: CL-30. The commission suggested that this policy could use a target.

- Response: The City uses King County targets for construction and demolition diversion by reference. Our City target is zero waste community-wide (CL-26),

of which construction and demolition is only one part. There are additional policies on landfill diversion from residential and commercial waste disposal customers (CL-29, CL-31) and to support the use of materials designed to be composted or otherwise avoid the landfill (CL-27, CL-28). (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-30. <del>Reduce</del> <u>Increase the landfill diversion rate of</u> construction and demolition waste through reuse and recycling, from both city and private projects.	CL-32. No change.

150. PC Feedback: CL-43. The commission suggested that this policy should include stronger language and include consequences for the removal of trees.

- Response: Staff has recommended adding and updating several policies focused on tree planting, preservation and care (CL-15 through CL-22) to ensure a healthy urban forest. Adding vegetation removal to this policy increases the oversight for vegetation removal during the development review process. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-43. Allow land alteration <u>and vegetation removal</u> only for approved development proposals.	CL-45. No change.

151. PC Feedback: CL-48. The commission suggested that they would like to see more support for native vegetation and asked if it would be possible to enhance native vegetation in this policy instead of just retaining it.

152. Community Feedback: The community suggested that the policies in the Climate and Environment element should promote native plants.

- Response: Staff propose the following modification. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-48. Promote soil stability and the use of the natural drainage system by retaining critical areas of existing native vegetation.	CL-50. Promote soil stability and the use of the natural drainage system by retaining <u>and enhancing</u> critical areas of existing native vegetation.

153. PC Feedback: CL-56. The commission asked if the regulation of development in hazardous areas should be extended to former landfill sites or other hazardous areas.

- Response: Landfills and toxic clean-up sites are not considered critical areas under the GMA or the City's codes, therefore the cleanup or special consideration of these sites is not under the scope of what the City can regulate. Coal mine hazards are a critical area in Bellevue due to their status as geologically hazardous areas. All standards related to coal mines in the Land Use Code are concerned with ensuring safety and are not focused on cleanup. Cleanup and remediation on sites proposed for development is already addressed by the Washington State Department of Ecology's implementation of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The City has contributed to cleanup and mitigation of the coal mining legacy because of past court decisions and to ensure protection of salmon and endangered species. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
<p>CL-56. Regulate development in coal mine hazard areas by requiring that a project proponent (with review, oversight, and approval by the city):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservatively evaluate risks.</li> <li>• Eliminate the potential for catastrophic effects and keep development out of catastrophic risk areas.</li> <li>• Mitigate any non-catastrophic impacts.</li> <li>• Protect ratepayers from costs associated with development in areas potentially impacted by mining.</li> <li>• Provide disclosure mechanisms to inform property purchasers of past mining activities.</li> </ul>	<p>CL-58. No change.</p>

154. PC Feedback: CL-60. The commission asked to better understand how low impact development would be implemented.

- Response: Policies related to low impact development were reviewed as part of the Watershed Management Plan update. Several existing, updated and new policies in the Comprehensive Plan address low impact development (UT-13, UT-38, CL-38, CL-60, CL-62, CL-63, UD-44). Most of the updates were to make the policies stronger. For example, UT-13 was amended from "Consider low impact development" to "Require low impact development".

Taken together, the updates around low impact development have created a policy position for the city that requires the use of these techniques in storm and surface water management more universally. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-60. Implement the city-wide use of low impact development techniques and green building practices.	CL-62. No change.

155. PC Feedback: CL-65. The commission asked if this policy could be modified to address electric cars as well and encourage their adoption.

- Response: Planning for charging stations is one way the city can encourage the adoption of electric vehicles. The Comprehensive Plan includes two policies to plan for charging stations at city facilities (CF-23) and at the curbside (TR-130). This policy is broader support for the phasing out of fossil fuels in all areas, including building heating and cooling as well as in transportation. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-65. <u>Support sustainable and resilient net-zero and net-positive new development by phasing out fossil fuels and promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, transportation and building electrification, and electric grid integration.</u>	CL-67. No change.

156. PC Feedback: CL-72. The commission was concerned that this would encourage cut-through traffic.

- Response: Cut-through traffic is the use of roads designed for local circulation as arterials for cross-city or regional circulation. This would not be an equitable distribution of traffic. The amended language broadens the focus on cut through traffic to include consideration of other community needs in the management of the transportation network to address substandard air quality. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

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CL-72. Provide transportation improvements for the purpose of relieving localized <u>substandard</u> air quality <del>problems</del> by shifting traffic <u>from the most polluted areas</u> to less congested facilities nearby, <del>provided this does not encourage cut-through</del> <u>balancing other community needs such as equitable traffic in neighborhoods or noise impacts.</u>	CL-74. No change.
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157. Staff Change: CL-73. Staff initiated a change to make the language more concise (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-71. Implement <del>transportation</del> projects that provide significant air quality improvements to areas with existing <u>poor</u> air quality <del>problems, even where the project does not bring all locations up to adopted standards, provided that the project is the best feasible solution and it significantly improves the air quality at each location.</del>	CL-73. Implement projects that provide significant air quality improvements to areas with existing poor air quality, <del>even where the project does not bring all locations up to adopted standards, provided that the project is the best feasible solution and it significantly improves the air quality at each location with poor air quality.</del>

158. PC Feedback: CL-78. The commission emphasized that public access for wild spaces is important and asked if this policy could be revised to better plan for this use.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

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CL-78. Recognize and support the broad benefits and educational value of public access to critical areas and appropriate low-impact uses such as trails.	<del>CL-80. Recognize and support the broad benefits and educational value of public access to critical areas and appropriate low-impact uses such as trails.</del> <u>Anticipate and plan for increased demand in access to green and natural areas, including critical areas, in ways that protect the health and ecological function of those areas for future generations.</u>
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159. PC Feedback: CL-83. The commission asked if “give special consideration to” can be changed to “prioritize”.

- Response: This policy is not prioritizing salmonids but directing special consideration of the protection measures that foster the thriving of that species. This policy allows the city to consider actions it might not otherwise take if those measures were not necessary to preserve and enhance the habitat for this species. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7 and CL-21).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-83. Give special consideration to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous salmonids, recognizing that requirements will vary depending on the aquatic resources involved, including differing stream classification, and that additional efforts may be identified in the regional salmon recovery planning process.	CL-85. No change.

160. Community Feedback: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife suggested adding a policy on fish passage to plan for future climate related conditions.

- Staff recommend the following addition to the Fish and Wildlife subsection. Note that the addition of this policy has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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None.	CL-87. <u>Coordinate with WSDOT, King County, and neighboring jurisdictions to plan and prioritize culvert upgrades to ensure fish passage barrier removal, adequate projected stormwater passage, and continued climate-related adaptations to handle water passage into the future throughout Bellevue, especially where terrestrial species connectivity can be restored simultaneously.</u>
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161. Community Feedback: CL-93. The Snoqualmie Tribe commented that tribes need to be recognized as a partner in identifying species of importance, and in wildlife and habitat management in general. The tribe asked for explicit language stating that the City will engage in consultation with Tribes based on their sovereign and inherent rights to fish, hunt, and gather in usual and accustomed areas in a policy in the Fish and Wildlife Habitat subsection.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification. (Note, renumbered due to the insertion of CL-7, CL-21 and CL-88).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
CL-93. Rely on federal, state, and county agencies to identify “special status” wildlife species, but allow for a process to identify species of local importance to Bellevue.	CL-96. Rely on federal, state, and county agencies to identify “special status” wildlife species, but allow for a process to identify species of local importance to Bellevue <u>in consultation with tribes based on their sovereign and inherent rights to fish, hunt, and gather in usual and accustomed areas.</u>

162. Community Feedback: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife suggested a new policy recognizing the goals of the WRIA 8 and Bellevue’s role in achieving them.

- Response: The Water Resources Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) Council is comprised of 28 jurisdictions in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed, including Bellevue. The Interlocal agreement was signed by Bellevue and the other participants to provide a mechanism, staffing, and governance structure for the joint funding and implementation of the WRIA 8 Plan. Staff recommend the addition of this policy to recognize the goals of the WRIA 8 Plan and Bellevue’s role in achieving them. Note the addition of this policy has caused subsequent policies to be renumbered.



PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
None.	<u>CL-99. Recognize the important role Bellevue plays in recovering salmon populations by acting on the goals of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda, the Washington Salmon Coalition, and other related groups and collaborative salmon recovery documents.</u>

### Human Services

163. PC Feedback: The commission suggested creating a new section with policies focused on youth.
- Response: Staff do not recommend adding a section. Youth are a valuable segment of our society and one that can be overlooked. However, rather than have sections dedicated to policies addressing each vulnerable group, staff suggest applying the more general policies to all of the groups. Note that a policy addressing youth behavioral health and housing needs has been added (HS-28).
164. PC Feedback: A policy should be added that covers cross-cultural interactions and exchanges. The city is hitting a point where there is a clear need for more cultural exchange and education.
- Response: Staff do not recommend adding a new policy. There are two policies in the Parks element and one in the Urban Design element that support cross-cultural exchange: PA-22, PA-31, and UD-60. These are more appropriate elements to address intercultural activities and how the city can support them.
165. PC Feedback: Include religion in list of protected classes.
- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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HS-1. Make Bellevue a welcoming, safe and just community marked by fairness and equity provided to those disproportionately affected by poverty, discrimination, and <del>victimization</del> <u>oppression including people with disabilities, people of color, people of all genders, gender expressions and sexual orientations, and other historically marginalized community members.</u>	HS-1. Make Bellevue a welcoming, safe and just community marked by fairness and equity provided to those disproportionately affected by poverty, discrimination, and oppression including people with disabilities, people of color, people of all <u>ages, religions, genders, gender expressions and sexual orientations, and other historically marginalized community members.</u>
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166. PC Feedback: HS-3. Use the word “coordinate” or “educate and facilitate connections between” instead of “engage.”

- Response: The city seeks to engage service providers in on going dialog regardless of whether we coordinate with them or not. Engaging them in dialog may be a first step toward coordination or may lead to facilitating connection or it may not, depending on the circumstance. HS-5 is about encouraging partnerships between organizations. There is a new policy related to the education of community service providers: HS-10.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-3. <del>Maintain the city's role as a human services planner and facilitator by engaging</del> <u>Engage</u> service providers and community organizations in dialogue regarding the functioning of the present service systems, emerging needs, <u>identification of inequities</u> , and the building of a complete system of services.	No change.

167. PC Feedback: Define behavioral health in the glossary. This was particularly in reference to HS-4 but the definition would apply across the entire Comprehensive Plan.

- Response: Behavioral Health has been added to the glossary. It is defined as, “Mental health and substance use disorders, life stressors and crises, and stress-related physical symptoms. Behavioral health care refers to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of those conditions.”

168. PC Feedback: HS-5. The Commission suggested using the word “coordinate” in place of “encourage partnerships.” Include police and fire departments as organizations

that should be coordinated with. Include all income levels as beneficiaries of the coordination.

- Response: Police and Fire are public institutions and will be coordinated with, especially to address crisis situations. However, most needs of low- and moderate-income residents are not crisis situations that require the involvement of police and fire. Indeed, the hope is that through partnerships, their needs can be addressed before a crisis arises. Calling out Police and Fire departments puts undue focus on crisis situations. The city strives to coordinate with these organizations but this goes further and directs the city to work at creating partnerships either between the organizations or between the city and these organizations so that the needs of low- and middle-income residents can be addressed efficiently with a minimum of duplicated effort. The Human Services element is focused on the needs of those with the fewest resources, therefore it is appropriate to continue to limit the policy to low- and middle-income folks.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-5. Encourage partnerships among public and private institutions, schools, human services providers, and others to collectively address needs of <del>children and families using schools as a focal point for the community.</del> <u>Bellevue's low- and moderate-income residents.</u>	No change.

169. PC Feedback: HS-9. Focus should be on communicating with those who have less awareness of programs.

- Response: The clause at the end, “ensure equitable access to information” does address the commission’s concern. Staff put extra effort into outreach and education with harder to reach groups because they are often those that have less awareness of the programs.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-9. <u>Educate community members in a variety of formats of the critical human services available to ensure equitable access to information.</u>	No change.

170. PC Feedback: The use of the word “intersection” implies two things, yet only one thing is listed, therefore the commission suggested “the intersection of” could be removed.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-10. <u>Educate human services providers, community stakeholders and city leadership on the needs of the community and the intersection of the City's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging to support the funding process.</u>	HS-10. Educate human services providers, community stakeholders and city leadership on the needs of the community and <del>the intersection of the City's</del> commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging to support the funding process.

171. PC Feedback: HS-11. The commission asked for a clarification of the update to this policy.

- Response: The policy was updated to describe the City's broad role for the entire community, including those who are most marginalized, in determining how to advance overall policy citywide.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-11. Use City regulatory powers to protect <del>individuals</del> <u>the rights of all community members</u> and advance <del>community</del> health and human service objectives- <u>to ensure that Bellevue is an equitable community where anyone can thrive.</u>	No change.

172. PC Feedback: HS-12. The commission felt that HS-12 was too vague and suggested using the word "analyze" instead of consider.

- Response: Adding a requirement for analysis for all proposed legislation before council would be a change in city policy. While this could be useful in highlighting the impacts of legislation on the city's most vulnerable populations, it could also require more staff work. Staff was unclear whether the proposed change was intended to simply clarify how to consider the impacts to human services or if the intent was to change city practices.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-12. Consider the human services impacts of proposed legislation prior to formal adoption.	No change.

173. PC Feedback: HS-13. The commission suggested adding, "and make recommendations" to the policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-13. <u>Assess community needs to inform the city's human services funding priorities and decisions.</u>	HS-13. Assess community needs <u>and make recommendations</u> to inform the city's human services funding priorities and decisions.

174. PC Feedback: HS-14. The commission suggested staff consider a more active framing for “develop strategies”.

- Response: The development of strategies is active. The next steps would be to evaluate and implement the strategies. That process is more fully described in the Human Services Strategic Plan that brings to the evaluation the current needs and priorities of the city and the population.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-14. Identify opportunities and develop strategies that are <u>preventative</u> in their approach to human services needs, <u>and that address the underlying systemic inequities that contribute to the need for human services.</u>	No change.

175. PC Feedback: HS-16, -17, -18. The commission suggested “Support” be changed to a stronger word.

- Response: These policies describe Bellevue’s role in the regional coordination to address human service needs. Bellevue does take an active role in this, however, the City is not the coordinating agency or the organization offering the services in most cases. The City’s role is to support that network “and actively coordinate with” (as HS-16 reads) to ensure that needs are met.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-16. Support and actively coordinate with local, regional, and national efforts that address local human services needs to ensure local programs complement programs provided at the <u>regional</u> , county, state and federal level.	No change.

HS-17. Support agencies locating human services facilities in Bellevue and, where appropriate, encourage efficiencies through agency collocation and collaboration.	
HS-18. Support a network of service points that are easily accessible by Bellevue residents and workers, geographically distributed within the city and proximate to public transit.	

176. PC Feedback: HS-19. The commission asked for clarity on what is meant by “community agencies”.

- Response: Over the last few years a number of grassroots organizations have formed in response to the particular needs of their various communities. Both state and federal guidelines are followed by the city in regard where an agency needs to be in the process of becoming a non-profit, but there are some agencies that are small enough to not be required to have non-profit status in order to access funding. Where there is no non-profit provider to meet a specific gap, the city can elect to provide a for-profit provider with human services funding. In drafting the policy, there was a desire not to be too prescriptive by using the term “non-profit.”

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-19. Allocate funds and other resources throughout the continuum of human service needs by soliciting proposals from <del>nonprofit</del> <u>community</u> agencies <del>for providing</del> <u>human</u> services benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.	No change.

177. PC Feedback: HS-20. The commission suggested that HS-20 uses language in the latter part that overly specific to certain groups of people.

- luResponse: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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HS-20. <u>Create a community where equitable outcomes exist for all, by investing in services that address or eliminate inequities that exist for individuals of certain races, ethnicities, disability, gender identity, sexuality, or neighborhood.</u>	HS-20. Create a community where equitable outcomes exist for all, by investing in services that address or eliminate inequities <del>that exist for individuals of certain</del> <u>which may be experienced disproportionately based on a resident's age, religion, races, ethnicities, disability, gender identity, sexuality, or and</u> neighborhood.
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178. PC Feedback: HS-24. The commission suggested this should include a special emphasis on youth.

- Response: Youth are included in this policy. While youth homelessness is an issue of particular concern, having a more general policy allows the City to respond to housing needs of all people at risk of homelessness. Note that a policy addressing youth behavioral health and housing needs has been added (HS-28).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-24. <u>Address the crisis of housing instability and homelessness by providing for services that enable residents to remain housed or become re-housed.</u>	No change.

179. PC Feedback: HS-25. The commission suggested that the policy should be amended to use stronger language to get youth involved in the community.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-25. <u>Support services and investments that strengthen the ability of children and youth to participate in their community and experience equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education.</u>	HS-25. Support services and investments that strengthen the ability of children and youth to participate in their community <del>and experience equitable outcomes in their health, wellness, and education.</del>

180. PC Feedback: HS-26. The Commission suggested that “culturally responsive” should be removed from the policy because it is too limiting.

- Response: Staff feel that culturally-responsive actually broadens the policy as it suggests that the food should not be focused on one type of food but meet the needs of more people.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-26. <u>Support services and investments that provide access to healthy, culturally responsive and affordable food for all people.</u>	No change.

181. PC Feedback: HS-27. The commission suggested HS-27 should include a reference to the youth.

- Response: There is a broader policy about addressing housing instability generally (HS-24). This policy focuses on the unique needs of seniors to enable them to age in place. This is a type of housing instability that is not encountered by other age groups, including youth. However, youth do have their own unique housing and human service challenges and needs. Staff recommend adding a new policy. Note this has cause subsequent policies to be renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-27. <u>Support services and investments that allow older adults, including those who are low-income or experiencing homelessness, to access the services and supports necessary to be included in community life and to age in the location and manner they prefer.</u>	No change.
None.	HS-28. <u>Support services and investments for children and youth that lead to equitable outcomes in health, wellness, and education and meet essential needs, including shelter, housing, food, physical and behavioral health services, and safety from harm and violence.</u>

182. PC Feedback: HS-28. The commission suggested this should include a special emphasis on youth. The commission also suggested that the second part that references “best managed” leaves out some situations. The word “usually” should be included before “best managed.”

- Response: Youth are included in this policy. While youth behavioral health is an issue of particular concern, having a more general policy allows the City to respond to housing needs of all people with behavioral health issues. Staff do not recommend adding “usually” because this opens the policy up to addressing behavior health issues through other means (such as



incarceration). While it is true that there may be outlier occasions where a behavior health issues is managed through another system of an individual, broadly, the best practice is to manage behavior health issues through the behavioral health system. (Note renumbered due to the insertion of HS-28.)

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
HS-28. <u>Recognize behavioral health conditions, including substance use disorder, as chronic and treatable diseases that are best managed through the behavioral health system, including walk-in crisis and inpatient treatment programs.</u>	HS-29. No change.

### Parks, Recreation and Open Space

183. PC Feedback: PA-2. The Commission suggested that “obtaining land” is too limiting and that the city should look at “creative solutions” for providing parks.

- Response: It is true that as more of the city is developed, there is less land available for parks. However, that is one of the reasons this policy is necessary. The city needs to look for opportunities to expand the parks system to meet the increased demand. This does not preclude creative solutions and the provision of unique parks (land can come in many forms). However, there is a need for a policy to direct the city to obtain parkland to meet future needs. Obtaining land for parks is also well-supported by the community as one top concern with development is ensuring that there will be parks to serve new residents.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-2. Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs, <u>with emphasis on providing park land concurrent with growth and density of urban neighborhoods, in alignment with the Parks and Open Space System Plan.</u>	No change.

184. PC Feedback: PA-16. The Commission suggested using stronger language and addressing accessibility/universal design.

- Response: The Parks element has several policies that address accessibility in parks, including PA-21 focused on providing programs and services that are accessible, PA-30 focused on soliciting community feedback to ensure facilities are accessible, PA-31 focused on meeting the needs of a diverse population and PA-41 focused on improving safety and accessibility. In the Urban Design element, UD-11 focuses on using universal design principles in indoor and outdoor spaces. The Parks system has been very proactive about serving users with a variety of physical and mental needs. For example, Inspiration Playground at Downtown Park is designed for all ages and abilities and won an ASLA award for the design.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-16. <u>Assess needs and develop recreational facilities to meet demand for growing recreation and leisure activities, based upon user trends, demographics, and community input.</u>	No change.

185. PC Feedback: PA-19. The Commission suggested that places of large public gatherings also have wayfinding and information in the case of an emergency.

- Response: The safety features of places for large public gatherings are required by federal and state statutes and the city complies with these laws. There may be an opportunity to do more in specific projects for emergency preparedness but staff do not recommend adding language to this policy. PA-18 addresses wayfinding generally. NH-11 addresses emergency preparedness this at an individual level.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-19. <u>Acquire new parks and develop additional public gathering spaces that could accommodate large events distributed across areas of the city near mass transit.</u>	No change.

186. Community Feedback: The Snoqualmie Tribe suggested emphasizing the importance of interpretive language in reference to native populations.

- Staff recommend the following change to the Recreation and Community Services subsection.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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PA-25. Use parks to celebrate, <del>promote</del> and preserve <del>Bellevue's</del> <u>the full history, cultural arts and local heritage when consistent with the park's of the region through park design and, signage, programming, and cultural landscape conservation.</u>	PA-24. Use parks to celebrate, <u>acknowledge</u> , and preserve the full local history, <u>including that of native populations, through</u> park design, signage, programming, and cultural landscape conservation.
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187. PC Feedback: PA-31. The Commission suggested that wording about inter-cultural programming and culturally specific programming could be clearer.

- Response: The Parks and Community Services Board looked specifically at this policy to ensure that it addresses the desire for the variety of cultural traditions to be met in the parks as well as for providing opportunities to learn from each other.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-31. <del>Monitor</del> <u>Based upon data trends and inclusive outreach, monitor</u> and respond to the community's evolving recreation and community service needs to ensure a <del>diverse</del> mix of relevant and effective facilities <del>and programs that meet the needs of a diverse population, including programs that are culturally specific or promote intercultural exchange.</del>	No change.

188. PC Feedback: PA-33. The Commission suggested that there could be more specifics about how to ensure that parks retain their ecological function, such as by using native species or retaining trees.

- Response: Functional plans provide more detail on the types of plantings that are appropriate in different areas of parks and open spaces. The Comprehensive Plan does have policies about including native plantings: UD-9, UD-13, CL-50, CL-64, CL-78, CL-89, CL-91.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-33. <u>Seek opportunities to integrate natural drainage practices and green stormwater infrastructure into park design and management to provide community amenities and watershed benefits.</u>	No change.

189. PC Feedback: PA-39. The Commission suggested that acquiring and maintaining parks is important.

- Response: This streetscapes policy is based on the former LU policy and not intended to replace language that was struck, as those concepts exist in other policies. Acquiring parkland is addressed in PA-2. Park maintenance is covered by several policies in the Stewardship subsection (PA-32 maintain parks to preserve ecological and natural systems, PA-34 retain significant trees, PA-36 restore natural areas).

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-39. <del>Acquire and maintain a system of parks, open space and other landscaped areas to perpetuate Bellevue's park-like setting and enhance the livability of the city's neighborhoods. Develop, fund, and maintain streetscape and arterial landscaping along transportation corridors that provides valuable aesthetic, environmental, traffic calming and storm water management benefits helping maintain Bellevue's "City in a Park" character.</del>	No change.

190. PC Feedback: PA-45 The Commission was concerned about the removal of the public review process.

- Response: The public review process was actually a weaker policy, allowing the city to repurpose parkland following a public review. The change prevents parkland from being converted to uses that are not envisioned by specific park plans. As a landowner, this policy also speaks to the City's ability to enforce encroachments and other non-permitted uses. Significant changes to existing park plans would go through a public review process. Staff do recommend a minor modification to improve readability.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
PA-45. <del>Require a public review process for the conversion to</del> <u>Eliminate and prevent non-recreational use of park uses of lands and facilities that impact or are not in alignment with the intended use or plan for them.</u>	PA-45. Eliminate and prevent uses of lands and facilities that impact or are not in alignment with the intended use or plan for them.

## Urban Design and the Arts

191. PC Feedback: UD-1. The Commission suggested that this policy is too general.

- Response: The policy states the general policy for urban design in Bellevue. While policies are not ordered in terms of importance, the first policy in an element is often, though not always, a general policy about the topic of the element. In this case, it is a general policy describing the approach to Urban Design, but not Arts, in the element.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-1. Preserve and enhance trees <del>as a component of</del> <u>throughout the skyline</u> <del>city</del> to retain <u>tree canopy</u> and foster the <u>city's</u> image <del>of</del> <u>as</u> a "City in a Park."	No change.

192. PC Feedback: UD-2. The Commission suggested that it is not clear what public and publicly accessible places are.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-2. Integrate high quality and inviting public and <del>semi-publicly accessible</del> open spaces into major development.	UD-2. Integrate high quality and inviting public <u>open spaces</u> and publicly accessible <u>privately-owned</u> open spaces into major development.

193. PC Feedback: UD-5. Consider retaining the clause that relates to excellence in architecture.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-5. Encourage <del>excellence in architecture, site design</del> <u>the use of high-quality and workmanship, and durability</u> <del>in</del> <u>in</u> <del>endurable</del> building materials to <del>enrich the appearance of that have a development's surroundings</del> <u>sense of permanence</u> .	UD-5. Encourage the use of high-quality and durable building materials that <u>contribute to excellence in architecture and</u> have a sense of permanence.

194. PC Feedback: UD-6. Does sensory gateway elements need to be referenced? Is there another way to state "iconic visual reference".

- Response: This policy provides flexibility in how gateway elements and visual reference points are designed for sites and buildings.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-6. Encourage the creation <u>and preservation</u> of iconic visual reference points <u>and gateway elements</u> in the community through innovative site and building designs.	No change.

195. PC Feedback: UD-15. Using landscaping and green space to buffer may not be the right approach.

- Response: This policy also describes that other urban design elements can be used to provide buffer between more intense developments and residential areas.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-15. Mitigate potential impacts of <u>more intense developments</u> to surrounding <del>neighborhoods-residential areas</del> using landscaping, greenspace and other urban design elements <u>as buffers</u> .	No change.

196. Community Feedback: UD-17. PSE commented that solar panels are often mounted on rooftops and screening them minimizes their effectiveness. They suggested making an exception for solar panels.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-17. <del>Integrate</del> <u>Screen</u> rooftop mechanical equipment <del>screening with</del> <u>from public view through building architecture and other methods</u> .	UD-17. Screen rooftop mechanical equipment, <u>excluding solar panels</u> , from public view through building architecture and other methods.

197. PC Feedback: UD-38. Clarify the intent of the policy. What are the outcomes that would be expected?

- Response: This policy provides guidance for through-block connections and other pedestrian paths that connect people to destinations like parks or transit stations.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
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UD-38. <del>Explore</del> <u>Provide</u> opportunities to enhance pedestrian and other mobility connections between buildings and <del>developments</del> <u>public spaces through the development process.</u>	No change.
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198. PC Feedback: UD-37. Does the consolidation with (old number) UD-79 lose its policy intent?

- Response: (old number) UD-79 focused was specific in terms of types of vegetation that could be used to provide attractive visual screening along freeways. The intent of using landscaping to enhance the community imagery is expressed more succinctly and broadly in UD-37.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-37. <del>Ensure that all</del> <u>Encourage freeway corridor and freeway-abutting development abutting the freeway corridors includes special</u> <u>to include landscaping and design features which provide an attractive entrance to the city that enhance the community's image.</u>	No change.

199. PC Feedback: UD-39. Does this need qualification? Should it happen on every blank façade?

- Response: This does not apply to every blank elevation, only those that are visible from public places like parks, streets or public paths like the Grand Connection. These building faces are important to creating the public realm. Most building faces that border these places have windows and doors that open into shops, restaurants or residences. This enlivens the public realm. Where that does not happen, it is important that the buildings enliven the space in other ways. Design or art treatments may be the articulation of a façade to create nooks for seating, it may be plantings, it could be murals, or many other treatments.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-39. <u>Provide design or art treatments for blank elevations and/or walls that are visible from the public right of way realm.</u>	No change.

200. PC Feedback: UD-41. Element of safety should be more precisely added to policy.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-41. Include clearly visible and accessible walkways from street sidewalks and parking areas to building entrances and <del>with</del> <u>through large commercial blocks</u> and <del>between developments as a part of site design.</del>	UD-41. Include clearly visible, <u>safe</u> and accessible walkways from street sidewalks and parking areas to building entrances and through large commercial blocks and developments.

201. PC Feedback: UD-48. Many commissioners liked this policy. Others said they wanted the policy to be as inclusive as possible.

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-48. <del>Support community efforts to develop</del> <u>Cultivate public art</u> that enhances neighborhood <del>character</del> <u>identity</u> , builds community, and engages residents in the artistic process.	UD-48. Cultivate public art that enhances neighborhood identity, builds community, and engages <del>residents</del> <u>the community</u> in the artistic process.

202. PC Feedback: UD-53. The commission asked if children should be called out especially in this policy.

- Response: The vast majority of arts education is for children and this policy is inclusive of that. By focusing on skill, and not age, we are more broadly inclusive of the whole community. This policy, through its broad application addresses two areas that are important to the community and the city: higher level arts education and arts education for older adults. Focusing the policy on children would lose those aspects.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-53. Support and encourage lifelong arts education for all skill levels.	No change.

203. PC Feedback: UD-64. Should policy language on historic preservation also emphasize education? Should more proactive language be used rather than “explore”?

- Response: Staff recommend the following modification.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
UD-64. <del>Designate historic landmark sites and structures and review proposed</del>	UD-64. <del>Explore</del> <u>Develop</u> opportunities for preservation, rehabilitation, and adaptive



<del>changes to ensure that these sites and structures will continue to be a part of the community and explore incentives for rehabilitation. Explore opportunities for preservation, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of historically significant sites and structures.</del>	reuse of historically significant sites and structures <u>and education about those sites.</u>
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204. PC Feedback: (old number) UD-82. The commission suggested that removal of this policy results in no other statements in policy regarding Bellevue's historical identity.

- Response: Staff recommend retaining (old number) UD-82. Note that subsequent policies have been renumbered.

PC Reviewed Language	Recommendation
(old number) UD-82. <del>Preserve, enhance and interpret Bellevue's historical identity</del>	UD-62. Preserve, enhance and interpret Bellevue's historical identity.