

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance adopting the Transportation Element Comprehensive Plan Amendment (21-107724 AC), which will amend the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and Chapter 35A.63 RCW to incorporate policies and narrative that support a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance amends the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element to incorporate policy and narrative that support a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency. Note that there was a minor change to the narrative from the version previously presented to Council to align with the requirements of the Growth Management Act and the policy amendments. The Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission separately considered and recommended approval of the Transportation Element amendment in this year's annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) work program.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No 6633.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

To be consistent with past Council direction, action on the 2021 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are considered by individual Ordinance. A separate general Ordinance covers the amending action to the Comprehensive Plan itself, consistent with the applicable provisions in the Growth Management Act relating to annual review.

The Ordinances presented under separate agenda items for each proposed amendment reflect October 25 and November 22 City Council direction to act on one or more of the proposed 2021 amendments. The City Council provided modified language to Policy TR-2 at the October 25 meeting.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Plan

The Growth Management Act states that comprehensive plans may be amended no more frequently than once per year (with limited exceptions) so that the cumulative effect of the proposals can be

considered. Bellevue's 2021 annual CPA work program includes one privately-initiated plan amendment, and four City-initiated amendments in Final Review by action of the City Council under LUC 20.30I.130.B.1.

Fiscal Impact

Adoption of the 2021 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan sets City policy. Though there is no direct fiscal impact to the adoption of an amendment, implementation may influence future decision making and proposed investments. Investments outside of the scope of the current biennial budget may be proposed in future budget processes for Council approval.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance adopting the Transportation Element Comprehensive Plan Amendment (21-107724 AC), which will amend the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and Chapter 35A.63 RCW to incorporate policies and narrative that support a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternate direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6633

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N/A