

City of
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Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Curb Management Plan – Curbside Practices Guide Recommendations

DIRECTION REQUESTED

Action

Discussion/Direction

Information

This memo presents high-level draft recommendations that are intended to enhance the curbside environment long-term. Recommendations will be detailed within a “Curbside Practices Guide” that will act as a supplement to the primary Curb Management Plan document. Additionally, information about the curbside “Pilot Roadmap” and new public resources in support of the Curb Management Plan are also included in this memo.

INFORMATION

In late 2022, the project team created a variety of public-facing resources to help with project communication to external stakeholders. In December 2022, a package of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) was posted to the project webpage ([link here](#)). Also in December 2022, a project diagram was posted to the project webpage that clarifies the scope within the ongoing Curb Management Plan ([link here](#)). In January 2023, the “State of the Curb” existing conditions report was published to the project webpage. This document summarizes curbside data collection findings throughout 2022 and previous years ([link here](#)).

In October 2022, the project team held working sessions to identify near-term curbside operational issues that could potentially be addressed and evaluated through targeted pilot

projects. Those working sessions, coupled with public feedback gathered through the duration of the project, led to the creation of the draft “Pilot Roadmap”. Details on pilot concepts and background are shown in Attachment A.

Draft recommendations for the Curb Management Plan have been developed using information gathered throughout the project. Initial draft recommendations are broad by nature, with details explored at upcoming Transportation Commission meetings in March and April 2023. Project team staff encourages questions and comment from Commissioners on draft recommendations.

DISCUSSION

Curbside Practices Guide & Plan Recommendations

One major element within the Curb Management Plan is the Curbside Practices Guide. This valuable reference document will identify overarching recommendations for improving curb management approaches in Bellevue, and will highlight strategies and tools that can be considered during implementation. These recommendations are intended to act as a primary reference for next step action items beyond the immediate scope of the Curb Management Plan development.

Each recommendation falls into (6) total categories of curb use:

- Curb Policy and Regulations
- Storage
- Curb Access Features
- Sustainable and Emerging Mobility
- Curbside Activation
- Digital Governance and Policy

Each recommendation within the Curbside Practices Guide will provide a background overview on the topic, identify the public input and/or data that was derived to come up with the recommendation, and the overarching vision for the concept. Each topic will also include detailed guidance for each strategy, including project design considerations, permitting considerations, innovations, evaluation frameworks, and (if applicable) key performance indicators. Additionally, each recommendation will identify high-level ranges of cost, levels of impact, schedule considerations, and required collaborators for successful implementation.

A summary of initial recommendations is shown below in Table 1.

Table 1: Draft Curb Management Recommendations

<u>Category</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Curb Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline, digitize, and clarify curbside regulations • Add resources for curbside enforcement and compliance • Modernize Bellevue’s permit system to better accommodate curbside leases and uses • Consider changes to language in the Land Use Code to better integrate the built environment with the curbside
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a paid parking program and update on-street parking procedures and regulations • Refine and scale residential parking programs and regulations • Inventory and expand accessible (ADA) curbside parking • Create optimal conditions for dedicated car share parking • Deploy common locker systems and create guidelines
Curb Access Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install more passenger loading zones throughout the Growth Corridor to better match curbside demands • Expand and relocate conventional commercial loading zones to better match curbside demands • Establish a smart loading zone program • Manage and accommodate employer shuttle loading zone demands • Improve amenities for bus stops and shared stops • Establish formal protocols for curbside transit layover
Sustainable and Emerging Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy public charging infrastructure to promote equitable electric mobility • Develop a mobility hub strategy and plan • Proactively evaluate current and future needs for autonomous mobility providers • Leverage Bellevue’s Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program to manage curb demands
Curbside Activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand al fresco on-street dining program • Establish criteria and guidelines for installation of parklets and expanded green space • Formalize food truck zone program

Digital Governance and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect, maintain, and share curb asset information• Collect and analyze curb activity data to inform curb management decisions• Automate enforcement and pricing processes• Create and maintain digital policy expressions and management tools
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NEXT STEPS

At the March 9, 2023 Transportation Commission meeting, the project team intends to provide additional detail and discuss relationships among the recommendations identified within the Curbside Guide. Feedback gathered at the February and March meetings will inform the draft Curb Management Plan currently under development.

Please feel free to contact me prior to the meeting if you have questions about the agenda materials.