

From: [Rebecca](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:23:06 PM

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Hello,

I commute daily by bike to my workplace in Bellevue and was thrilled to see that there is a project that would expand the very lacking bike infrastructure around the city. I just wanted to write to show my support for Bike Bellevue. I've always wanted to ride in those areas to shop and support local businesses but I have found them to be too dangerous for me. Thank you for considering this project, I hope to be able to ride more places around Bellevue in the future!

Best,
Rebecca Bottenbley

From: [Tyler Zender](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Regarding Bike Bellevue
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:40:57 PM

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Hi, my name is Tyler Zender. I live and work within the Spring District here in Bellevue. I am writing today with regards to the Bike Bellevue project.

I'm very disappointed to hear about delays in the execution of this project such as the removal of this project from discussion in future transportation commission meetings. There is no legitimate reason for the delay of this project. In numerous previous transportation commission meetings we have heard from individuals working on this project about the minimal traffic impacts of this project while simultaneously hearing about the literally life-saving impacts of this project. This is not to ignore the additional economic, climate, and various other health benefits of this project. Poor reception of this project by critics is not a valid reason for delaying this project when an abundance of analysis indicates numerous benefits for completing this project in its entirety.

I ask you to kindly reconsider delaying what is a much needed safety measure to improve the Bellevue transportation system for the most vulnerable road users.

Thank you.

From: [Kurt Dresner](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue NOW!
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:12:34 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and Commissioners,

My name is Kurt Dresner. I bicycle to Bellevue on a regular basis, and would love to bicycle to Bellevue more often, but even as a confident rider, I often simply do not feel safe enough to get to a lot of the places I want to go in Bellevue by bike, so instead I get in my minivan. This adds to parking and traffic congestion in Bellevue, as well as increasing my carbon footprint.

It's come to my attention that Bike Bellevue appears to be stalling. **This must not happen.**

If the City of Bellevue is serious about Vision Zero, serious about climate change, serious about the health and lives of its community, **it must meaningfully invest in creating viable alternatives to driving.** Bike Bellevue is one very important step in showing that the City of Bellevue is actually, really, *not-just-saying-it-for-the-publicity* serious about giving people a way to get around other than driving. I'll say something (twice!) that you should really take a moment to internalize:

[There is no solution to car traffic except viable alternatives to driving.](#)

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Not only is this a matter of stopping car traffic from completely taking over our city and our lives, but **this is literally a matter of life and death for our most vulnerable community members**, many of whom cannot drive. If the City cannot move forward on a project that is only projected to slow car speeds by **1 mph**, then how will the City ever do any of the *harder* things that are going to be **absolutely necessary** to meet our stated goals. If we constantly cave to short-sighted opposition, we are never going to make any progress on these issues. Our community members - especially our most vulnerable, youngest, and poorest ones - will continue to be maimed, killed, or simply imprisoned in their homes, (justifiably) too afraid to try to go anywhere.

Please keep this project moving forward. We need this *yesterday*. We simply cannot afford any more delay.

Thank you,

Kurt Dresner

From: [Michael Loveless](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:57:33 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

I have recently moved into the area and have been using a bike to commute to work. It would be really helpful to see this project realized. I would feel so much more safe if we had protected bike lanes.

Thank you for starting this project! Please don't abandon it! It would make such a difference to my daily life!

Mike

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Reet Sangha](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Bike Bellevue Plan
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 8:58:34 PM

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Dear Members of the Bellevue Transportation Commission,

I am writing to share my opposition to Bike Bellevue, the City's plan to add 15 miles of bike lanes for \$18.6 million, 11 of those miles created by taking and converting vehicular travel lanes in Downtown, Wilburton and Bel-Red.

For most of the plan's proposed locations, adding bike lanes requires removing at least one full vehicle traffic lane. According to the City's own estimates, this would result in 210 daily new bike trips by 2035 throughout the project area, representing a marginal increase in bicycle mode share, from 0.8% to 0.9%. Notably, none of these new trips are anticipated to be made by commuters.

Existing traffic conditions in the proposed areas are already challenging and expected to worsen as the City expects 30,000 new residents and thousands more accessing Bellevue for work in the decade to come. The addition of bike lanes, particularly when better and safer alternatives exist and have been identified in past plans, is likely to worsen traffic congestion, introduce unsafe complexities to streets and intersections, and make Bellevue a less accessible and welcoming place that many will simply choose not to visit at all.

I urge you to reject Bike Bellevue projects in their current form and advocate for more cost-effective and safe alternatives that do not require taking vehicular lanes from the majority of the traveling public.

Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to fostering a livable Bellevue.

Sincerely,

Reet Sangha
Eastgate

From: [Dean Brown](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:04:46 PM

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First I would like to compliment the commission members for the December 14th meeting. You patiently without judgement listened to what everyone wanted to say about Bike Bellevue. It was a broad range of comments including people that believe any money spent on bike lanes is a waste, to people that believe any reduction of auto vehicle lanes is good for everyone, everywhere.

I support improving bicycle safety without drastic reductions in auto vehicle infrastructure.

In particular I ask the commission to revise the Bike Bellevue plan to no longer call for the elimination of all auto traffic lanes on westbound NE 2nd/NE 1st between Bellevue Way and 100th NE. In this short stretch autos and bikes can share the road safely.

Regards,

Dean Brown
Resident

From: [Julia Wang](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)
Subject: I support Bike Bellevue!
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:43:40 PM

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Hello, I hope you are doing well!

I am from suburban Los Angeles, and my favorite family hobby is to bike to different parks and in different neighborhoods. After moving to Bellevue, the main thing that I miss is the accessibility by biking. It feels scary to bike in lanes that are also shared by cars. I would love to have more bike lanes so that I can bike to work, the grocery store, parks and neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,
Julia

From: [Jonathan Montemayor](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bellevue Bike Lane Expansion
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:21:20 PM

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I support Bike Bellevue!

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Paul Jones](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:39:29 PM

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Sincerely,

Paul Jones
Vuecrest

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Rebecca von der Burg](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:15:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Rebecca von der Burg
Vuecrest

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Claudia Helm](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 7:56:33 AM

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Dear Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers,

My husband and I have been residents of Bellevue for 25 years, and we would like to continue doing so. However, with many of the changes being made to the city, it is getting more difficult to want to stay here. The latest is the Bike Bellevue initiative. As you prepare to re-evaluate the direction of Bike Bellevue on March 25th, we urge you to:

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Sincerely,
Claudia Helm

Claudia Helm
Woodridge

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Patricia Quinn Wheeler](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Sincerely,

Patricia Quinn Wheeler
Eastside

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Dale Naeseth](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Sincerely,

Dale Naeseth
Bridle Trails

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [James Helm](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Sincerely,

James Helm
Woodridge

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Patsy Neher](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Patsy Neher
Vuecrest

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Leslie Dever](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Sincerely,

Leslie Dever
Wilburton

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Lorri Ayers](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Lorri Ayers
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [John Loman](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Woodridge

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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Leah Burlingame a Bellevue Resident

Leah Burlingame
Downtown Bellevue

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [MIMI WEHNER](#)
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Karen Yellman
Newport Hills

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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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This plan discriminates against blue-collar workers who must drive to work, the elderly who cannot ride a bike for the young tech workers. I think you would find that an honest survey of the full population of Bellevue and the surrounding areas would be against removing any existing traffic lanes.

Sincerely,
Brad Greenway

Brad Greenway
Redmond

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Rachel Bachmann](#)
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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,

E. Robert Butenko

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Bridle Trails

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Leonid Baraz](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Bela Patel
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NE Bellevue

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Ellen Lenhart
Wilburton

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Steven Fricke](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,

Steven Fricke

Steven Fricke
Lake Hills

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Mary Droppelman](#)
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Mary Droppelman
College Hill

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Norm Hanasen](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Andrew Hergert](#)
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Andrew Hergert
Enatai-home, Wilburton-work

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Anne Coughlin
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Deirdre Walsh
Somerset

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spencer mcpherson
Bridle trails

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Lawrence Rush](#)
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David Bassford
Enatai

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Nathan Rimmer](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:59:44 AM

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downtown

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Dena Gregory](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,

Karl Kopp
Overlake/Interlake

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [mike seal](#)
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Sincerely,

mike seal
W Lk Samm hillside

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Phil Gable](#)
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Michael Heijer](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Janice Olson
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Sincerely,
Ellen Steere

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E Lake Hills

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Phyllis White](#)
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Wilburton

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Spiritridge

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Leslie Geller
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Fred Schaeffer](#)
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Input on Bike Bellevue was overrun by a handful of loud bikers. Going forward with the plan as is would be a mistake. We don't want it. It's bad for Bellevue.

Traffic on Bel-Red, 140th, and other areas affected is already bad during rush times. I can't imagine trying to get around, taking my daughters to dance class, soccer practice, etc. around 5pm. It's going to be horrific.

Don't make this mistake.

Sincerely,

Samuel Fetchero
Wilburton

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Shelley Turner](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Sincerely,
Shelley Turner

Shelley Turner
Bellevue (Corner of Main and 100th)

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Elizabeth Spohn](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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The bike lanes north of 12th Ave. on 108th and narrowed road lanes has not been good ---I've seen many times as I walk or drive that two large vehicles must swerve if passing each other going in opposite directions.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth R. Spohn

Elizabeth Spohn

Sherbourne on 108th NE

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Mari Wolf](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,
Mari Wolf

Mari Wolf
Meydenbauer

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Marigail Vail](#)
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Sincerely,

Marigail Vail
West Lake Sammamish

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Kim Bentz](#)
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Kim Bentz
Downtown

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Andrea Dash](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,

Andrea Dash
Lake Hills

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Gayle Brown](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Gayle Brown
Eastgate

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [John Minnoch](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
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John Minnoch
Lakemont and Downtown

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Courtney C Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Courtney C
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Lochmore (NE Bellevue)

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Melissa Peterson](#)
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Deborah Smith](#)
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Deborah Smith
Crossroads

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Subject: Redesign Bike Bellevue without removing road lanes!
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Horizon View

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Newport Way Factoria

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Philip Bernstein](#)
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Laurie Lyford](#)
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Laurie Lyford
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Sincerely,

Nicole Darland

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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Marilyn Peterson](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Jim NEAL](#)
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Simon Boothroyd

710 98th Ave NE

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Lochleven

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [John Iwanski](#)
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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Sincerely,

Craig Spiezie
Lochleven

From: hello@livablebellevue.com on behalf of [Cynthia Galante](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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JOSEPH SCHWAB
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To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
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Westlake Sammamish

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Robert Knosp
Lake Hills

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It is very concerning to us that downtown Bellevue not become unmanageable for cars as Seattle is making its downtown core in favor of bicycles. It has create haphazard vehicle routing and, frankly, situations that are so confusing they make the roads more dangerous for bikers as they become emboldened behind what they think are the protections of bike only stop lights that are unfamiliar to most drivers. As you prepare to re-evaluate the direction of Bike Bellevue on March 25th, we urge you to:

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March 4, 2024

Dear Neighbors,

We live in a diverse community with many voices and experiences, and this enriches my legislative work. I am proud to be the first elected Indian American woman in the most diverse House chamber in Washington history.

I recognize the value of having different voices enrich our public discourse, as they resonate with diverse stakeholders and therefore influence policy development across our entire community. Recently, our Indian-American community was shaken by the tragic death of [Jaahnavi Kandula](#), a young student from India, who was killed by an officer driving 74 mph in a dense urban neighborhood on his way to a call. The incident was compounded by subsequent [callous remarks](#) that minimized the loss of a community member, and eroded faith in the impartiality of law enforcement personnel.

Like many in the Indo-American community, I was also young immigrant and student when I arrived in Seattle to study at the University of Washington in 1988, so this tragedy hit close to home. As a legislator, I look forward to continuing to work on policy to rebuild trust and support police services that we all value and rely upon.

The legislature has prioritized major police reforms that improve accountability and transparency in police practices and have expanded efforts to address pedestrian safety. Information on these efforts is included in this update and I will continue to provide additional updates in a future newsletter. As we all know, community safety, accountability, and support for responsible public safety are needed in balance and impact all of us.

Prioritizing Pedestrian Safety

King County, especially [Seattle](#), faces a rise in pedestrian and cyclist fatalities. This alarming trend demands improved safety measures, particularly at the state level. The data shows disproportionate deaths in disadvantaged areas and highlights the crucial role of reduced speed limits, with [fatalities doubling](#) at 30 mph compared to 20 mph.

Recent tragedies such as the death of Jaahnavi Kandula underscore the urgency of these policies. Proposed bills like [HB 1582](#) and investments in speed safety cameras and for bicycle/pedestrian projects are positive steps, but more is needed.

Moving forward, Washington needs to:

- Review laws governing excessive speeds for emergency vehicles.
- Provide guidance to municipalities for redesigning streets: lower speed limits, reduce lane numbers, and improve crosswalk signals.
- Invest in marked crosswalks with clear signage, signage, and flashing beacons.

Prioritizing pedestrian safety isn't just about saving lives; it's about creating healthier, more vibrant communities. This is a strategic investment in Washington's well-being and economic vitality. Let's work together to make our streets safer and accessible for everyone.

Community Safety

I am proud that our local law enforcement in the 48th district has worked to continuously build higher standards and to engage with community. And in recent years, our state has also made significant strides in ensuring public safety while addressing fairness and accountability. Recent legislative efforts have focused on the following key areas including:

- Promoting representative policing to support the development of diverse police forces that better represent the communities they serve. Initiatives such as [regional police academies](#) and [diversifying recruitment within Washington State Patrol](#) represent meaningful progress down this path. Additionally, [mental health supports](#) for first responders and [flexible work schedules](#) will assist with the recruitment and retention of an inclusive police force.
- Ensuring accountability: New legislation prohibits harmful police conduct by [clarifying police use of force policy](#), [establishing less-lethal alternatives](#), and allowing an [independent body](#) to investigate complaints creating a neutral forum for addressing concerns.
- Prioritizing de-escalation: Through training and policy changes, we're emphasizing [de-escalation tactics to minimize the use of force](#) and prioritize peaceful resolutions. Current bipartisan legislation like [Senate Bill 6009](#) would build on this work by banning the dehumanizing practice of hogtying.

These efforts are backed by substantial investments in law enforcement in the 2021-23 biennial budget, 2022 supplemental budget, and 2023-25 biennial budget. We've allocated funding for recruitment, training, officer well-being, and alternative response programs like crisis intervention teams.

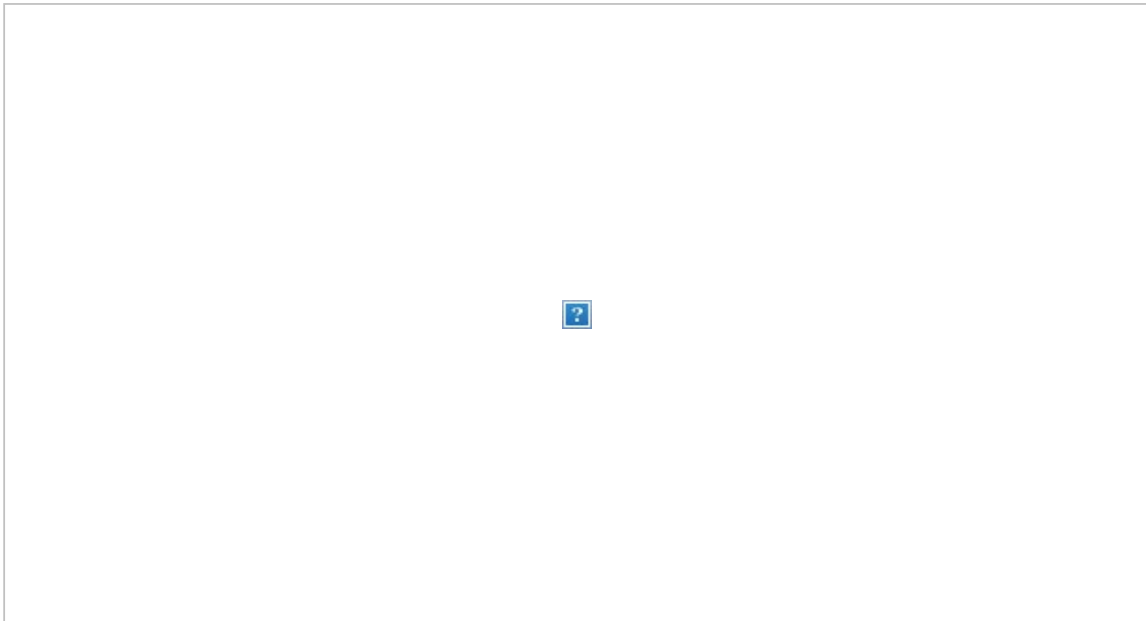
Through continued collaboration, I remain committed to creating a safer, fairer, and more equitable future for all.

Committee Update

Over the past month, both chambers of the Legislature have been diligently reviewing bills in committee hearings. As Chair of the [Postsecondary Education & Workforce Development \(PEW\) Committee](#), I am pleased to provide an update on the Senate's efforts to address achievement gaps and disparities in higher education and workforce development:

- [Senate Bill 5815](#) establishes the Physician Assistant Compact, enhancing healthcare access through telehealth options for rural, underserved, and urban communities.
- [Senate Bill 5904](#) aims to align financial eligibility for federal and state aid programs.
- [Senate Bill 5953](#) supports reentry and reduced recidivism by allowing incarcerated individuals to access federal and state financial aid grants for postsecondary education programs.
- [Senate Bill 6296](#) fosters collaboration to create more retail career opportunities through short-term certificate programs, leading to higher pay and promotions for employees.

I am proud to announce that the Senate has unanimously passed [House Bill 1950](#), along with House Bills [2112](#) (concerning opioid and fentanyl prevention education) and [2214](#). I extend my appreciation to Chair Nobles for her [remarks on passage of HB 1950](#), and her support and advocacy on these important bills.



Town Hall Recap

As we approach the end of the 2024 legislative session, there remains much work to be done. I extend my gratitude to all who have actively participated in civic engagement, particularly those who joined Rep. [Walen](#), Senator [Kuderer](#), and me at our town hall on February 17th.



Your input on various issues such as affordable housing, student loan debt, medical debt, rental assistance, artificial intelligence, and support for families on fixed incomes has been invaluable. I remain excited to connect with you more once the legislative session concludes in March.

Looking Ahead

With three budgets passed through the House, our focus now turns to reaching a compromise with the Senate. Our budget team is diligently working to deliver a final package that reflects our shared values and invests in the people of Washington. I look forward to sharing the results of this important work.

Thank you for your engagement with my office, and for all you do.

In Service,



State Representative Vandana Slatter

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As your representative in the Washington State Legislature, I send occasional email updates designed to keep you informed about the issues being debated in Olympia that may affect our community and Washington state



From: [Lara](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
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Hello Councilmembers and Commissioners,

My name is Lara Gardner and I live in Lake Hills near Crossroads. I am distressed that I do not have time to craft a public comment and deliver it at tonight's council meeting. I will instead describe what I just experienced and how it relates to Bike Bellevue, Vision Zero, and our climate goals.

I had a batch of errands to run just now - 3 miles to pick up meds from my pharmacy, and 1 mile to drop off my ballot at my nearest drop box. I have been busy all day and couldn't head out until around 4:30 - right in the middle of rush hour. This is a common occurrence for me.

I debated riding my bike, but the thing that blocks me every time is the hostile roads that immediately surround where I live. My options are 164th or 156th from Crossroads to Microsoft, neither of which have bike facilities to get me where I needed to go without cars honking at me, experiencing severe anxiety, or fearing for my life. I chose my car.

Instead of cruising past traffic, getting some exercise and fresh air, and experiencing the mood-boost that I get when I can travel outside of my car, I sat in and contributed to congestion, feeling helpless and frustrated and anxious, disconnected from the people and environment around me.

There is not enough room on our streets for every individual to drive a personal vehicle everywhere they need to go. Our status quo is unsustainable and deteriorating. If we do not reallocate the space we have to other modes, congestion is guaranteed to get worse as our city grows. There are lots of people like me who wish they could get around without a car but are not supported to do so by our built environment. All of these individuals add cars to the road. With viable alternatives to driving, those who choose to continue to drive will have fewer cars in their way. Bike lanes are good for everyone.

The smartest thing we could do to alleviate congestion in Bellevue is to reallocate the space we have currently devoted to the least efficient and most harmful mode of transportation - in terms of physical space, environmental impact, danger to humans and animals - and enable and empower people to get around in other ways. This isn't about forcing people out of cars, it's about enabling them to have a choice. Currently in Bellevue, there is no choice. We are forced to be dependent on cars in every neighborhood besides downtown.

Cities worldwide are experiencing this same problem, and many of them are choosing to invest in creating viable alternatives to driving by reallocating road space. I know a lot of you seem to view "taking a vehicle lane" as a tradeoff or a negative, but cities that are doing this

are not only getting infrastructure out faster than if they had to acquire new right-of-way, they are also slowing traffic, saving lives, reducing emissions, and boosting local business all with the same project.

Using the data provided by our city's professional transportation engineers, we are talking about trading seconds of vehicle delay to protect human lives, improve mobility in the city, and reduce VMT. How much does the city of Bellevue value human life? Are we willing to take bold steps to change the status quo, or are we going to continue to drag our feet as serious injuries and temperatures rise? We should have started building this infrastructure a decade ago. Will we be proud of the decisions we're currently making a decade from now?

This isn't a new concept, we don't need to reinvent the wheel, we can look to other cities to see how they have had success. They do it by implementing a city-wide network. They do it by reallocating existing travel lanes and piloting low-cost, rapid-build projects to see how it impacts the system, studying and gathering feedback along the way. Until there are pilots on our streets, collecting feedback is a waste of effort and funds.

Check out the head of WSDOT Roger Millar presenting to the Senate Transportation Committee - <https://tvw.org/video/senate-transportation-2024011258/?eventID=2024011258>

"It's interesting, when you look at these roads that are 45 mph suburban highways and they get a complete streets treatment, and they're no longer 45 maybe they're 30 but they've got sidewalks, they've got bike lanes, EVERY SINGLE TIME that happens, the businesses along that stretch of road see an increase in economic activity." (39:15)

In the same video he mentions:

- 25% of Washingtonians don't drive
- the cost to the WA economy from crashes is \$20 billion per year
- the cost to the WA economy from traffic congestion is \$2 billion per year

Recently a car on a neighborhood street [crashed into the side of a medical building in Lake Hills Village](#), destroying expensive X-ray equipment and causing a gas leak. A car [crashed in downtown Bellevue](#) destroying expensive traffic signal equipment. Hundreds of thousands of dollars, and an existential reminder to residents that our city prioritizes the movement of vehicles over protection of human life and property. These are some of the invisible costs of roadways that enable and encourage reckless driving. We need to calm our streets and roads.

And I'm out of time to spend on this email. Thank you so much for your work and your consideration. I wholeheartedly believe that this is the way to make Bellevue more livable for everyone, drivers and non-drivers alike.

-Lara Gardner

From: [Christina Huang](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#); [McDonald, Kevin](#)
Subject: uw study - local businesses won't be hurt by vision zero
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:32:08 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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Hi Bellevue City Council and Transportation Commission,

As a resident of downtown Bellevue, I really hope Bike Bellevue comes to fruition soon, and I believe in the benefits that protected bike/pedestrian infra would bring to our local businesses.

I would like to bring to your attention this article published by UW: <https://www.washington.edu/news/2024/02/28/vision-zero-road-safety-projects-in-seattle-are-unlikely-to-have-negative-impacts-on-local-business-sales-uw-study-finds/>

<https://injuryprevention.bmj.com/content/injuryprev/early/2024/02/19/ip-2023-044934.full.pdf?ijkey=sZzGWXySUIDzyVD&keytype=ref>

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Quote from the article: “Some business owners may be concerned that Vision Zero pedestrian safety projects lead to a trade-off between safety and economic viability. **Our research found there is no economic harm in improving safety, and such projects offer the health benefits of reducing injuries,**” said study co-author Andrew Dannenberg, a UW affiliate professor of environmental and occupational health sciences and of urban planning.

In the three years after each safety intervention, researchers found **no significant difference in the year-over-year change in revenue** of the businesses in the intervention and comparison sites. On average, **taxable sales increased** in both the intervention and comparison sites over time, and at largely the **same rate**.

Thanks!

Warmly,
Christina Huang

From: [David Guiland](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#); [McDonald, Kevin](#)
Subject: UW Study and Bike Bellevue
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:55:24 PM

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Hello!

I'm writing to you to urge movement on Bike Bellevue. It will significantly improve safety in a growing part of town. UW recently did a study that compared 7 sections of Seattle roads where they took similar action was taken and compared each site to similar areas throughout town. The study showed that the infrastructure did *not* have a negative effect on business that some business owners claim it will.

To quote: "In the three years after each safety intervention, researchers found no significant difference in the year-over-year change in revenue of the businesses in the intervention and comparison sites. On average, taxable sales increased in both the intervention and comparison sites over time, and at largely the same rate."

I'll link both a Summary of the study (for easier reading) and the full study bellow and I urge you to read one or both and move forward with Bike Bellevue.

Summary: <https://www.washington.edu/news/2024/02/28/vision-zero-road-safety-projects-in-seattle-are-unlikely-to-have-negative-impacts-on-local-business-sales-uw-study-finds/>
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From: [Joel Glass](#)
To: [Council](#); [PlanningCommission](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Cc: [Loewenherz, Franz](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:56:34 AM

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Dear Mayor Robinson and Council Members,

Thank you for your service to our community. By way of background, I'm a 50+ year resident, and 20+ year small business owner in Bellevue. I served on the Transportation Commission for 8 years. During my service on the Transportation Commission we drafted the current Ped Bike plan and I served on the Bel-Red Steering Committee. Additionally, I consider myself a bicyclist.

I urge you to revise the Bike Bellevue initiative to not remove any general purpose travel lanes. Removing lanes will come at the detriment of the vast majority of the traveling public for the betterment of a extremely small segment. Current plans provide for dedicated bike lanes in the Bel Red area on Spring Blvd, 120th Ave, 124th Ave, and 130th Ave. Along with the addition of the Eastrail and the improved 520 trail. **If** additional capacity and or options are needed for the few cyclists, these facilities should be added without removing the general purpose travel lanes.

The Spring District plan provides for much high density in both office and multi-family dwellings. This increased density will have a significant impact on the road system in this area. Reducing the road capacity will reduce the mobility in this and the surrounding areas. With increased traffic in the Bel-Red area we will see people use surrounding neighborhood streets more to try and avoid getting snarled up in clogged roads.

From a cycling perspective, even with dedicated facilities the speeds and traffic on the NE 12th/Bel-Red Road and NE 20th/Northup are uncomfortable to ride a bicycle on. Additionally, the numerous driveways would make even dedicated separated bike lanes unnerving. These facilities will only attract the fearless cyclist.

From the years that I served on the Transportation Commission I am confident that this Bike Bellevue plan was put together only with the best of intentions. Unfortunately it is mistake to think that the changes as currently proposed will be an improvement. Please re-evaluate the Bike Bellevue plan. Direct staff and commissioners to develop plans that do not remove general purpose travel lanes.

Sincerely
Joel Glass
4216 – 137th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

From: [Kyle Van Lanningham](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue Project
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:55:20 AM

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I support Bike Bellevue!

It would be a big mistake to cancel or gut this project. Promoting non car forms of transit will be key to growth in Bellevue. It will allow more people to commute safely via bicycles and replace cars that would otherwise be on the road causing congestion. It's a no brainer to move forward with this project.

Thank you
Kyle

From: annemarie.dooley
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike lanes and walkability increase business activity according to WSDOT head
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:44:17 PM

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Dear Committee Members

I have testified to you on the public health benefits of a city where streets are safe for walking and biking. Today I am going to quote the head of the Washington State Dept. Of Transportation Roger Millar on 01/15 to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Every time a street is made "complete" with sidewalks and full bike lanes he says, "businesses on that stretch of road see an increase in economic activity". (Minute 39:30 <https://tvw.org/video/senate-transportation-2024011258/?eventID=2024011258>)

Bike lanes increase walkability on our streets. If there was a location where bike lanes actually increased congestion, opponents would state the name of that location repeatedly. But no such place exists.

Let's move ahead on safety and walkability and get Bike Bellevue moving again

Thank you for your time

Annemarie Dooley MD

From: [Andrew Pardoe](#)
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Trust your transportation staff
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:47:51 AM

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Council,

I am glad to see that City Attorneys Gerla and Kline have cleared Franz Loewenherz of unethical conduct accusations. These ill-founded accusations appear to have been motivated by a desire to stop development of safe, multimodal transportation alternatives in the city.

It's becoming more common in this country to attack individuals when you have no real basis to criticize policy. I shouldn't be surprised to see this same pattern happening locally, where council races now cost almost twice as much as total salary over four years, but I do find it a sad trend. There are a lot of deep pockets in this city who are trying to influence policy. But downtown Bellevue is already a great place for business. We need to redouble our efforts to make it a livable place for people.

There is a pattern of well-funded opposition to sensible transportation improvements. One notable example was the false "Save Our Lanes" campaign in opposition to the Main St. bike lanes that was funded by former Port Commissioner and Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Bryant's Forge Washington Political Action Committee. I don't know who is funding "People for a Livable Bellevue" but I would not be surprised to find that it's backed by the same land developers and other moneyed interests who have tried to keep their grip on our city for too long. I urge Council to have faith in their transportation staff. Your staff are the best in the region: they are trained professionals who study problems and constraints carefully and make fair recommendations that reflect a solid vision.

The City has been doing good work to make downtown and Bel-Red safer for people who want to live, work, and play in our city. Please, listen to the professionals and do not stop progress.

Thank you,

Andrew Pardoe
10915 SE 1st St

From: [Hannah Roberts](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 5:28:06 PM

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Dear Council members and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

Biking is a large part of my life and my community and every year the lack of infrastructure and safety is a struggle for me to exercise and commute. There are gaps in safe commute options.

Thank you
Hannah Roberts

From: [Anthony Avery](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue's Rapid Implementation
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 2:37:46 PM

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Dear . Bellevue Transportation Commission,

Thank you for your work in the last several years to improve biking in downtown Bellevue and the surrounding neighborhoods. Bike connections like the 108th bike lane and 12th St shared use path required leadership to follow through on, as well as a clear eyed focus on the data that really matters. These routes have made a big difference to the safety of Bellevue streets and my travel experiences.

I'm excited about the Bike Bellevue proposal. The plan is the necessary next step in making Bellevue work better for all transportation users, whether you walk, bike, bus, or drive. And, frankly, we must implement all these routes AND MORE to truly make Bellevue safe for all people, regardless of how we get around.

Next year, the Link Eastside Starter Line will begin running, and projects like Eastrail regional trail and the Grand Connection are also moving forward. The street-based bike network that Bike Bellevue advances will complement these regional assets, and means that Bellevue residents, workers and visitors can better access them.

Please move forward and rapidly implement all of the proposed corridors in Bike Bellevue. Please identify dollars, including seeking grant funding, to implement improvements as quickly as possible. Our city can't wait for safer access to biking.

Sincerely,

Regards,
Anthony Avery
2811 SW Nevada St
Seattle, WA 98126

From: [Tim Hay](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike/Walking routesj
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 11:29:39 PM

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Bellevue Transportation Commission City of Bellevue, WA

Re: Proposed Bike/Walking Routes

Dear Commissioners:

I have found a City-created map, dated 2-14-23 which shows a proposed Bike/Walking route running on the North side of Bel-Red Road, from the East boundary of the City, but significantly (200' to 500') separated from Bel-Red. This map is currently on the City website.

Yet I see a more recent publication from the City, proposing the use of the current Bel-Red Road for the same purposes.. It seems to involve a great deal more money ('jersey barriers', etc) for bike travel. It seems to involve surprising restrictions to auto traffic.

Please explain just why the decision to 'change maps' was made, and which City official approved of this change.

You may respond to me at:
pigpoppy@rocketmail.com

Thank you for your kind attention - -

Tim Hay (resident of N. Wilburton)

From: [Mariya Frost](#)
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [TransportationCommission](#); [PlanningCommission](#); [Singelakis, Andrew](#)
Subject: KDC Comment regarding significant traffic delays at intersections
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:36:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[KDC Comment on Intersection Operations.pdf](#)
[System Intersection Performance FEIS - KDC analysis.pdf](#)

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please see attached our comment regarding the City’s concerning projections for intersections throughout our City – 16 of which are projected to exceed (or fail) their performance metric under the Preferred Alternative’s 2044 growth scenario. This number climbs to 70 under the full build-out scenario. These Comp Plan FEIS projections do not account for the impacts of Bike Bellevue, which would impose road diets and worsen these already difficult traffic conditions.

To better understand what people would actually experience in terms of travel delays under the Preferred Alternative in both scenarios, we worked with our transportation engineers to convert volume/capacity (V/C) ratios to average delay times and have attached that chart as well - I hope you find it helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Andrew Christophersen](#)
To: [Council](#); [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue Ethics Complaint
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:38:21 AM

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I keep reading articles about how one Bellevue resident was able to gin up a flimsy ethics complaint to completely derail the Bike Bellevue initiative. I find it very disheartening that a bold vision of safer streets can be so easily stopped. If the city wants to improve conditions for its most vulnerable residents then it has to steel its resolve and not drop everything after one bogus complaint.

I bike all around the East side and there is nowhere more hostile to my continued existence than Bellevue. Massive double lane roads with a sliver of shoulder, fast speed limits, bike paths that just end in construction all deliver a clear message that I'm not welcome here. The city is growing rapidly and if we only respect people who drive, the congestion is going to continue to metastasize. The times demand dramatic change and we need leaders who can deliver.

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From: [Gaurav Saxena](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 5:27:25 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

Hi

I recently got hit by a car recently while biking. I would very much appreciate dedicated lanes for bikes and mechanisms to ensure bike traffic can flow safely.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Alex Brassel](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike lanes in Bellevue
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:25:06 PM

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Hi,

I am a frequent commuter from Seattle -> Bellevue via the downtown surface streets. Although I have grown used to the current traffic conditions riding through downtown, there is nothing I would love more than to be able to bike to work safely.

I know that many of my colleagues have opted not to join me on this commute in large part because of the lack of cycling infrastructure in the city. Adding it would enable many more to avoid driving in the city.

Best,
Alex

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From: [Marianne Marlow](#)
To: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: No more bike lanes
Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024 10:00:14 AM

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The Bel-Red corridor is already congested and affects my business and home. The 'build it and they will come' fantasy will not create more bike ridership BUT with an already congested corridor, it will create fewer customers and hardship for my business. Please, do not expand the bike lanes in the Bel-Red corridor. Marianne Marlow

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From: [Adron Hall](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Concerned Over Bike Bellevue Project Delay
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 8:22:19 PM

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Hello Council & Transport Commission,

Straight to the point, I am very disappointed to see Bike Bellevue's project delay considering it was finally going to put numerous businesses in reach. I don't seek to, nor want an auto-dependent lifestyle and it is a little tough living on the east side to have options. This was going to open up that street and provide a much better trip option for me. As it stands, I don't, but would, frequent a number of businesses along that corridor.

Seeing the reason raised, which is clearly absurd, that has caused this delay is highly frustrating and demoralizing. I keep hoping for a better, cleaner, safer, and more connected east side for myself, my wife, my son, and all of our friends and families. So when something like this gets delayed it's really gut wrenching as I know we'll all continue to be disconnected from the auto-dependent, unsafe walking environments unless we want to take the risks to walk, bike, or even drive to these locations.

...and yes, I've looked at the road data and Bel-Red is a dangerous road. The first two events my wife and I saw when moving to this region was two wrecks on Bel-Red within 3 hours! Just a mere several hundred feet from each other.

The madness and antiquated design of that road is desperate for improvement, and I hope Bellevue can get this project back on track and remove this absurd complaint that has put a wrench in things.

Thank you for your time, I do appreciate all your work!

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Subject: DEC 2023 - Ethics complaint Re: Bellevue City Employees
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:58:50 AM

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Feb 14th 2024

Hello Phyllis,

I saw an article about your ethics complaint against the City of Bellevue employee and I read your complaint.

Thank you for your efforts to make our city of Bellevue better.

I wish I had known the proper process in 2015, when Bellevue police violated the law, and our City Council members, Mayors, and City Manager helped them.

I filed a legal complaint myself and failed, only because the City used taxpayer money to hire an expensive attorney and continued to lie under oath.

I documented the process for the last 9 years.

Only recently have we started using Body Cameras in our police department.

The Bellevue police officers who abused and hurt women, including a mother in her own home, are still employed here.

Chief Mylett fled town when Trump lost the election, but left hired a QAnon Cop named Nico Roche. I had to complain to the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission because our City refuses to follow the laws of our nation.

Incredible hubris, really.

These GOP City Council members like Jared Nieuwenhuis and Jennifer Robertson, and ex mayor Claudia Balducci, think no one is watching!

Past City Manager Brad Miyake aided and abetted these crimes ...and retired with our tax dollars.!

I have no hope things will ever be right... but I still share this information.

My brother was born in our house in Lake Hills in 1984 and we don't feel safe living here anymore.

Most Bellevue residents were unaware this entire last decade, we have no had bodycameras or dash cams for our cops! So where did our money go?! Lawsuits to defend the bad cops!

<https://bellevue-wa-police-misconduct.blogspot.com/>

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Sincerely,

Christian Dorsett

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From: [Debbie Crilly](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.
[WRITE YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE HERE!]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lara](#)
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: in support of Bike Bellevue, especially BelRed & Northup
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:06:19 PM

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Hello Council!

I gave this comment at last Thursday's Transportation Commission meeting and I wanted to share it with you all too. I have such limited time and bandwidth for communication with the city, a lot of it due to high anxiety, but there is so much more I'd like to share with you. I hope I can muster the energy to get some of it down in emails to share with you soon.

Hi - my name is Lara Gardner and I have been a homeowner in Lake Hills since 2017.

I'm here to support Bike Bellevue, which seems to have been removed from all upcoming calendars with no information available. Our community desperately needs this infrastructure, in its entirety and more, and we needed it yesterday. We are facing a climate emergency, an affordability crisis, and increasingly hostile roadways that are more congested every day.

Meanwhile, Bellevue is planning for thousands of units of new housing - many of which are already under construction or opening soon. Without viable alternatives to driving, these new residents will have no choice but to bring cars with them and will only add to the traffic, danger, and emissions impacting all of us. A single light rail line without safe connections to destinations is not a viable alternative to driving.

Some people seem to be concerned about losing car lanes, particularly on BelRed, the corridor that I personally would prioritize highest. I would like to try to help you see the situation from another perspective.

In January, a friend and I spent a few hours walking around the BelRed station area. Bellevue talks about the redevelopment here to be a vibrant, art-centric mixed-use urban village and destination, with light rail at its core.

I encourage you to walk around this neighborhood today and imagine this transformation, and imagine it as if it was your own home. A lot of the new infrastructure is really great, you can tell that we have a world-class team of professionals working hard behind the scenes.

Walk from Mox Boarding House on BelRed Rd to Mercurys Coffee on Northup Way and observe how this exciting new neighborhood is bounded by two of the most hostile roads in our city. So many businesses taunting you from across the 5-lane thoroughfare of vehicles that are driving nowhere close to the signed 35mph. Imagine your bedroom overlooking BelRed or Northup and the sound of street racers keeping you up at night. Imagine the air quality and the ambient noise level and the associated health impacts. Try walking to your nearest bus stop

and waiting at the curb-tight sidewalk with only a narrow gap of air between you and speeding vehicles. Imagine doing this with young children. Imagine walking your dog or pushing a stroller or using a mobility device here. Imagine kids growing up here, without a safe space to be a kid outside of their front door.

Now imagine that the city is proposing reallocating some of this hostile space to enable less negatively impactful modes of transportation, with treatments that will naturally slow speeding cars. Does it still feel like a tradeoff to you? Or does it feel like a double-win?

Thousands of families will one day be living in the BelRed neighborhood. They aren't here yet to advocate for the health, safety, and comfort of the place they will call home. We should not shy away from this desperately needed infrastructure because of a few angry voices whose only connection to this place is cruising past it in their car.

Please do not delay Bike Bellevue any longer. Please recognize how many future residents would be impacted by the decisions we are making now, including the decision to delay this work. Our community needs this. Our future needs this.

Thank you.
-Lara Gardner

From: [Andrew Pardoe](#)
To: [Council](#)
Cc: [TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: Bike Bellevue
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Council,

I read today in [The Urbanist](#) that the city is pausing activity on the Bike Bellevue project. As someone who has lived and bike commuted in Bellevue for over 20 years, I am disappointed, but not surprised.

Andrew Pardoe
10915 SE 1st St

From: [Roger Hoesterey](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project. As a 66 year old recent retiree I appreciate the investment the City Council has made in trails and bike paths. Please keep up the investment in Parks, trails and bike paths.

[WRITE YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE HERE!]

Sent from my mobile device.

From: [Brandon Poole](#)
To: [Council; TransportationCommission](#)
Subject: I Support Bike Bellevue
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Dear Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to you in support of the Bike Bellevue project.

FUCK CARS!!!

CHOOSE PEOPLE OVER CARS. GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEED, SAFE
PEOPLE TRANSPORTATION

From: [Jer Schmidt](#)
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Hi, my name is Jer Schmidt, I'm a 27-year-old former Bellevue resident who left for a more walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented city. While I don't live in Bellevue anymore, I still care about it, and my friends & family still live here, so I visit multiple times a week. I want to see it improve.

I want to talk about overbuilt roads.

I shouldn't have to say this but: more space for cars is not inherently a good thing. Wide, straight roads encourage people to drive faster and more dangerously. When a road at night looks like a drag strip — wide, straight, and smooth, we can expect to get nighttime street racers (a growing problem in Bellevue). Wide roads tend to be noisy & polluted, and act as moles preventing the movement of anyone who is not in a car. We should not be prioritizing car traffic over safety, over quality of life, over our children's independence, or over the cultural & economic vitality of our neighborhoods.

When you have heard of — or even personally seen — car crashes on your own street, you're unlikely to want your kids to walk to school, and you probably won't even be comfortable walking your dog. When traffic makes your front yard noisy, you tend to isolate indoors or in the back yard. These wide roads might give us more freedom while we're behind the wheel, but they take away our freedoms the rest of the time.

Enforcement is not the answer. Enforcement treats the symptom and not the cause. As soon as you stop one reckless driver another will appear.

So, on smaller residential streets, I'm asking that we start implementing traffic calming like speed cushions, chicanes, roundabouts, and street trees. These passive solutions are already proven to reduce speeding and cut-thru traffic, while simultaneously making alternatives like walking & biking safer & more pleasant.

On some of our wider arterials, I'm asking that we work on narrowing lanes, which encourages drivers to drive slower and more carefully. Also, many of these arterials have excess capacity for the vast majority of the day, and that encourages dangerous driving during those off-peak times. Reducing the capacity will help to distribute the traffic load more evenly throughout the day so there are fewer times when the road looks like a runway. And yes, I realize that from the driver's seat we all WANT the road to look like a runway MORE often, but think about all the people who live along these roads. Think about the kids who would walk home from school if it wasn't so dangerous. Think about the people who would live healthier, more active lifestyles if they could take walks on their own street. Think about the

clinic at Lake Hills Village that probably didn't want a car crashing thru the front window last Tuesday morning. About that incident — the lanes that car was driving on just before the crash are over 15 feet wide. NACTO recommends 10 feet [source below]. I'm sure this was a contributing factor and narrower lanes could have at least reduced the severity of that crash.

So to conclude: please, stop prioritizing the convenience, speed, and volume of car traffic over the safety, comfort, and quality of life of Bellevue residents. Thank you.

[source]: NACTO recommends 10' lanes: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/lane-width/>

“Narrower streets help promote slower driving speeds which, in turn, reduce the severity of crashes. Narrower streets have other benefits as well, including reduced crossing distances, [shorter signal cycles](#), less stormwater, and less construction material to build.”

Thanks!

- Jer