



City of Bellevue

Bike Bellevue Update

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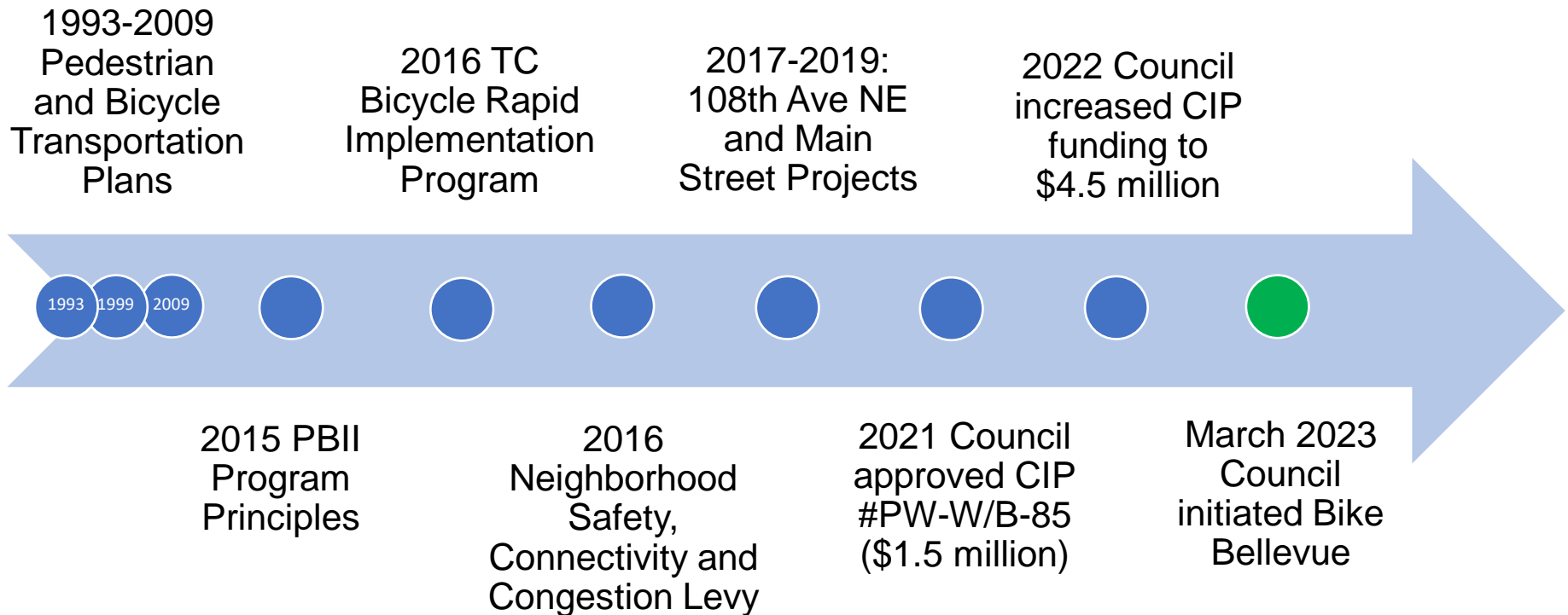
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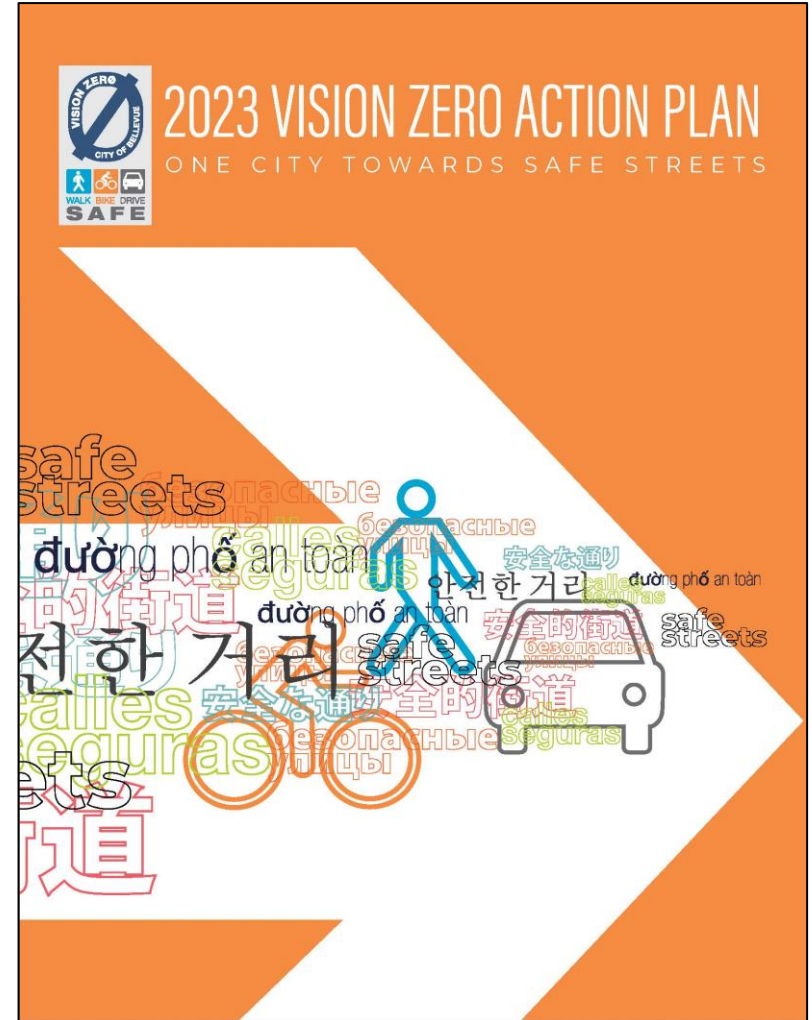
Purpose of the Study Session

1. Why We Are Here Tonight
2. Review Bike Bellevue History and Project Status
3. Review Community Input
4. Council Direction to the Transportation Commission

Bicycle Planning & Implementation



Alignment with MIP and Vision Zero



1. \$4.5 million in 2023-29 CIP.
2. Design and implement rapid-build bicycle projects on existing streets in the Downtown, Wilburton, and BelRed neighborhoods.
3. Establish a connected network of safe and comfortable facilities for people of all ages and abilities.
4. Implement three priority projects by 2024.



Direction Received from Council on March 27, 2023

- Approved principles for Bike Bellevue and affirmed project area and corridors.
- Directed the Transportation Commission to prepare Bike Bellevue recommendation to Transportation Director for implementation.

Preamble to Principles

The City Council envisions a well-connected bicycle network for Bellevue that is safe, enhances livability, supports economic vitality, and equitably serves the mobility needs of people of all ages and abilities.

Bike Bellevue Principles

1. **Safety:** *Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and minimize conflicts between roadway users through bikeway design.*
2. **Connectivity:** *Implement a connected network of bicycle lanes that facilitate access to major destinations.*
3. **Comfort:** *Design bicycle lanes that maximize separation between motor vehicles and people bicycling on streets with higher speed limits and more vehicle traffic.*
4. **Evaluation:** *Use a data informed approach to evaluate impacts to all modes of travel and design the program to maximize the mobility of all modes.*

Bike Bellevue Principles

- 5. **Coordination:** *Coordinate transportation and land use efforts underway in Bellevue to ensure equity and sustainability outcomes are aligned.*
- 6. **Partnerships:** *Identify partnership opportunities to advance the implementation of bicycle projects.*
- 7. **Engagement:** *Engage community stakeholders in setting the priorities for Bike Bellevue investments.*
- 8. **Equity:** *Promote equity and inclusion in the development and delivery of bicycle projects. Consistent with the city's Diversity Advantage Plan, Bike Bellevue will center equity, access, inclusion, and opportunity in project delivery.*

Status of Transportation Commission Work

- Seven meetings since project initiation in May 2023
 - May 11, May 25, Sept 14, Nov 9, Dec 14
- Focus areas (May through November)
 - Listening to community input
 - Review and refinement of Draft Design Concepts Guide
 - Approval and ongoing refinement of the draft public engagement plan
- December 14 meetings
 - Special sessions focused on technical Q&A
 - Regular session to hear public comment (59 people spoke)

Public Engagement

1,023 e-mails from 856 contacts (through February 2024)

- 515 support
- 608 not support
- 32 requests for additional information
- 737 form letter (231 support, 375 not support, 131 expressed both)

Themes

- Access and Mobility
- City Priorities and Investment
- Community Health
- Data Analysis
- Economy
- Safety
- Vehicle Capacity and Efficiency



Public Engagement

Konveio Online Comment Tool

- 214 people contributed 1,719 unique comments
- Access and mobility (26%)
- Conflict points (18%)
- Protection/buffer treatment (14%)
- Roadway design and alignment (6%)
- General comments in support (15%) or in opposition (6%)



Request for Direction from Council

1. Consider directing the Transportation Commission to develop a recommendation for each proposed corridor consistent with one of the following categories for each corridor:
 - a. Corridors that would not require travel lane repurposing that the City would program and implement as soon as possible.
 - b. Corridors that would repurpose a vehicle travel lane and would first be evaluated as a trial or demonstration project using criteria that will be developed by the Transportation Commission.
 - c. Corridors that would be implemented as permanent bicycle infrastructure rather than with a rapid-implementation design.
 - d. Corridors that would be deferred to and incorporated into the next update of the Transportation Facilities Plan (2024/25) for citywide consideration, prioritization and resource allocation.
 - e. Corridors that would no longer be considered.
2. Provide alternative direction.



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Thank you!

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