

PW-R-182 Downtown Transportation Plan/Exceptional Light Rail

Category: **Transportation and Mobility**
 Department: **Transportation**

Status: **Approved Prior**
 Location: **Downtown Subarea and vicinity**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
13,200,000	5,500,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-

Description and Scope

This program implements the Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) with projects to improve mobility options for people traveling to, from, and within Downtown Bellevue. Significant emphasis is given to projects that provide exceptional pedestrian and bicycle access near the Downtown light rail stations and along the Grand Connection. DTP identifies intersections that merit "Enhanced" or "Exceptional" treatment to safely and comfortably accommodate people walking. Significant investments are planned to design and build "Exceptional" intersections on both ends of the Transit Center and along the Grand Connection to create safe and seamless pedestrian crossings. Also, DTP identifies and establishes locations and priorities for new at-grade mid-block crossings at high-demand locations between signalized intersections. These mid-block crossing projects are supported by these CIP resources, typically in partnership with others.

Rationale

Significantly more people live and work Downtown, and they will increase the number of daily trips made for all purposes – for many of these trips people will choose to walk, bicycle, and ride transit because these are easy ways to get around. Against this backdrop of overall growth and activity, the average number of daily vehicle trips is expected to maintain the stability observed through several growth cycles dating to 1990. Light rail stations, Stride BRT, and RapidRide lines B and K that serve Downtown Bellevue will attract pedestrians who will use transit for access to jobs, housing, shopping, and recreation. Along the Grand Connection and in all Downtown neighborhoods, people are choosing to walk or bicycle for commuting, exercise, and for short errands during the day. As a consequence of more people choosing to get around without a car, enhanced infrastructure projects are built in accordance with adopted plans to safely and comfortably accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

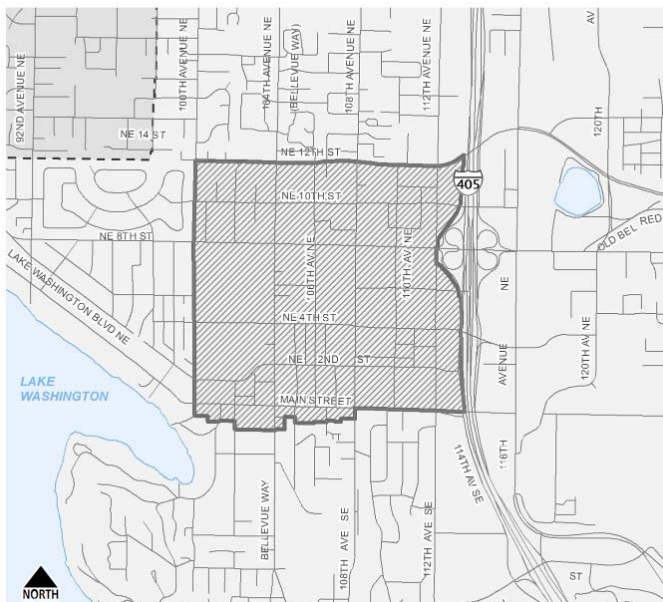
Environmental Impacts

Program resources build projects – and leverage private sector investments - that are intended primarily to improve mobility, access, and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, with specific emphasis on connections to transit. Projects are implemented on public rights-of-way/easements. Adverse environmental impacts are not expected, and projects are expected to help achieve Environmental Stewardship Plan goals and targets for reduced greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled. Programmatic State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) documentation was developed collaboratively through the Downtown Transportation Plan/Downtown Livability Initiative in a SEPA Report (2017) for amendments to the Downtown Land Use Code and Downtown Subarea Plan.

Operating Budget Impacts

Operating costs for this project will be determined on a project specific basis as required.

Project Map



Schedule of Activities

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2015 - 2025	13,200,000

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 13,200,000

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	4,777,784
Interlocal Contributions	55,000
Private Contributions	140,255
Real Estate Excise Tax	7,726,961
State Grants	500,000

Total Programmed Funding: 13,200,000
Future Funding Requirements: 0

Comments