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SUBJECT: 2021 Digital Cities Award

The City of Bellevue was recognized by the Center for Digital Government with a third-place award in the annual Digital Cities Survey. This is the fifth year in a row that Bellevue has been honored in the top five.

The winners were announced on November 16 and honored at a virtual event on December 8. The 2021 Digital Cities Survey recognizes cities utilizing technology to tackle social challenges, enhance services, strengthen cybersecurity and more.

Bellevue's award application highlighted work toward Council priorities including:

- [State of Our Neighborhoods](#): dashboard allows residents to track neighborhood-specific data and explore trends over the past decade.
- Free public Wi-Fi: expansion of Wi-Fi for affordable housing communities in Bellevue.
- [Virtual Permit Center](#): allows convenient, online meetings with staff for general permitting guidance.
- [Police Data Dashboard](#): offers information about citations, complaints, use of force and locations of crimes.
- Fiber-optic cable: deployed during planned street improvements, enables intelligent traffic signals and streaming video from traffic cameras.
- [Public Map Viewer](#): Bellevue developed a Public Map Viewer that shows cross-departmental open data sets in a geospatial format allowing residents to self-serve their mapping needs.
- [Streaming Video Traffic Cameras](#): These real time cameras also integrate live traffic data.

All U.S. cities are invited to take part in the annual Digital Cities Survey. The [Center for Digital Government](#) is a national research and advisory institute focused on technology policy and best practices in state and local government.