



Grand Connection Crossing

30% Design & City Sites Update

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- No action is requested.



Agenda

1. Background
2. Schedule and engagement
3. Design updates
4. Delivery method
5. Funding development
6. City-owned properties
7. Timeline and looking ahead



Grand Connection Crossing

- **On track** to complete 30% design by end of 2024.
- Current phase of design funded 50-50 by Amazon and the City of Bellevue.
- Friends building a **network of stakeholders and supporters.**
- Beginning early planning for next phase.



Project Schedule & Engagement

Staff and consultant work

**Design
Charette**
(December)

**Alternative
Analysis**
(March)

**Type, Size,
Location
Study**
(Summer)

**30% Design
Complete**
(Dec. 2024)



**Online Open
House**
(March)

**In-Person
Open House**
(May 2)

**Online Open
House**
(Oct. 16 – 30)

Public engagement



Online Open House

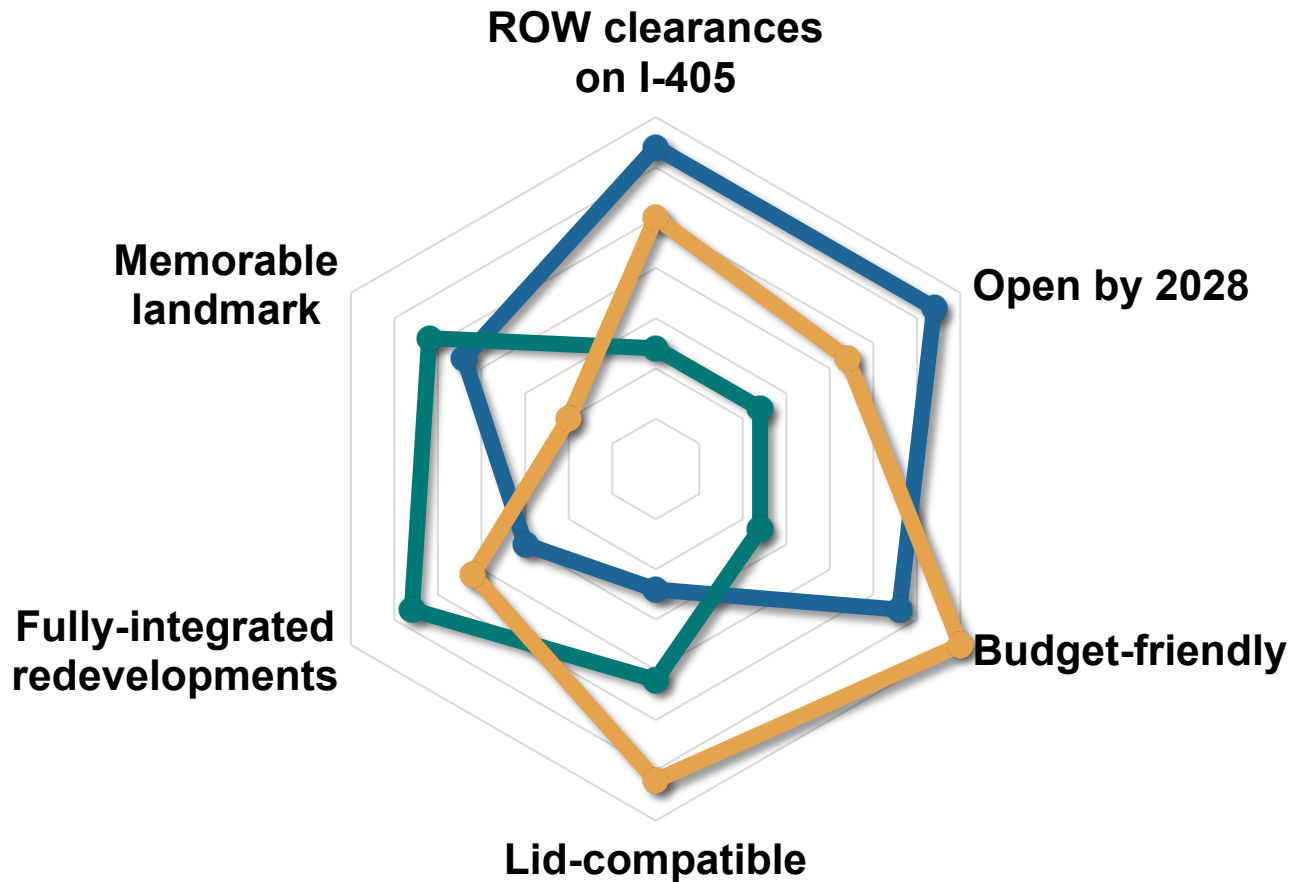
- **Information portal** for the community to view renderings, learn more about the project, and explore the experience of using the crossing.
- Available in top 8 languages (incl. English).
- **Runs through October 30.**

Participate now:

bellevuewa.gov/i405-crossing



Design tradeoffs



Lessons from BDA Study Tour

- New York's High Line was a multi-decade vision
- The linear park is less integrated to the surrounding city
- Many public spaces are a complex set of operators and funding streams



Illustrative Experience



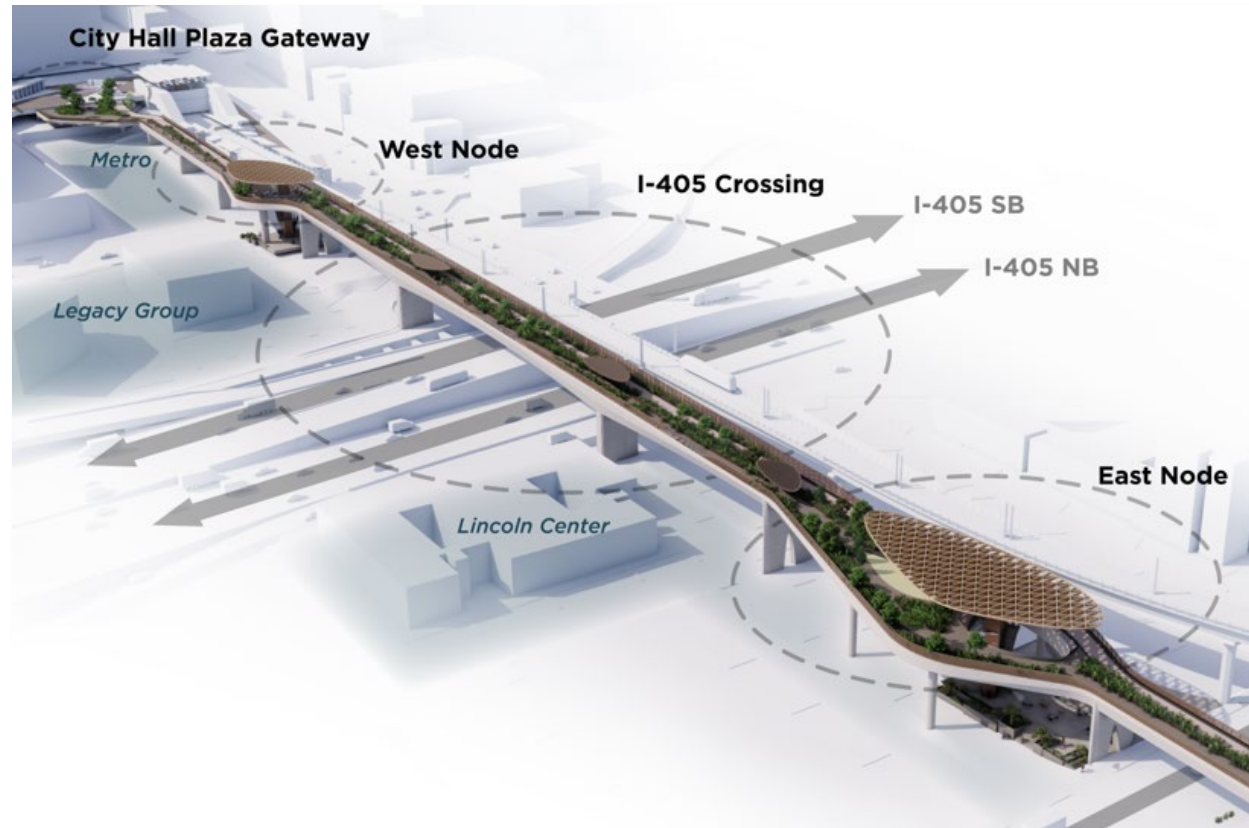
View looking west on the crossing from Lincoln Center property.
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Key Issue: Signature design

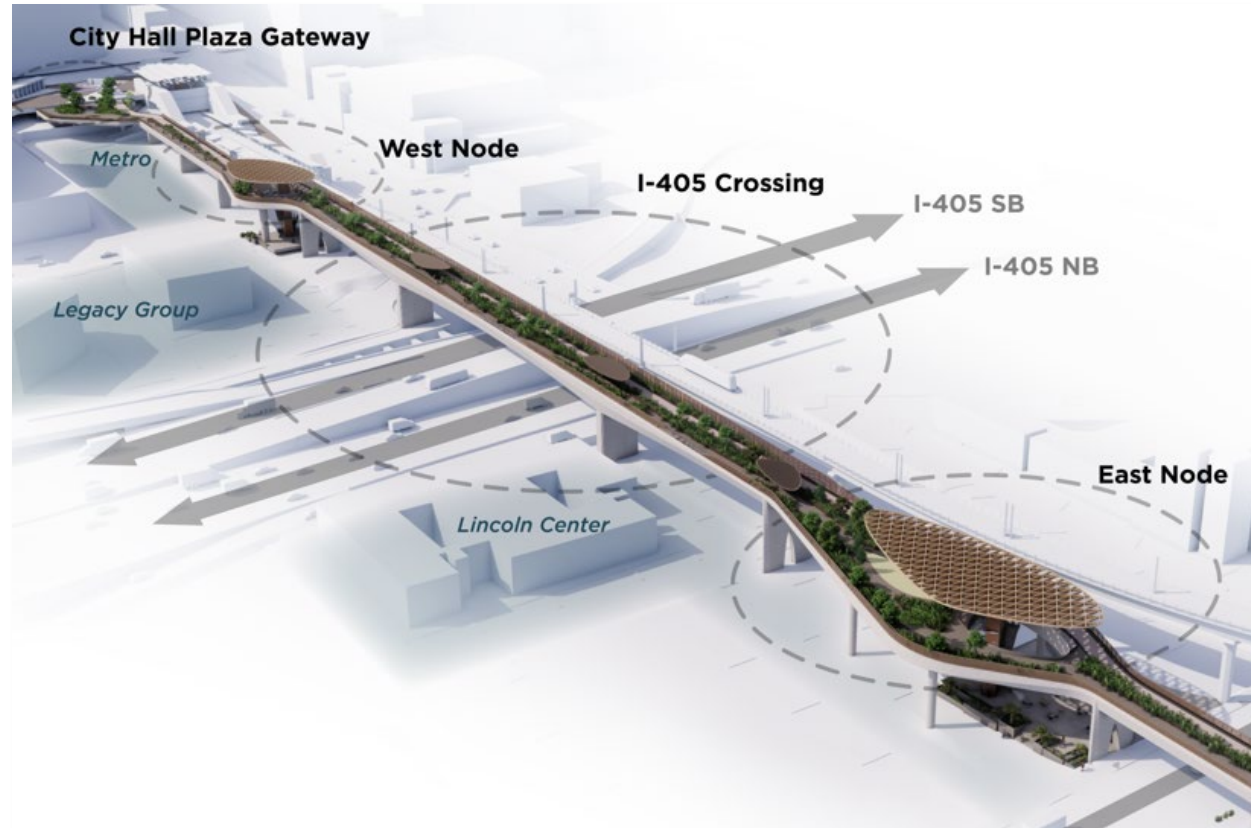
- Prioritize user experience
- **Evaluation criteria:**
 - Structural analysis
 - Aesthetics
 - Maintainability
 - Compatibility with future freeway lid
 - Construction cost



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Key Issue: Integration

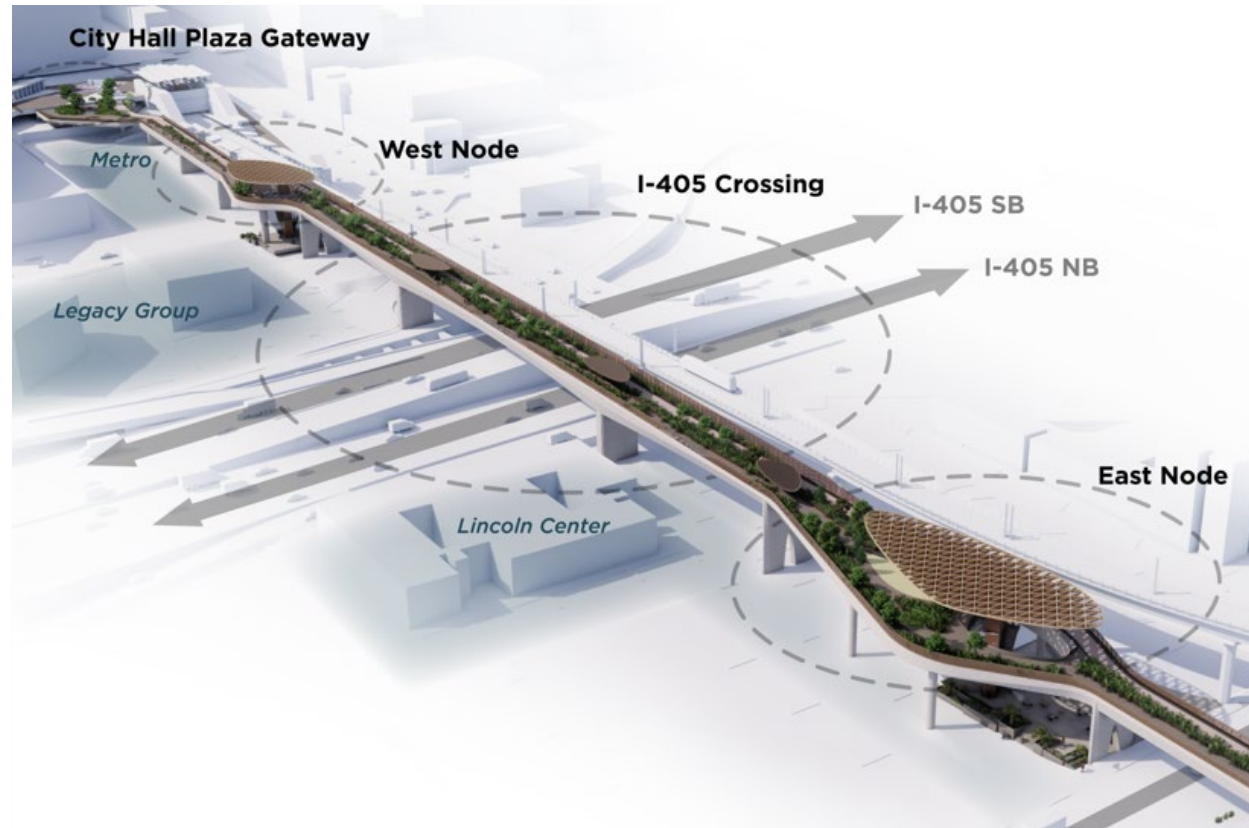
- **Close integration with redevelopment** can be a signature feature.
- Preserves more development capacity for property owners, including the City.
- Logistically complex



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Key Issue: Timeline & phasing

- **Prioritize complete link** on Day 1 from City Hall Plaza to Eastrail.
- Consider phasing for amenity spaces and integrated structures.
- Cost estimates will help inform timeline.



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Delivery method

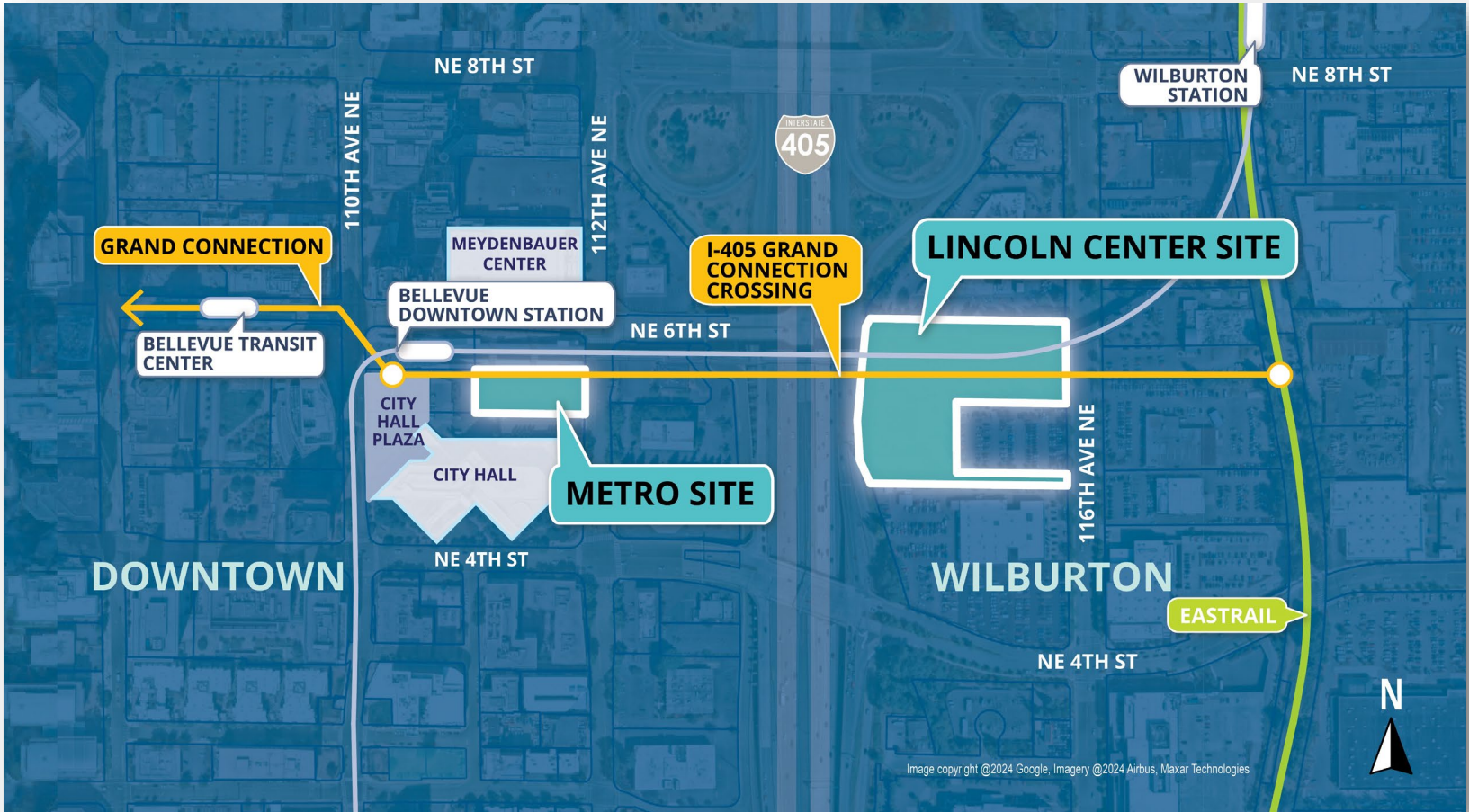
- Analysis found that alternative delivery *could* be appropriate for this project.
- However, there are important considerations:
 1. **Funding availability**
 2. **Level of control** that the City desires
 3. **Timeline** to completion
- Staff review in progress; preferred approach will inform next steps in project process.



Funding development

- **Cost estimates:** ready in December.
- Positive feedback from congressional and state legislative delegations.
- **2025-26 budget:** \$15 million to fund continued design and engineering.
- **“Friends” partnership** ongoing.
- Capital stack and benefits case in development.

City-owned properties



City-owned properties

- **Guiding Principles** for future uses of City-owned parcels.
- City Facilities Needs Assessment.
- Inform the community.
- **Goal:** Integrated redevelopment with Grand Connection Crossing.



Looking Forward

- **Finalize** 30% design milestone, cost estimates, and environmental documentation.
- **Continue** funding development, engagement with Friends
- **Next Council engagement:**
 - **Crossing:** Update in early 2025 regarding next steps and continued design.
 - **City-owned properties:** Guiding principles for future redevelopment.



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