



Bellevue Transit Master Plan



***Bellevue City Council
July 7, 2014***



- 1. TMP Overview**
- 2. June 26 Public Hearing**
- 3. TMP Adoption**



Project Principles

The City Council envisions a fully integrated and user-friendly network of transit services for Bellevue that supports the city's growth, economic vitality, and enhanced livability, and has developed the following set of project principles to direct development of the Transit Master Plan.

- 1. Support planned growth and development in Bellevue with a bold transit vision that encourages long-term ridership growth.**

The dynamic nature of Bellevue's economic expansion requires a bold transit vision supported by practical, achievable strategies in the near term that set a solid foundation for longer term improvements through 2030. The Transit Master Plan should identify, evaluate, and prioritize transit investments that are responsive to a range of financial scenarios (out/status-quo/aspirational) and attune to different time horizons (near/mid/long term).
- 2. Engage community stakeholders in setting the priorities for transit delivery.**

A comprehensive public engagement strategy should result in meaningful input on transit services and facilities from a range of stakeholders including residents, businesses, major institutions, neighboring cities, transportation agencies, and others (e.g., community associations, Network on Aging, Bellevue School District, Bellevue College, Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Downtown Association). Special attention will be required to enlist the participation of "under-represented" communities such as immigrants, low-income and non-native English speakers.
- 3. Determine where and how transit investments can deliver the greatest degree of mobility and access possible for all populations.**

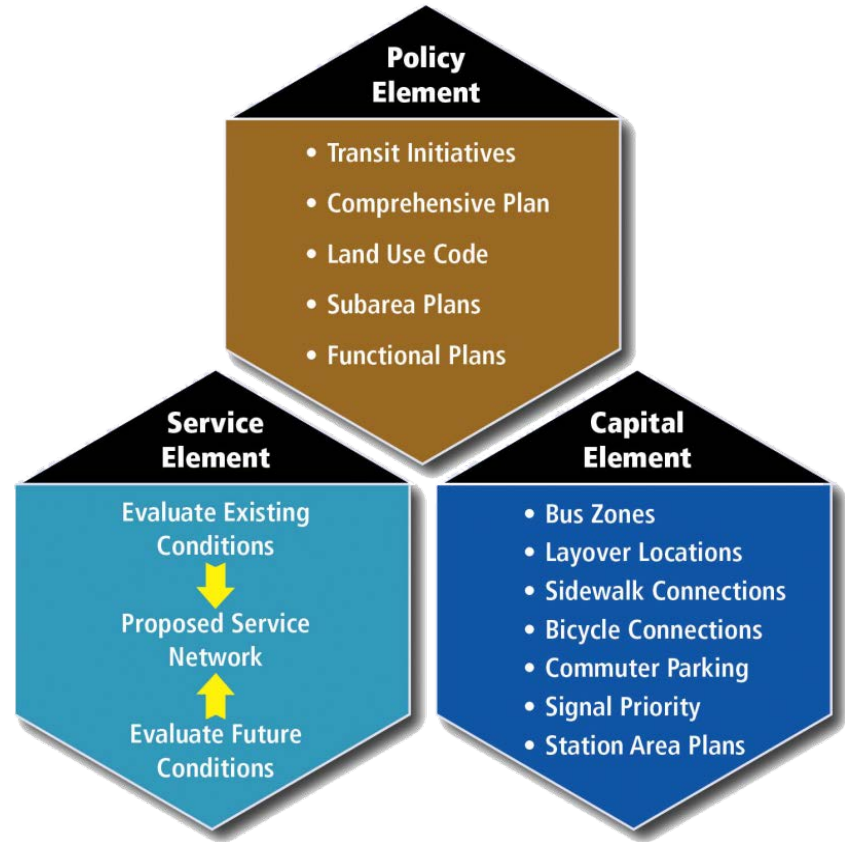
The Transit Master Plan should look to the future and be compatible with Bellevue's land use and transportation plans and the challenges and opportunities of changing demographics, land use characteristics, and travel patterns. Following consultations with the community, demand forecasting, and a review of industry best practices and emerging technologies, this initiative will identify the steps required to create a public transportation system that is easy to use by all people in Bellevue for trips within Bellevue and to regional destinations.
- 4. Incorporate other transit-related efforts (both bus and light rail) underway in Bellevue and within the region.**

The Transit Master Plan should incorporate local and regional transportation projects and plans that have been approved and/or implemented since the Bellevue Transit Plan was adopted in 2000. Transportation system changes include East Link, SR 520 expansion and tolling, and improvements to I-90 and I-405. Planning changes include the updated Bel-Red Subarea Plan, the Wilburton Subarea Plan and the Eastgate/90 Land Use and Transportation Project. Through coordination with local and regional transportation plans, the Transit Master Plan should outline a strategy to leverage the investment in public transportation projects to the benefit of Bellevue residents and businesses.
- 5. Identify partnership opportunities to further extend transit's service and infrastructure.**

While transit infrastructure is typically funded through large capital funding programs, other less traditional funding mechanisms can be utilized to pay for improvements vital to support transit communities and/or achieve higher transit ridership. The Transit Master Plan should undertake an analysis of partnership opportunities that the City might want to consider with other government organizations (e.g., Bellevue School District, Bellevue College, Metro, Sound Transit), human service agencies, and private corporations, to improve transit service delivery in Bellevue. This analysis will explore alternatives to traditional transit service delivery.
- 6. Develop measures of effectiveness to evaluate transit investments and to track plan progress.**

The Bellevue Comprehensive Plan presently includes the following metrics/benchmarks related to transit: (1) mode split targets within each of the City's Mobility Management Areas (Table TR.1 – Area Mobility Targets); (2) transit service frequency in pavement targets between Downtown, Overlake, Crossroads, Eastgate, and Factoria (TR.3 – 10 Year Transit Vision); and, (3) guidance found in 44 transit-supportive policies. The Transit Master Plan will revisit these metrics, and where necessary, propose modifications to better reflect present and future conditions.

Scope of Work



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Other Transit Services

Metro Fixed Route Service



ST Regional Express



ST Light Rail Service



ST Commuter Rail Service



Access Paratransit



Dial-a-Ride-Transit (DART)

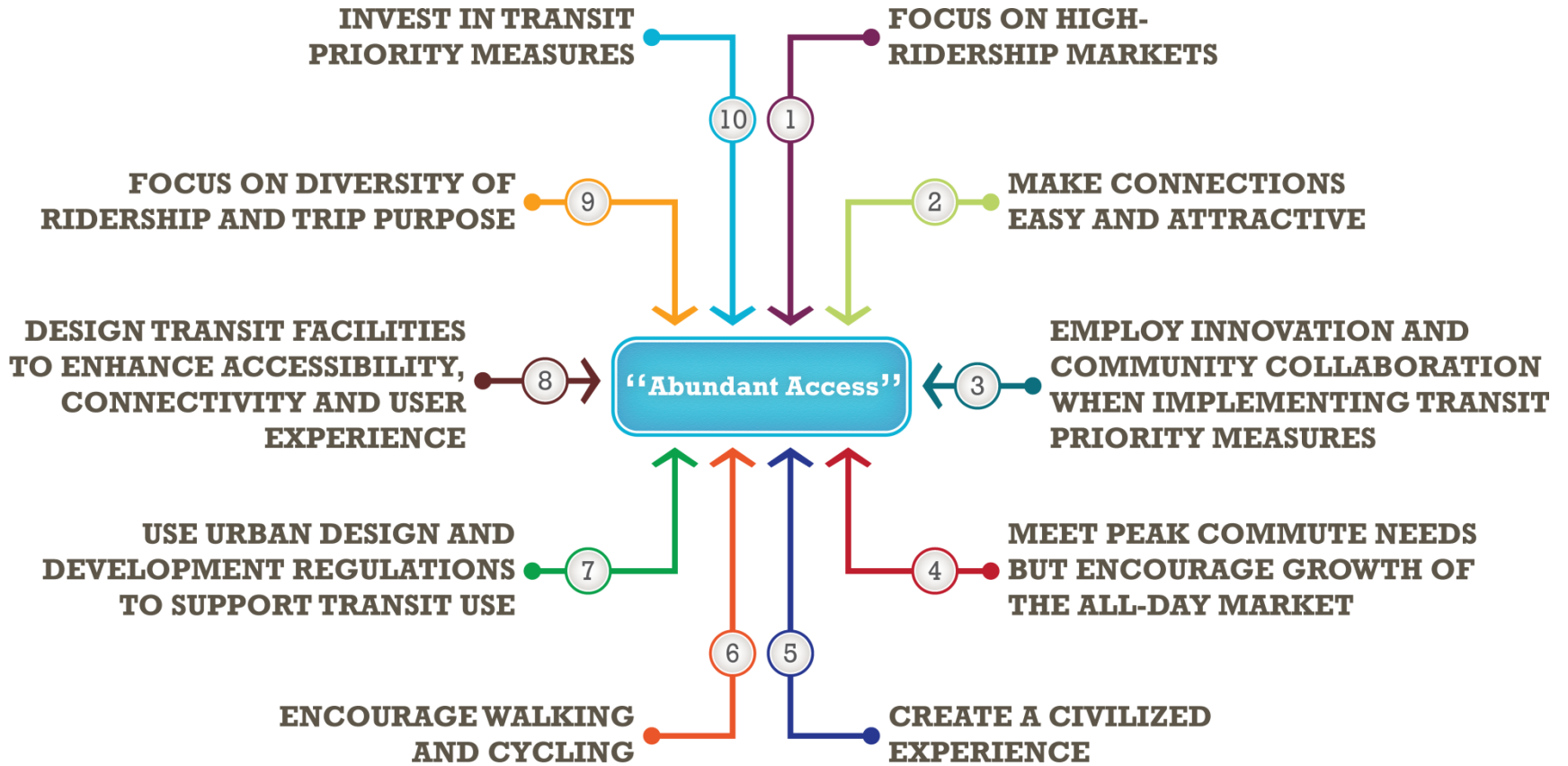


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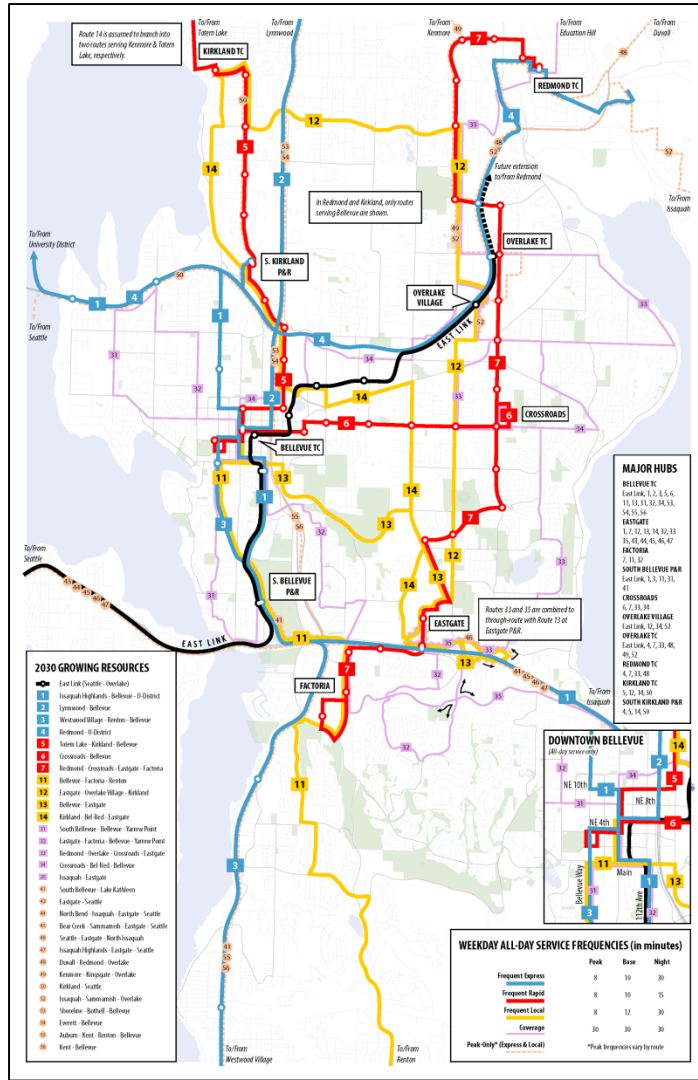


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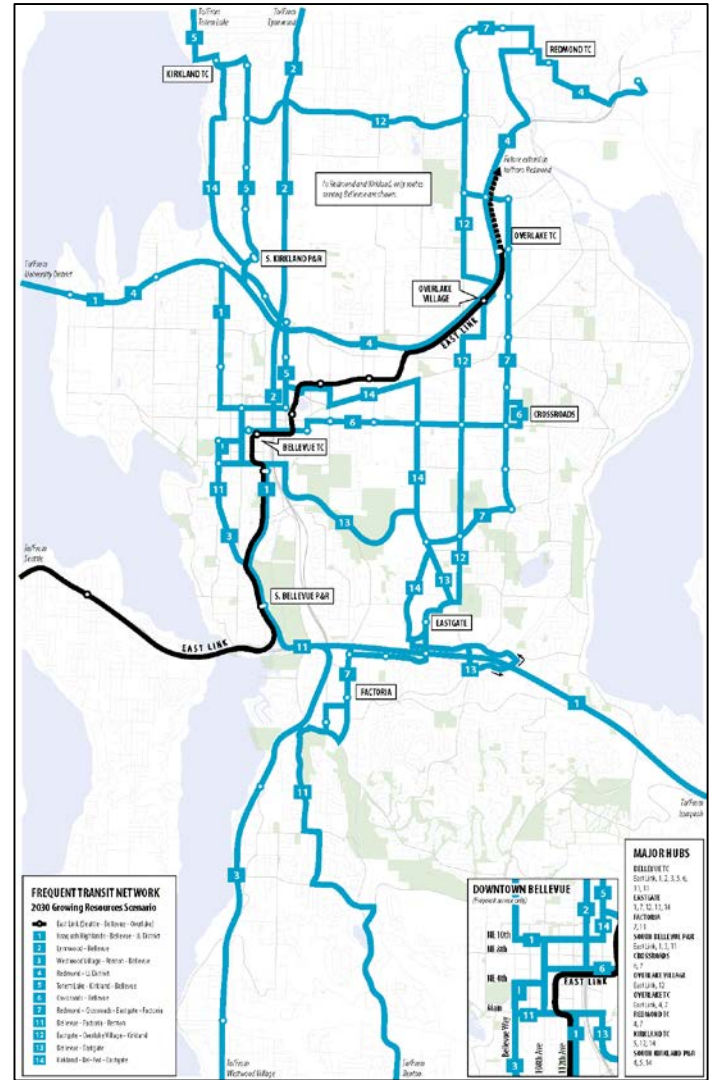




2030 Growing Resources



2030 Frequent Transit Network



City of Bellevue Influence





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
For the City of Bellevue
Bellevue Transit Master Plan

A public hearing before the Transportation Commission will be held on **Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 6:30 PM** in Council Conference Room 1E-113, Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the Proposed City of Bellevue's Transit Master Plan. Additional information may be obtained from:

Franz Loewenherz, Senior Planner,
Transportation Department 425-452-4077
or flloewenherz@bellevuewa.gov

Affidavit of posting has been filed with the City Clerk's Office for the Bellevue Transportation Commission.

Published in the Seattle Times June 12, 2014.

Transportation Commission meetings are wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) is available upon request. Please phone 425-452-4558 at least 48 hours in advance. It is the City of Bellevue's policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated may file a complaint with the Title VI Coordinator. For Title VI complaint forms and advice, please contact the Transportation Department's Title VI Coordinator at 425-452-4496.

1. *TMP adoption support from King County Metro, Bellevue College, Chamber, BDA, BOMA, and Kemper Development.*

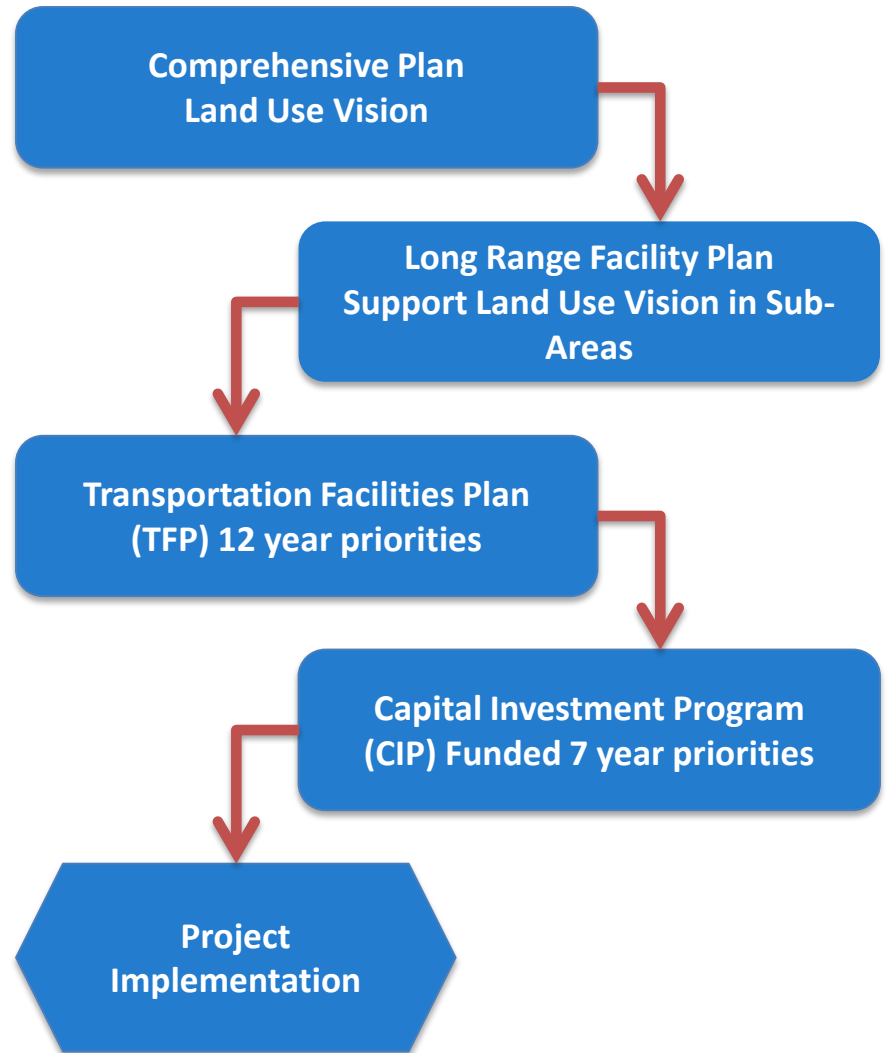
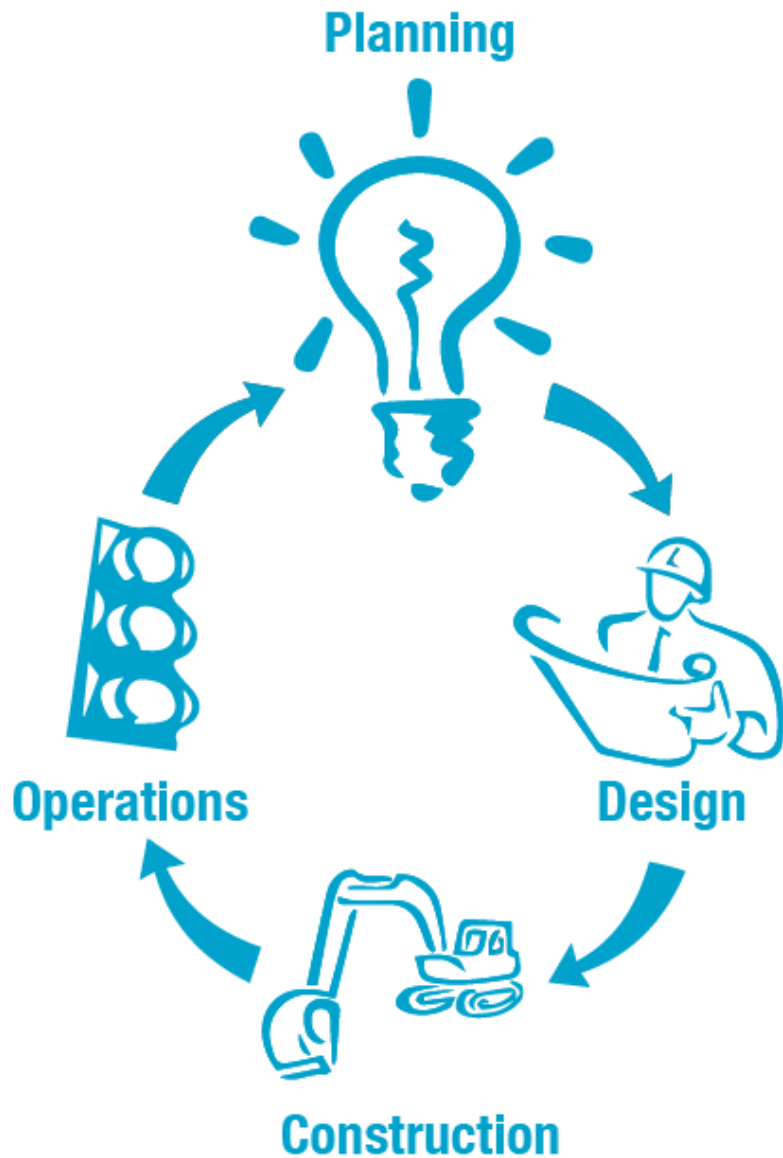
2. *General considerations:*

- ***Repurposing travel lanes***
- ***Leased lots***
- ***Modeling assumptions***

3. *Specific considerations:*

- ***112th Ave SE HOV Concept***
- ***Main St HOV Concept***
- ***Private transit policy***

June 26, 2014 Public Hearing





Transportation Commission

TRANSMITTAL

June 26, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Claudia Balducci
Members of the Bellevue City Council
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

RE: Transportation Commission Recommendation – Bellevue Transit Master Plan

Dear Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers:

It is with great pleasure that the Transportation Commission presents to the City Council the draft Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). Guided by Council’s principles at the project outset and informed by public input, technical studies, and market analyses, the draft TMP represents the culmination of a planning effort initiated in July 2012. This document includes recommendations for improvements in public transit service to and within the city of Bellevue paired with capital improvements that support the recommended Frequent Transit Network.

Transportation Commission members are honored by your trust and confidence in selecting us to oversee the Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). We also appreciate the opportunity to have worked with our colleagues on the other Boards and Commissions on this project. Finally, we want to thank Councilmember Conrad Lee for serving in the role of Council liaison to our Commission and for his active participation at TMP workshops.

At its June 26, 2014 meeting, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing on the draft Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). After which, the Commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the City Council adopt the TMP at its July 7, 2014 meeting. We hereby formally request that you adopt the TMP report and direct staff to transmit a copy of the Executive Summary to the County Executive, County Council, and Sound Transit Board of Directors informing them of Bellevue’s transit priorities. We applaud the City Council’s leadership and commitment to increasing transit service and capital investments essential to growing a strong economy for Bellevue’s future.

Sincerely,

Ernie Simas
Chair

Scott Lampe
Vice-Chair

Victor Bishop
Commissioner

Francois Larrivee
Commissioner

Janice Zahn
Commissioner

Dave Jokinen
Commissioner

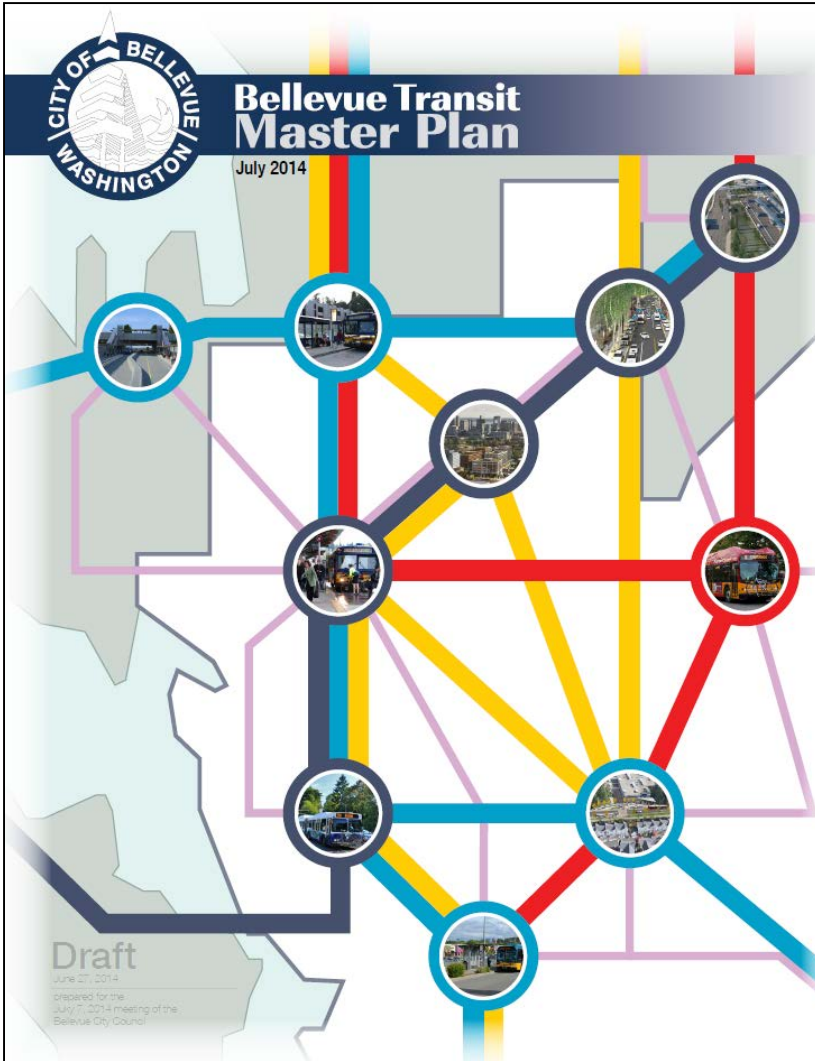
Tom Tanaka
Commissioner

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Move to adopt Resolution No. 8777 - adopting the Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP).

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-transit-plan.htm>



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Additional Information



June 24, 2014

City of Bellevue
Attn: Claudia Balducci, Mayor
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Mayor Balducci:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Bellevue College plays a collaborative role with City of Bellevue on the strategic development of transportation infrastructure for the mutual benefit of the community and its student population. Towards this end, we wholeheartedly support the adoption of the 2014 City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan.

The Bellevue College Connection Project, as presented in the Transit Master Plan, exemplifies the

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its students and their community.

We support the adoption of the Transit Master Plan as well as continued collaboration between the City of Bellevue and strategic transportation development related to Bellevue College and its students.

Sincerely,

Ray White
Vice President of Administrative Services
Bellevue College
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Seattle, WA 98104-3856

June 25, 2014

Bellevue Transportation Commission
450 110th Avenue Northeast
Bellevue, WA 98009

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transit service in your community. We hope that this draft plan and its approach to assessing and planning for transit will be an example for other communities to follow.

Sincerely,

Victor Obeso
Manager, Service Development
Metro Transit Division

From: Renay Bennett [mailto:renaybennett@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 7:41 AM
To: 'floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov'; 'MIngram@bellevuewa.gov'
Subject: Comments on Draft Transit Plan from Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board
Importance: High

Hi Franz and Mike,

Thank you both for all your help in helping me figure out where to find information and providing me with additional information.

After careful review of the information you both have provided, the Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board opposes the proposed HOV lane on 112th and respectfully ask that it be removed from further review.

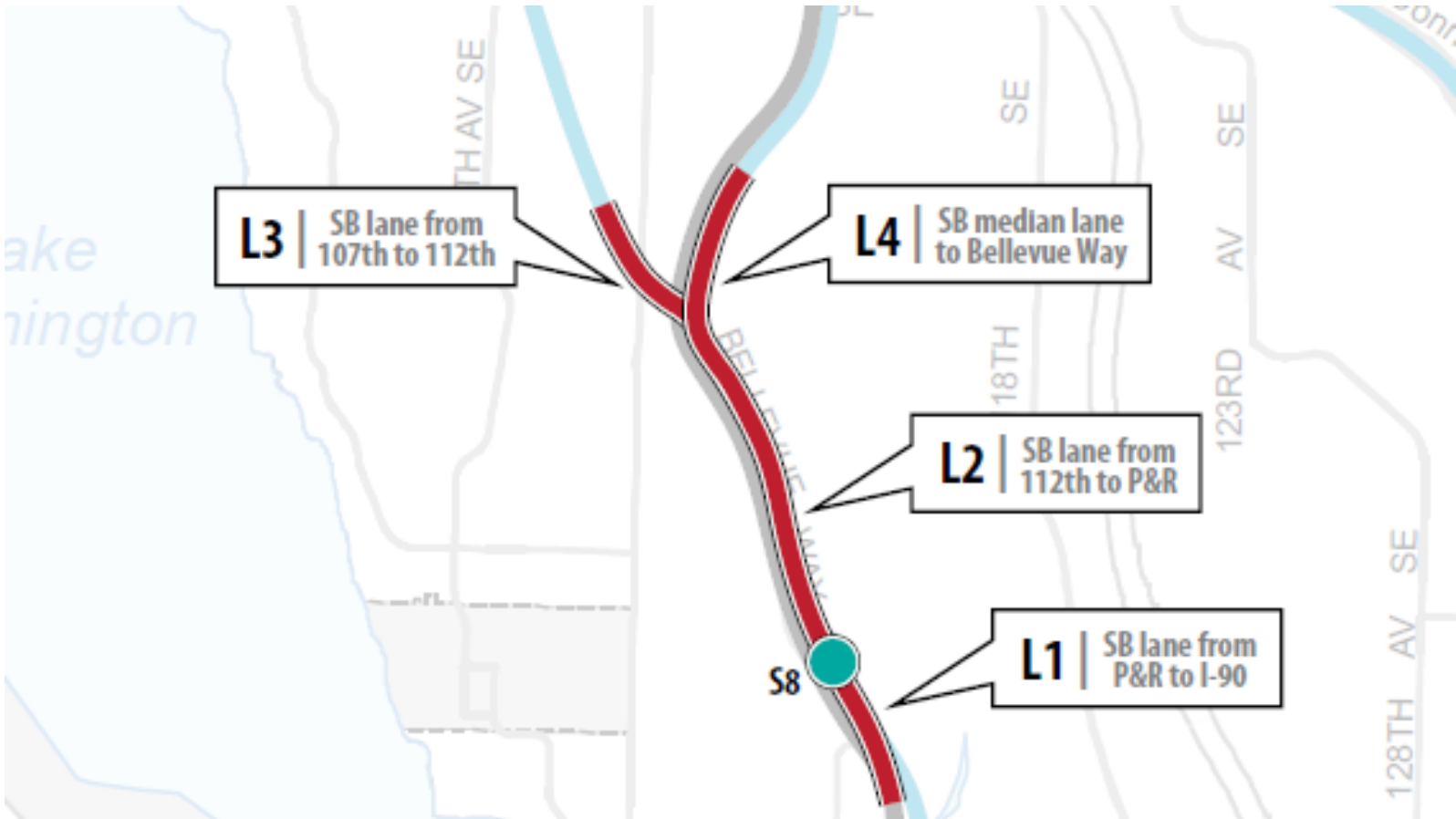
“The Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board opposes the proposed HOV lane on 112th and respectfully ask that it be removed from further review.”

Thank you for your assistance,

The Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board
Renay Bennett, President
Allan Smith, Vice President
Heidi Drake, Secretary
Erin Powell Dilloo, Treasurer
Tricia Hardie
Kathy Krohn
Mark Landes
Nanette Lescher

“The median provides a graceful entrance to our city and a visual respite to everyone who enjoys this stretch of roadway. Removing the median will not only degrade the views of the wetland, but will remove the view of the median itself, as well as further allow more noise pollution into our neighborhood. Removing the tree canopy from this median undermines the consistent support to improve our environment that the city of Bellevue prides itself on.”

ID	Project	Type	FTN Service		Project Description	Composite Scores		Project Need / Potential Issues
			Routes	Frequency (Peak/Basic/Night)		Short-Term	Long-Term	
L4	112th Ave SE HOV Lane	Lane Construction	1	8 / 10-15 / 30	Construct a southbound median HOV Lane on 112th Ave SE from Bellevue Way SE to slightly beyond end of intersection queue.	13	19	Addresses operator feedback, 2030 LOS of E and 2030 queuing. See TFP-242. Property impacts on the west side of Bellevue Way SE at the intersection with 112th Ave SE.





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Project L4



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