

City of
Bellevue



Transportation Commission Study Session

DATE: April 4, 2024
TO: Chair Stash and Members of the Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: City Council Direction on Bike Bellevue Corridors

DIRECTION REQUESTED

- Action:** Consistent with Council direction, recommend certain Bike Bellevue corridors for implementation as soon as possible
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

On March 25, 2024, the City Council held a Study Session on the Bike Bellevue project. While the draft minutes of the meeting will be in the April 16 packet for approval, the Council direction, as staff understands it, is as follows:

Direct the Transportation Commission to develop a recommendation for each proposed corridor consistent with one of the following categories:

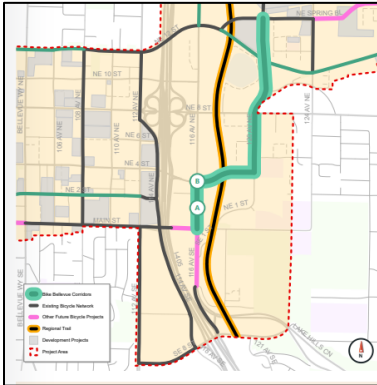
- 1) *Corridors that would not require travel lane repurposing that the City would program and implement as soon as possible.*
- 2) *Corridors that have an emphasis on creating connected routes for Bike Bellevue.*
- 3) *If a travel lane is repurposed, it will be first evaluated as a trial or demonstration project that will be evaluated using data that will be provided by the Transportation Commission, and recommend to repurpose a travel lane only as a last resort.*
- 4) *Prioritize high injury network area corridors.*
- 5) *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.*
- 6) *Corridors that would no longer be considered and provide a rationale as to why.*
- 7) *Corridors that would be implemented as permanent bicycle infrastructure rather than with a rapid-implementation design.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

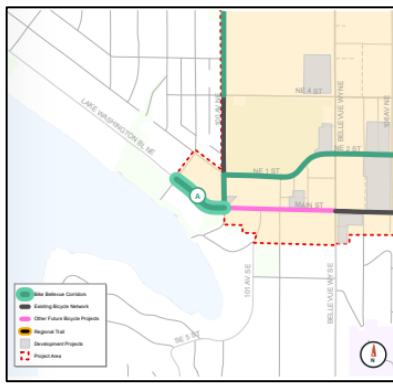
Consistent with #1 above, Council observed that there are Bike Bellevue corridors that could be implemented without repurposing vehicle travel lanes, and expressed support to move ahead with these projects as soon as possible, upon recommendation from the Transportation Commission.

Based on the [Bike Bellevue Draft Design Concepts Guide](#), several corridors meet this category:

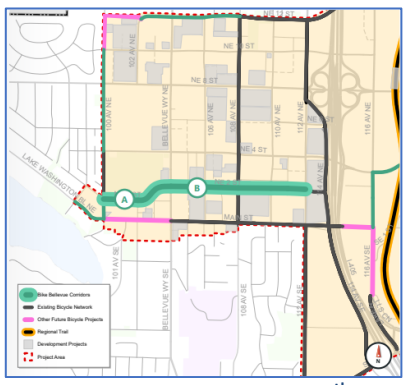
120 th Avenue NE (Corridor #9)	Wilburton Route: Restripe channelization to provide buffered bike lanes while maintaining existing 5-lane cross section.	Approx. \$1.9M
NE 4 th Street (Corridor #9)		
116 th Avenue NE (Corridor #9)		
Lake Washington Boulevard (Corridor #7)	Remove curbside parking on the south side to accommodate a pair of directional bicycle lanes.	Approx. \$600K
NE 2 nd Street (Corridor segment #6B)	Between Bellevue Way NE and 112 th Avenue NE, retain 1 travel lane in each direction to provide one-way directional bike lanes (a mix of conventional, buffered, and separated buffered) <i>Note: private-sector site design and development projects along NE 2nd St may influence the design details and timing of implementation of sections of this corridor)</i>	Approx. \$1M



Wilburton Route



Lake Washington Boulevard



NE 2nd Street Bvue Way - 112th Ave

Financial resources are available to complete the design and implementation of these corridors. Staff requests the Transportation Commission provide direction to the Transportation Director to advance these Bike Bellevue corridors to 100% design and to proceed thereafter with implementation.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will return to the Transportation Commission at a study session on June 13, 2024 to recommend the categorization for each of the remaining Bike Bellevue corridors, and will seek a Commission recommendation. Staff will inform the Council of the Transportation Commission recommendation for all of the Bike Bellevue corridors.

If the Commission makes a request, staff will schedule a special session to conclude the Q&A special meeting that was held on December 14. Staff previously provided the responses to all Commission questions, and the responses are Attachment #3 with a link below.

ATTACHMENTS/LINKS

1. Bike Bellevue e-mails February 2024
2. Bike Bellevue e-mails March 2024
3. [Bike Bellevue Q&A Presentation from December 14, 2023](#)