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GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

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Neighborhood Area Planning

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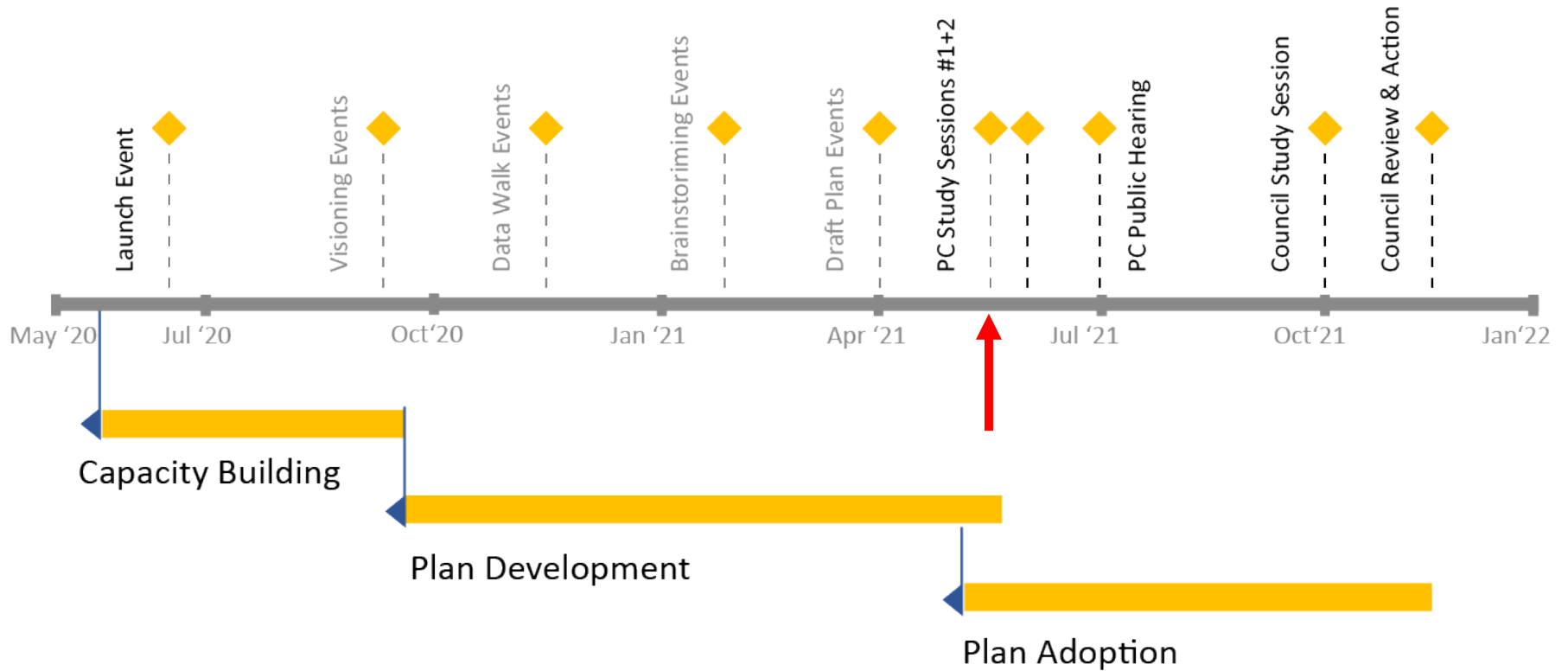
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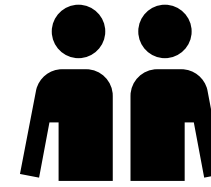
Planning Commission Direction

Provide direction on the engagement report, the resulting community themes, and how these have been carried out in the draft Neighborhood Area Plans.



Great Neighborhoods Schedule





Community Engagement Report

HELPING FORCES

Zoning can be made flexible enough to allow for small retail sites near residential areas.

Healthy streets which link parks

BIKELANES paths, sidewalks, bikeLANE

Space available on many roads check in with Feet First

parks, trails, and other public walking places

Ramps, crosswalks, lots of biking & pedestrian lanes

Provide more signage or routes to pull from an online source

need sidewalks on 24th and Northrup

dedicated walking paths

Connecting existing routes through extensions

Bike trails and lanes

Find a surface other than just concrete to make sidewalk from

Living spaces near urban clusters (like Crossroads Mall and the surrounding area)

Reducing street widths to encourage cars to maintain lower speeds

use of sidewalk cafes

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SERVICES IN MULTIFAMILY UNITS CHILDCARE, CONVENIENCE STORES

uber eats and other similar services

smaller more fequent transit

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GOALS

People of all ages and abilities have safe and enjoyable space to walk and bike.

in areas w/o existing sidewalks, it seems too big an ask to get sidewalks built. (land owners, policies, etc.)

People have convenient access to stores, cafes, and other services close to home.

RESISTING FORCES

Lack of sidewalks and lighting on older neighborhoods

low level of safe foot travel- 41%

missing sidewalks

weather << especially rain and wind

lack of access points to Eastrail

sidewalks that are smooth and wide enough, foreexample

Street Lighting

budget

sidewalks don't connect to one another so you have no navigage no sidewalk zones

Hills are a factor for older folks

steep slopes

Resisting Force: in areas w/o existing sidewalks, it seems too big an ask to get sidewalks built. (land owners, policies, etc.)

sidewalks which are contonous, in otherwords you can actually walk to a destination vs gaps between multiple homes

not being maintained by the city

utility poles and other obstacles in the middle of sidewalks

.Bellevue does not have an updated transportation plan to mitigate current traffic other than assume people will use other means of transportation. That to me is a shortsighted plan.

need to license bicycles AND make bicycle lanes wide

Seniors don't see well as younger people and thus lanes need to be bigger

Cost of real estate close to commercial entities

limited land

we need a stragey to drive more mixed use development across the city so restaurants and stores can be on the ground floor with residential on top -- Redmond is doing a great job of this

Bellevue should stop inviting businesses. That would decrease traffic in the future

nearest stores to me are a walk one way

Diana Thomp...

Neighborhood Area Plans

- Provide guidance – act as roadmaps
- Highlight what is unique about each neighborhood
- Work with the communities to shape neighborhoods' futures
- Updated in groups of two – beginning with Northeast Bellevue & Northwest Bellevue



Events

How might we support residents in caring for and enhancing their trees and green space?	<p>Help with leaf clean up in the fall. Greater presence at Farmer's Market.</p> <p>Help assessing health of trees so that oops can address dead trees on property</p> <p>Help residents with tree selection for street-side, or those plants to help carbon</p>	Are residents aware of service on appropriate trees to plant and care for
How might we expand access to parks and nature for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities as the community changes?	<p>Follow ADA and have tours of parks available to get people engaged.</p> <p>The new Wilburton Park is a great example of an accessible park in terms of sidewalks and gradations. Also, invitations for cultural festivals to consider celebrations in the park. Anything involving shuttles.</p>	
How might we support residents in making more sustainable choices in their homes?	<p>Meetings to let people know what is available and subsidies to change to sustainable choice.</p> <p>Encourage residents to add the green energy option with Solar Energy plan to charge the EV.</p> <p>Are you going to keep using coal plants to charge the EV.</p>	<p>Wondering if there is any data homeowners can receive about how they're doing in terms of recycling and composting? With that, goals can be set to achieve the "Next Level," to borrow a video game idea. That way they can receive positive feedback which might offset all the info about the futility of recycling.</p> <p>Both city and neighborhood meetings can encourage people</p>

- 10 general events open to each Neighborhood (17 total)
- 35 general discussions with individuals or organizations
- 7 presentations to community groups through Cultural Outreach Assistants
- 76 presentations to individuals and organization leaders through Cultural Outreach Assistants



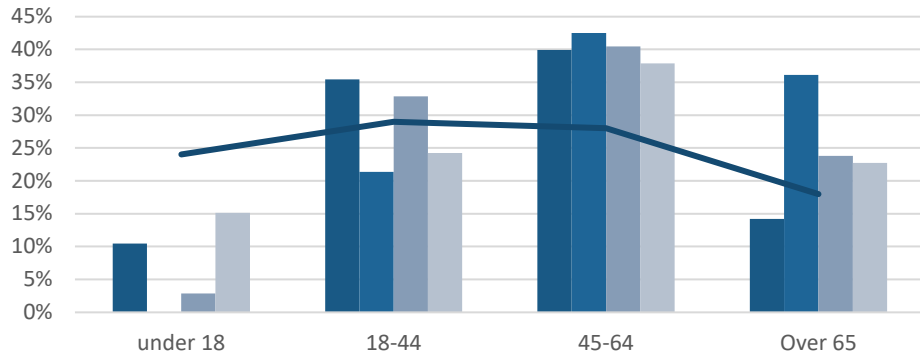
Questionnaires + Online Participation

- 320 people in NE and 222 people in NW provided feedback on Engaging Bellevue
- 386+ households in NE and 255+ households in NW returned the mailed questionnaire
- Solicited feedback on the draft policies using the Engaging Bellevue survey tool
- Over 2500 people from diverse communities reached through cultural outreach on social media
- Over 8000 people were informed about neighborhood planning efforts via digital advertising

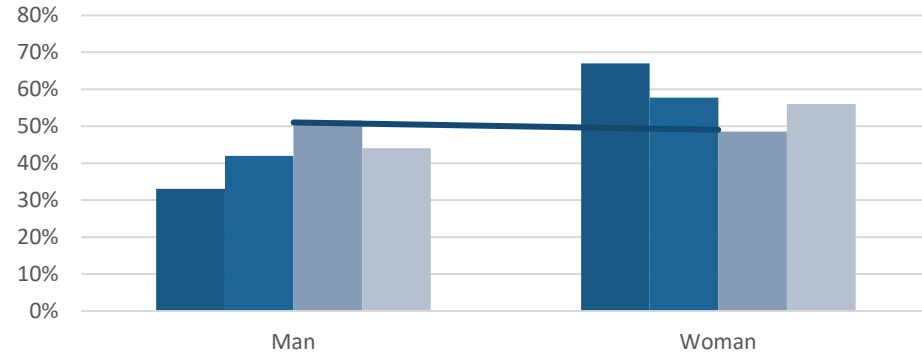


Questionnaire Demographics: Northeast Bellevue

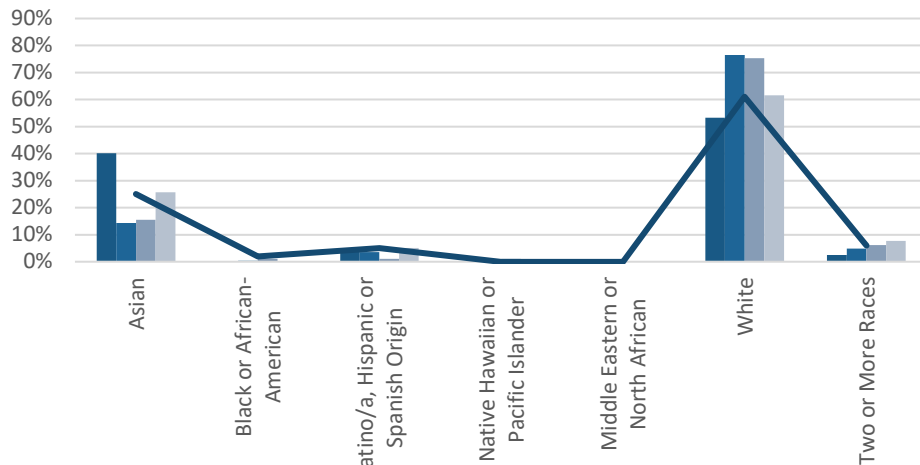
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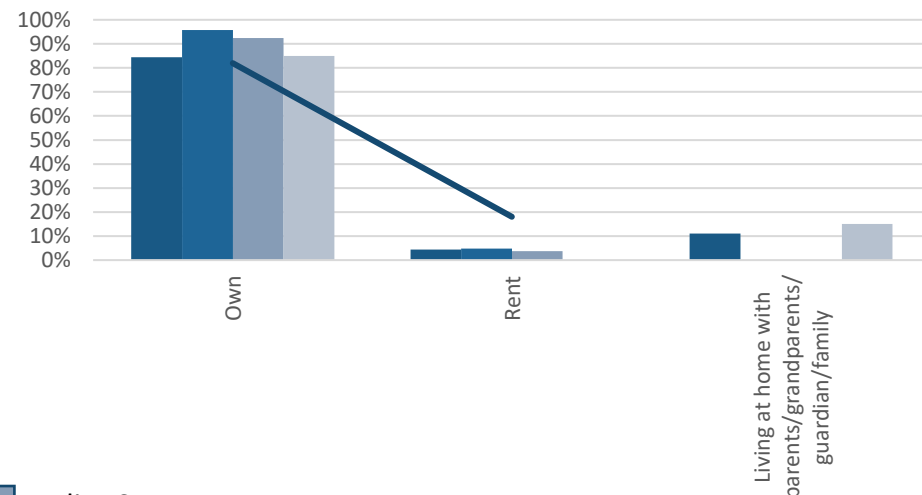
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Housing Tenure*

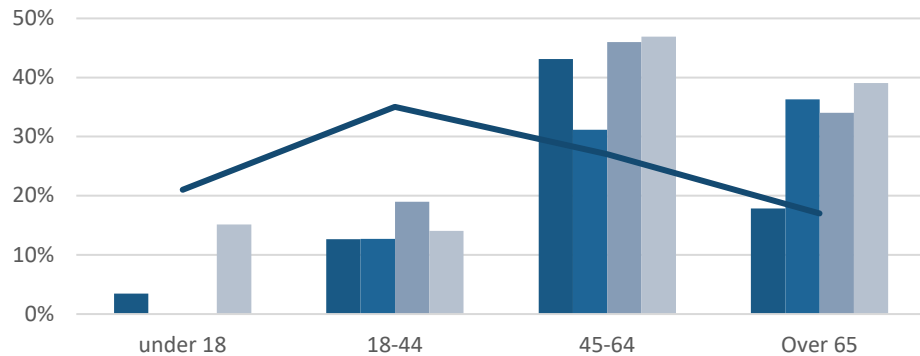


— NE Bellevue Demographics
■ Values Survey
■ Questionnaire
■ Policy Survey
■ Events

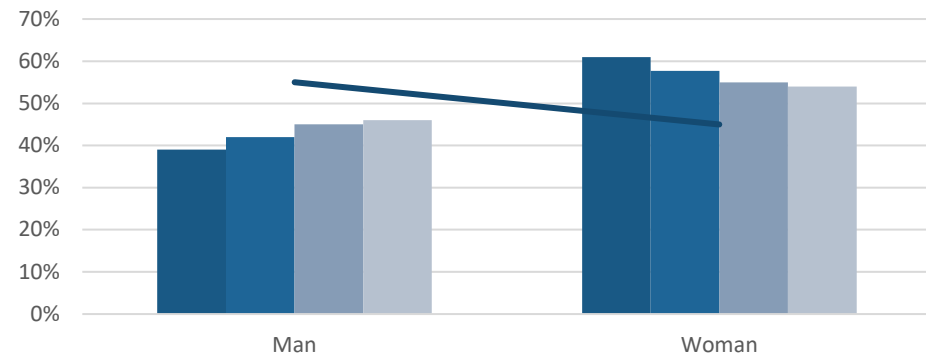
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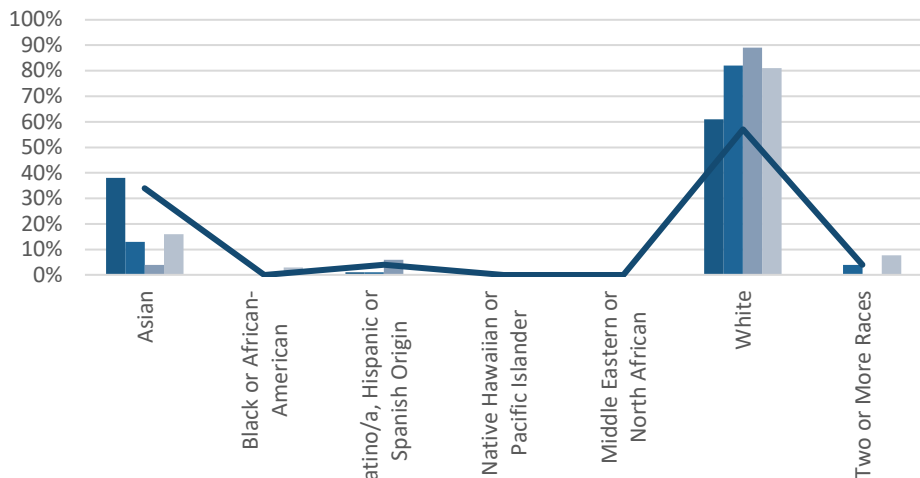
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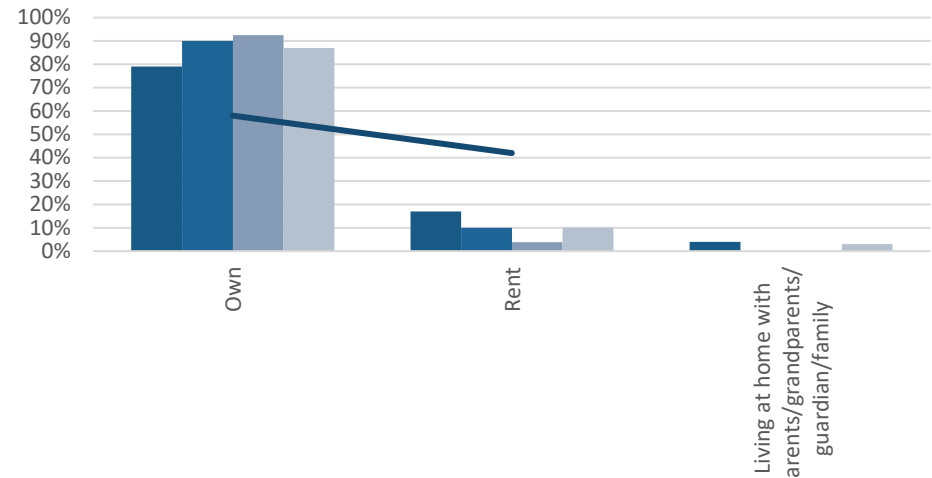
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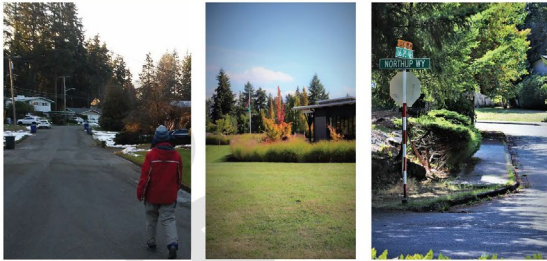
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Draft Plans Overview

NORTHEAST BELLEVUE →



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WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS PLAN

- NE Bellevue Vision
- NE Bellevue Profile
- A discussion of challenges and opportunities facing NE Bellevue
- A guided conversation through the four lenses of place, environment, mobility, and community
- Policies to realize the Vision, including future Plan directions
- A map and complete list of actions

THE VISION

“NORTHEAST BELLEVUE IS A COMMUNITY OF CARING AND CONNECTED NEIGHBORS.”

This is what Northeast Bellevue residents aspire for their community as they move into the future. They see it as a quiet retreat from surrounding activities, lined with trees and protected from the hustle and bustle of urban life but still within reach of those amenities. They envision a safe community where neighbors listen to each other, raise issues, and collaborate on shared values. They look to the future and seek solutions that will protect key assets and enhance their neighborhood for years to come.

NORTHWEST BELLEVUE →



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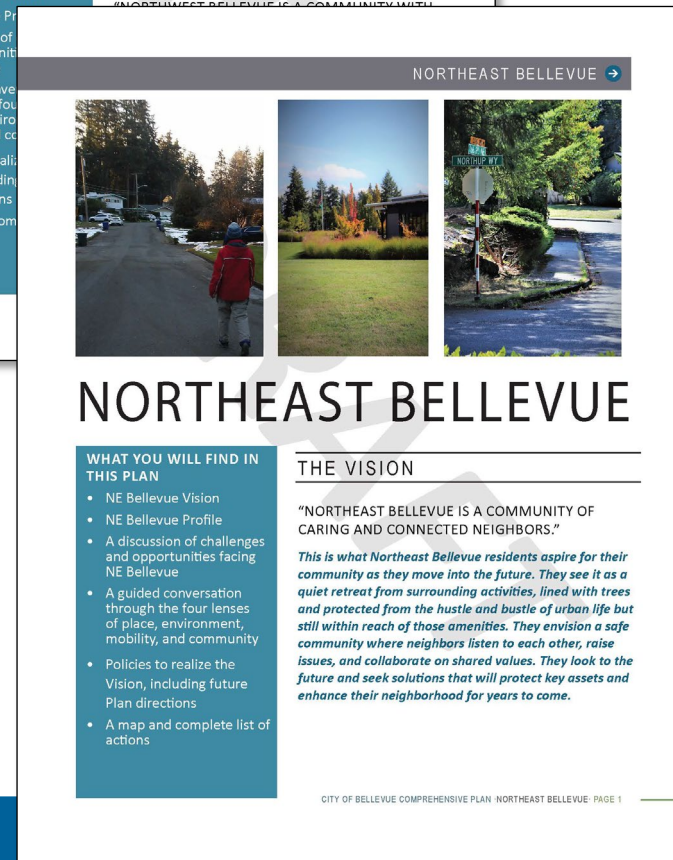
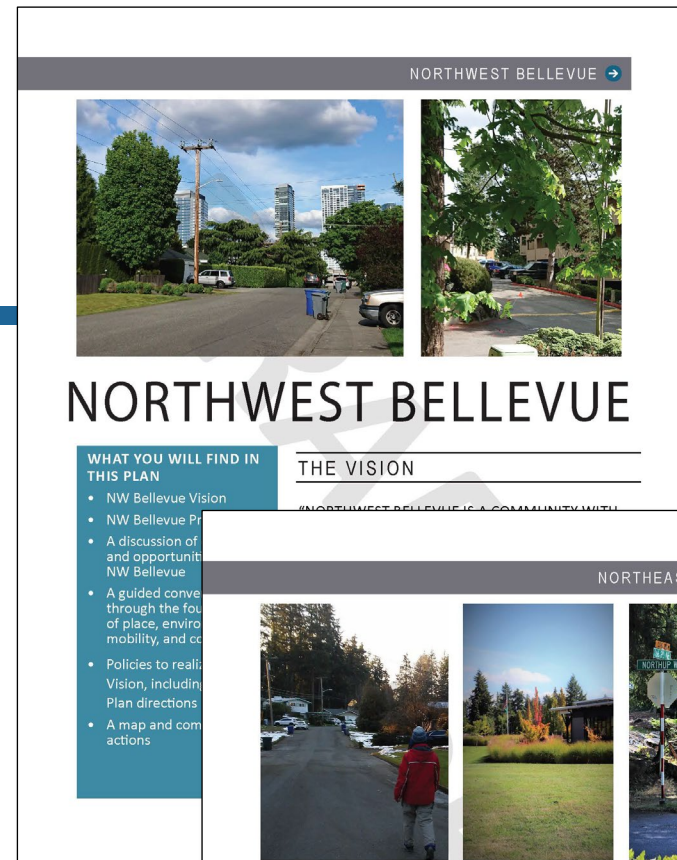
THE VISION

“NORTHWEST BELLEVUE IS A COMMUNITY WITH DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.”

This is what Northwest Bellevue community members envision for their neighborhood area as they move into the future. They see it as a welcoming one, with a diverse range of residents living and working within. It is both active and quiet, a destination and a home, connected to yet set apart from Downtown. Throughout both its denser multi-family or commercial areas and the calmer single-family streets, Northwest Bellevue will have maintained a neighborhood feel and embraced the natural beauty and green character of the Pacific Northwest. This balance defines the unique variety that is found in the area, a variety that is preserved in order to allow for diversity – of residents, of experience, and of opportunities.

Plan Template

- A vision statement
- A neighborhood profile
- Neighborhood context regarding challenges and opportunities
- Goals and policies to guide future decisions



Policies vs Implementation

GOALS + POLICIES

- “Why”
- Multiple approaches
- Usually expressed in broad terms
- Changes less frequently

IMPLEMENTATION

- “How,” “When,” & “Who”
- Specific approach
- Often stated in detail
- Prone to change



Example



POLICY S-NW-12

“ Support efforts to create gathering opportunities, bringing together residents from different sub-neighborhoods, cultures, ages, or backgrounds. ”

IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Community-organized events
- Education on block party or park event permitting
- Park enhancement considerations





Engagement Themes

allow small businesses, like coffee shops in our neighborhood

Safety – Sense of Community – Environment – Sustainability - Diversity

Prompt #2 - If we are successful in living up to these values how will our neighborhood be different?

More cultural events in Crossroad parks.

native plants

bike access to other parts of Bellevue

We are connected to other neighborhoods - bike, walk, drive, shopping, library, etc. Make sure we can access those neighborhoods.

Cost of living more affordable

Trails linking up to downtown

More youth engagement/programs

More green thinking

More use of Crossroads Community center -- such as teaching ESL and programs like Cultural Conversations

Converting Bellevue Technology Center property to a public park.

Attention given to indigenous history

Streets set aside for only.

Outdoor spaces for restaurant piazza.

Traffic mitigation example. Like streets. De particularly stoplights

fix traffic on our arterials!

Public access to La

greater housing density that is well planned and allows for

Instructions

- Under "View Options" click on Annotate
- Use the "Text" tool to write your answers

After everyone has added in their ideas use the Stamp tool to mark ideas you agree with.



Northeast Bellevue Assets



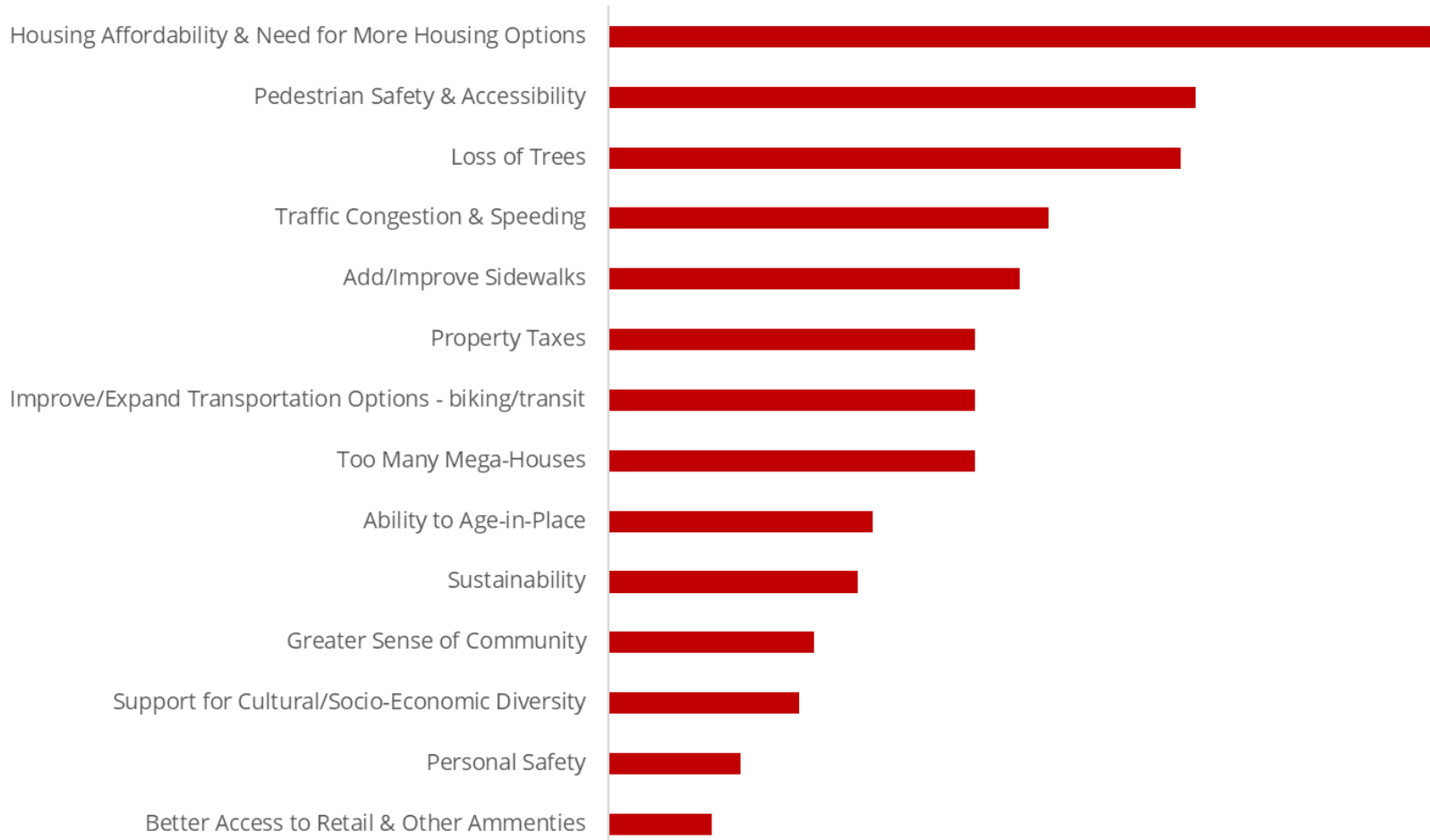
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Northeast Bellevue Concerns



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Housing Discussions



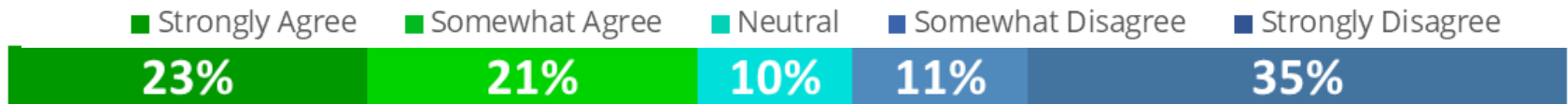
- Both neighborhoods brought up housing issues for discussion
- The **Comprehensive Plan** includes “Allow detached accessory dwelling units where expressly allowed by neighborhood subarea plans” in the Housing Element
- The **Affordable Housing Strategy** includes a strategy to “Create a variety of housing options”
 - **B-2.** Update accessory dwelling unit standards and allow detached units in self-selected neighborhoods.
- Resulting events → brainstorming session, open house breakout, DADU/housing options conversation, policy survey

DADUs Response

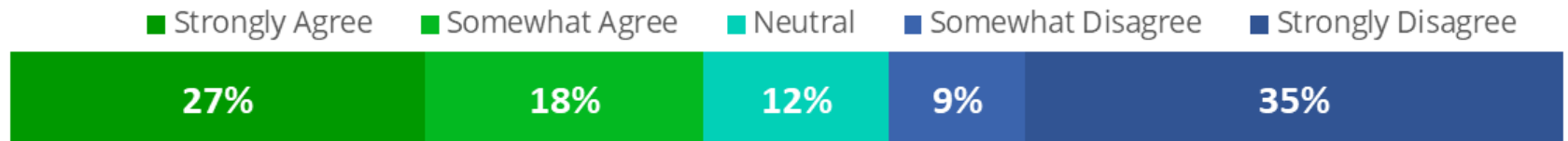


“Backyard cottages would provide an important smaller and more affordable housing option in _____.”

Northeast Bellevue



Northwest Bellevue



Housing Discussions



- Both Neighborhoods have community members on both sides of the issue when considering detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs) in particular

I want seniors, young people and modest income people to be able to rent backyard cottages and stay in the Northtown neighborhood where I live. I want duplex or triplex units to be allowed which would be the same scale and mass as the mcmansions now being built after the smaller, original ramblers where I live, and rent get torn down.

~ Comment from Values Survey

I don't agree with ADUs in my neighborhood. Not enough sidewalks - actually none. Increased housing in my neighborhood puts more vehicles on the roads, which are not designed for multifamily living. Lots of people walk, with pets, children, and families. Several us walking assisted devices. My neighborhood should remain designated for only single-family homes.

~ Comment from Policy Survey



Citywide Themes

- Trees, open space, and natural assets should be protected
- Pedestrian improvements needed to improve the walkability of both Neighborhoods
- Easy access to retail and amenities desired
- Growth pressure concerns
 - Redevelopment of single-family lots
 - Housing shortage and resulting increased prices
 - Infrastructure impacts



Northeast Bellevue Experiences



Northeast Bellevue Themes

- Increasing opportunities for building community connections – gathering spaces, community events
- Maintaining peaceful character of Northeast Bellevue
- Responding to increasing growth in adjacent areas of BelRed, Crossroads, and Overlake
 - Separation and buffering
 - Traffic impacts
 - Safety concerns
 - Walkability and crossing distances concerns
- Concerns about potential increase in single-family redevelopment and scale



Northwest Bellevue Experiences



Northwest Bellevue Themes

- Maintaining variety of sub-neighborhoods
- Enhancing separation from Downtown
- Responding to significant redevelopment of single-family properties (the highest percentage of all Neighborhoods in the last 10 years)
 - Impacts on neighborhood character
 - Tree canopy reduction concerns
 - Affordability concerns
 - Concern about long-term impacts near Downtown
- Walkability prioritized even more than in Northeast Bellevue



Policy Sections



Sense of Place



Housing Affordability



Sense of Community



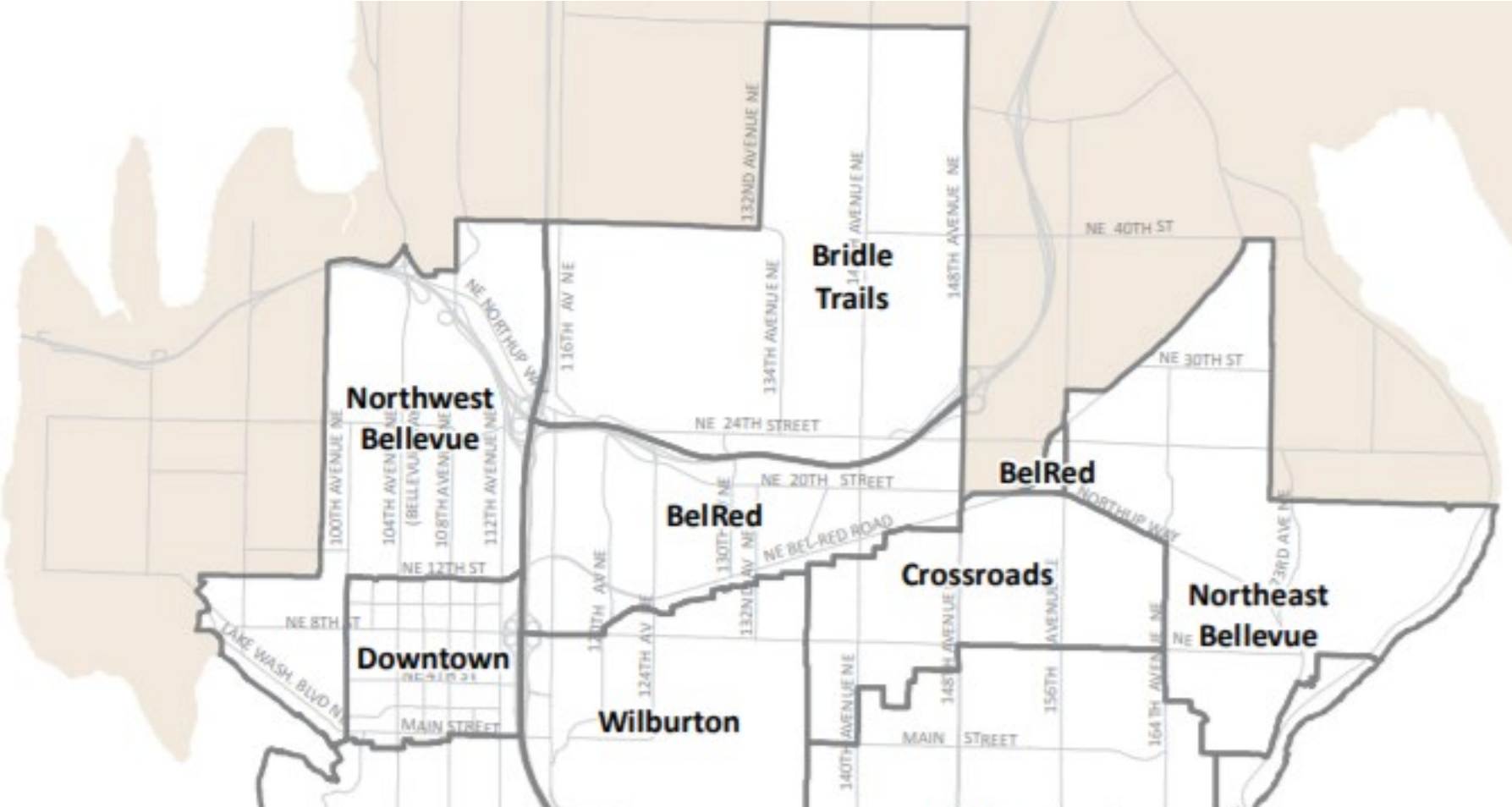
Mobility and Access



Environment

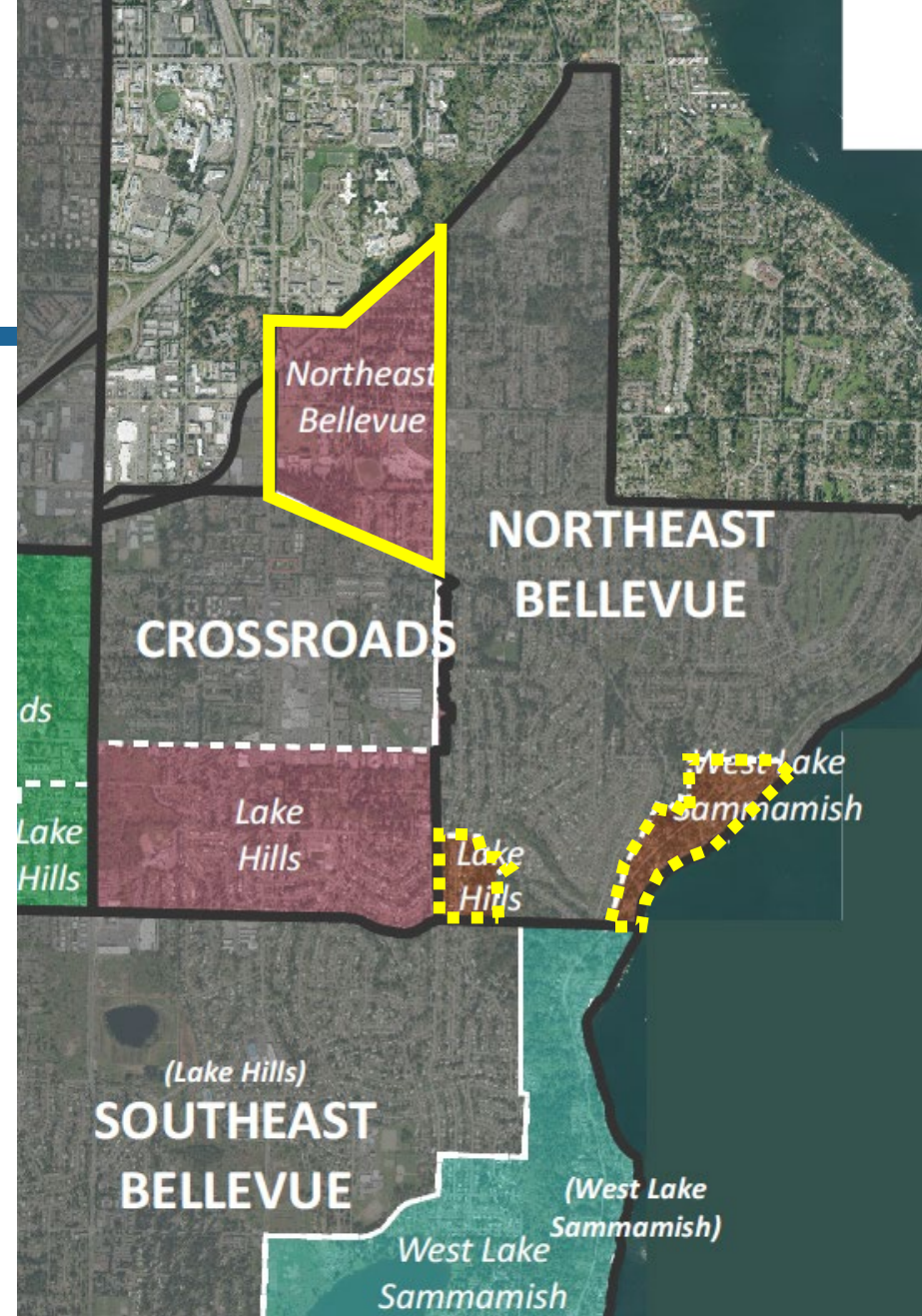


Neighborhood Boundaries

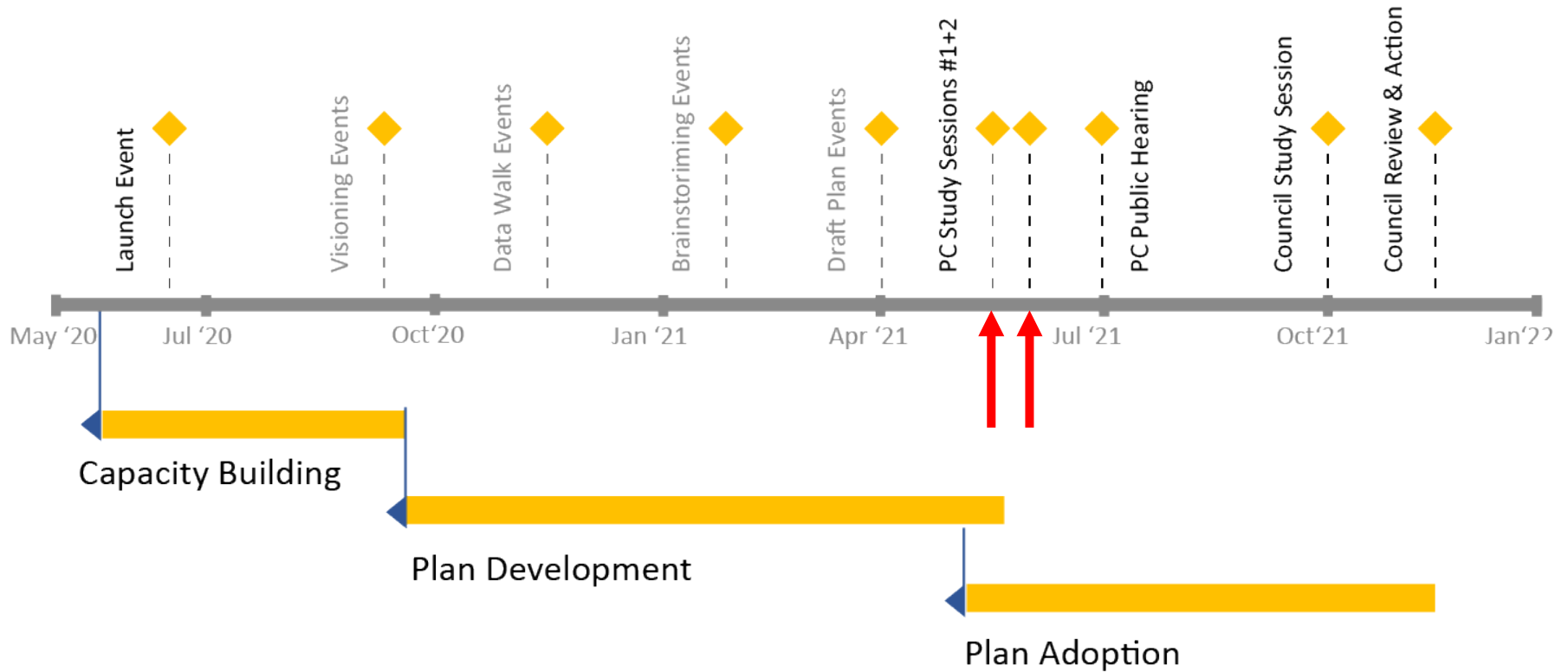


Neighborhood Area Shifts

- Northwest Bellevue (previously North Bellevue) boundaries have not shifted
- Northeast Bellevue boundaries include three changes



Next Steps



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