

2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Transportation Element Multimodal Concurrency Policy

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Planning Commission Direction

1. Conduct a Final Review public hearing for the 2021 CPA for the multimodal concurrency policies in the Transportation Element
2. Commission Discussion
3. Commission Recommendation



Presentation Overview

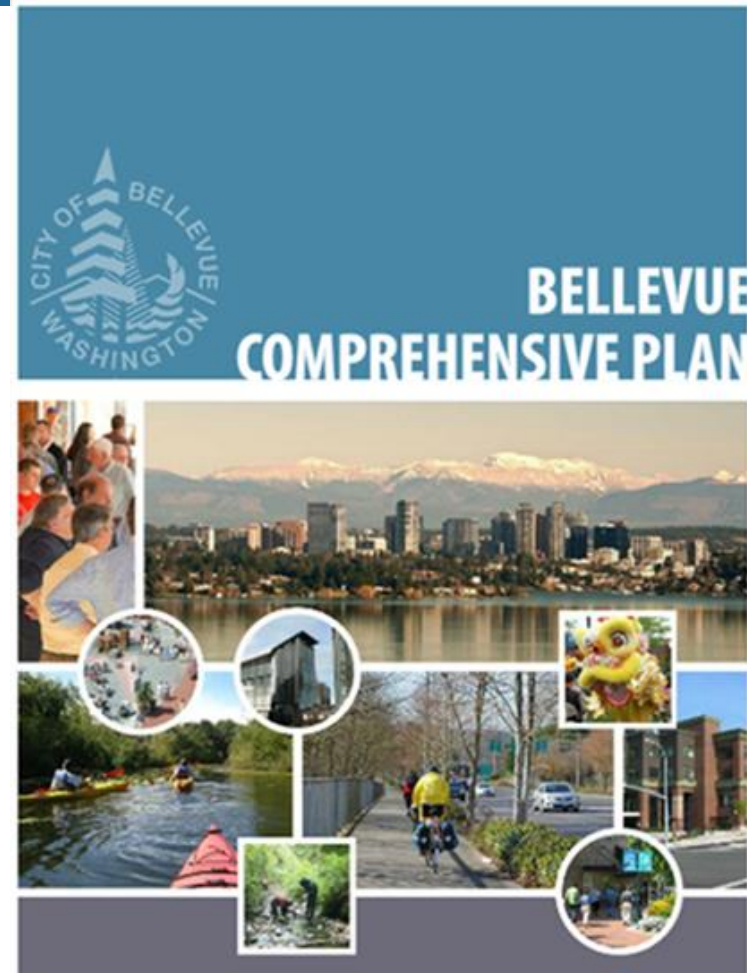
- CPA Proposal
- Transportation Commission Role and Recommendation
- Decision Criteria
- Public Comments



CPA Proposal

Embed multimodal concurrency policy in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan

- Direction from Council
- Transportation Commission recommends to repeal or amend existing policies related to the vehicle-only concurrency standard, and to add two new policies.



Transportation Policy Amendments

Transportation Commission

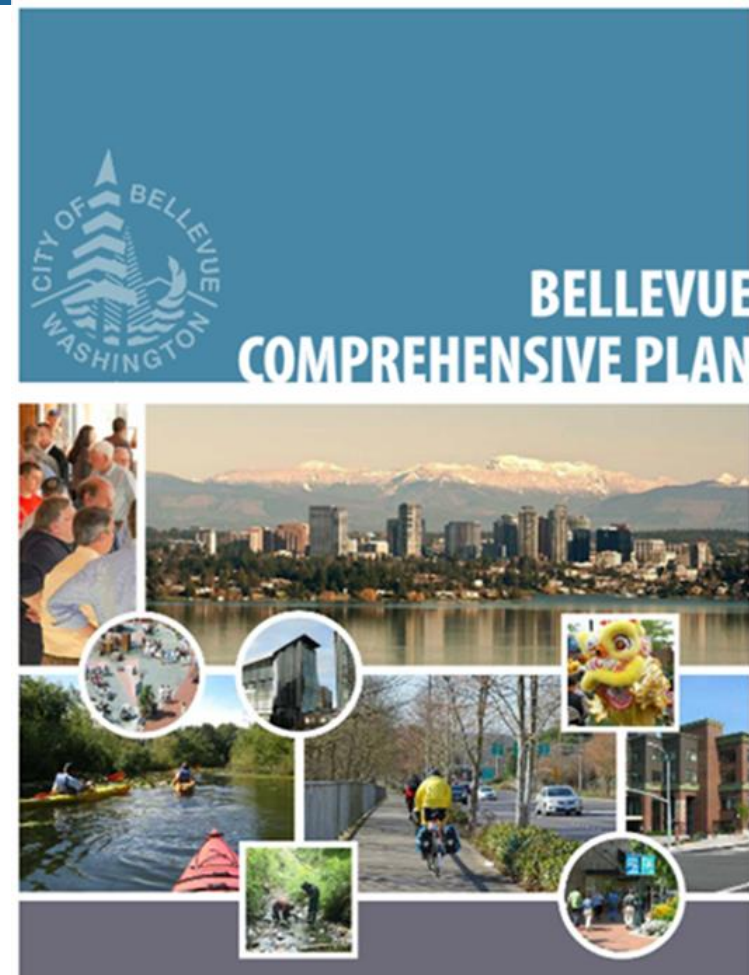
3.63.070 Powers and duties.

Long-range transportation planning, including participation with the planning commission in preparing, reviewing and recommending comprehensive plan updates and subarea transportation plans; provided, that the planning commission shall review and make final recommendations to the city council on all matters which will be adopted by the city council as part of the comprehensive plan;

Planning Commission

3.64.070 Powers and Duties

Review, consider amendments, and make recommendations to the city council on the comprehensive plan and other planning documents of the city to determine if the city's plans, goals, policies and land use ordinances and regulations implement the state Growth Management Act and promote orderly and coordinated development within the city.



Transportation Policy Evolves

Comprehensive Plan 1989

Traveling on arterials should not be too inconvenient, time consuming, or unsafe

Comprehensive Plan 1993

Establish (vehicle) LOS standards in each area of the city in light of growth management objectives

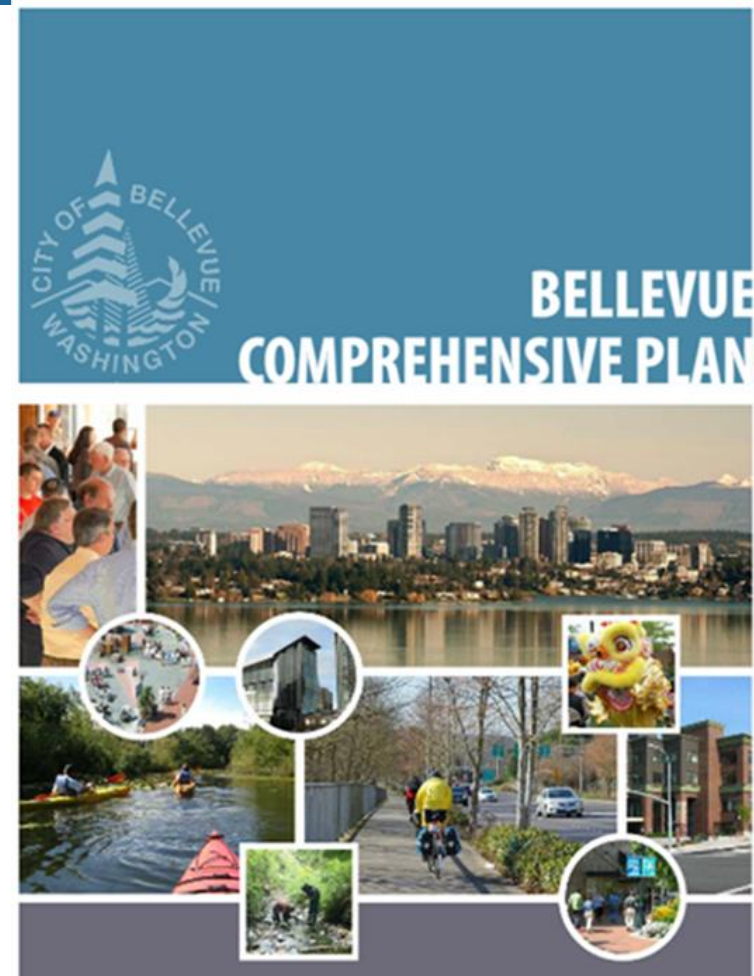
Comprehensive Plan 2015

Establish Multimodal Level-of-Service measures, standards and targets

Comprehensive Plan 2021

Establish a Multimodal Concurrency standard

One constant: The transportation system is intended to support land use – policy evolves with the community



Multimodal Concurrency

- Growth Management Act requires jurisdictions to ensure transportation supports land use – **concurrent** with the land use demand
- If concurrency not met, (if the capacity of the transportation system is not adequate) jurisdiction may not approve new development
- Bellevue employs a vehicle level-of-service concurrency standard
- Concurrency (transportation system capacity) is addressed with intersection capacity projects
- Multimodal approach provides capacity for all modes to meet concurrency standard
- Policy amendments required to embed a multimodal approach

WHAT IS TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY?

The Washington State Growth Management Act requires cities to ensure that transportation programs, projects and services needed to serve growth are regionally coordinated, and are in place either when new development occurs or within six years. This is done to make sure the city can provide the transportation improvements needed to maintain its adopted level of service standards and so that conditions do not degrade below the standards with the addition of the new households and workers.



Multimodal Level-of-Service

Transportation Commission Report

- Multimodal concurrency departs from decades-old practice in Bellevue
 - Vehicle level-of-service focus has created a complete network for cars
 - Active transportation and transit facilities have gaps
- Performance Metrics and Targets for each mode - vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, transit
- Identifies complete the system for all modes



MMLOS
Metrics,
Standards &
Guidelines

Final Report

A Recommendation of the
Bellevue Transportation
Commission
City of Bellevue, WA
April 13, 2017



Multimodal Concurrency

Transportation Element Policies

- Council initiated a Comprehensive Plan Amendment on April 5, 2021
- Council directed Transportation Commission to recommend policy to broaden the concurrency standard to include all modes



**MULTIMODAL
CONCURRENCY IN
BELLEVUE**



Multimodal Concurrency

- The Commission held three study sessions dedicated exclusively to debate policy
- Policy recommendation part of the Mobility Implementation Plan
 - Recommendation retains vehicle performance targets
 - Recommendation adds performance targets for pedestrians, bicycles and transit



Multimodal Concurrency

On June 10, with a vote of 5-1, the Transportation Commission approved recommended policies for multimodal concurrency

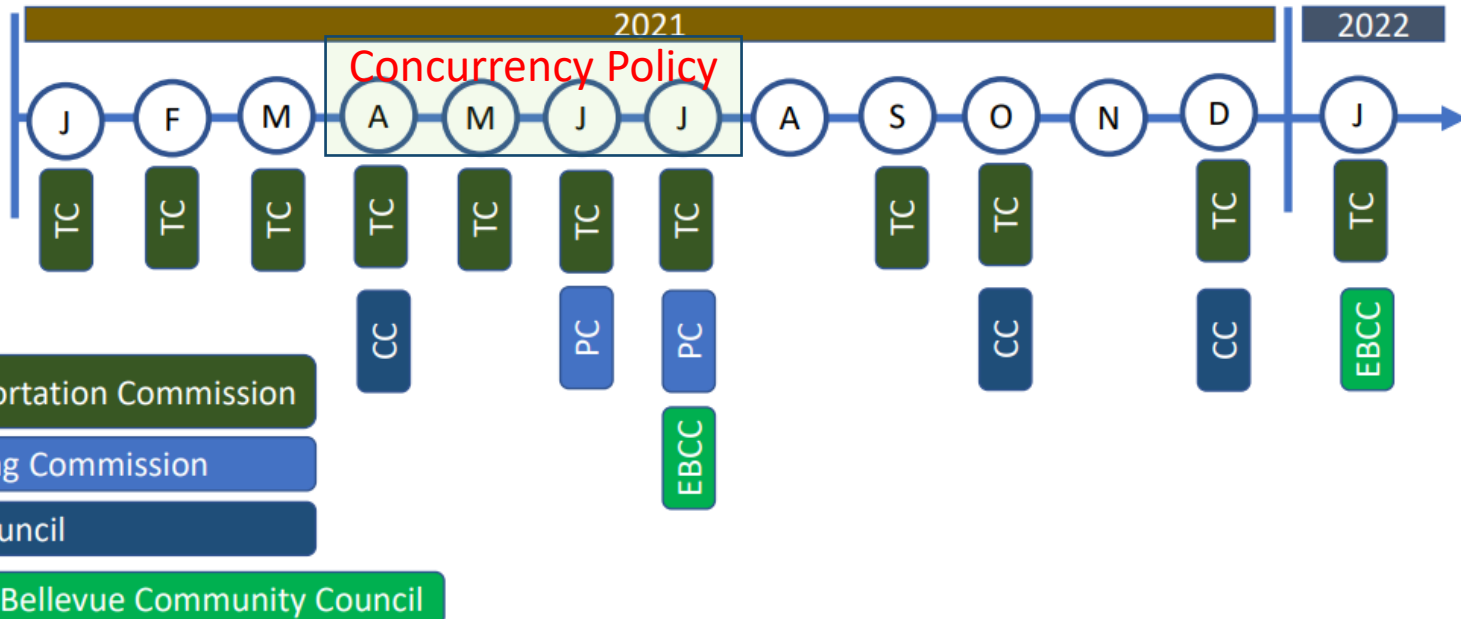
We submitted these policies to the Planning Commission on June 23 as part of the 2021 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

Our action responds to Council direction to prepare a Mobility Implementation Plan



Mobility Implementation Plan

Mobility Implementation Plan: Commission and Council Meetings Timeline



CPA Decision Criteria

[LUC 20.30I.150](#)

Staff report contains detailed responses to each decision criteria:

1. The proposed amendment is ***consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.***
2. The proposed amendment ***addresses the interests and changed needs of the entire city.***
3. The proposed amendment ***addresses significantly changed conditions.***
4. The proposed amendment is not applicable to a specific site, therefore this criteria ***does not apply.***
5. The proposed amendment ***demonstrates a public benefit and enhances the public health, safety and welfare.***



Public Comments

- Bellevue Downtown Association
- Chamber of Commerce
- East Bellevue Community Council
- Public comments and letters addressed to both the Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission



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Thank You!

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Multimodal Concurrency

Policy	Transportation Commission Final Recommendation, June 10, 2021
New Goal	GOAL: To improve all mobility options so that everyone in Bellevue has a safe, comfortable, reliable, and efficient experience on their preferred mode, while encouraging and transitioning to more environmentally and fiscally sustainable modes.
TR-2	Improve the multimodal transportation system and the quality of the travel experience for all users.
TR-20	Scope, plan, design, implement, operate, and maintain a complete and multimodal transportation system in accordance with the Performance Metrics, Performance Targets and Performance Management Areas as established in the Mobility Implementation Plan.
TR-30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor and document transportation system performance in accordance with the Performance Targets and Performance Management Areas established in the Mobility Implementation Plan. 2. Engage the community to evaluate and modify the Mobility Implementation Plan as needed, in concert with each update of the Comprehensive Plan, or as warranted by changed circumstances.
TR-34	Evaluate the performance of all modes and engage the community to identify projects, priorities, programs and resources to meet Complete Streets goals and the Performance Targets through updates to the Transportation Facilities Plan.
TR-73	Implement infrastructure and technology to support reliable transit arrival time and travel speed along the Frequent Transit Network between Activity Centers.
TR-132	Provide and prioritize transportation funding to meet Performance Targets for people walking, biking, riding transit, and travelling in a car.
New Policy A	Employ a citywide multimodal level-of-service concurrency standard that provides transportation facilities that meet the demand from new development.
New Policy B	Plan for transportation system projects to accommodate the forecast demand and to meet Performance Targets in each update of the Transportation Facilities Plan.

