

City of  
Bellevue



# Transportation Commission Study Session

**DATE:** May 25, 2023

**TO:** Chair Stash, Vice Chair Helland, and Members of the Transportation Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Curb Management Plan – Final Approval

## DIRECTION REQUESTED

X **Action:**

**Motion to approve the recommended final Curb Management Plan (CMP) and the four supporting appendix documents (Volume 2).**

**Motion to approve the CMP Transmittal Letter to City Council**

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Discussion/Direction

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Information

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The Transportation Commission has received a link to the draft Curb Management Plan (CMP) document. The draft CMP and appendices have been updated since May 11 based on feedback from the Transportation Commission and the community. All four appendix documents have been consolidated as “Volume 2” of the CMP for clarity.

At the meeting on May 25, 2023, staff requests Commission Action on two items:

1. Approval, in a single motion, to recommend the Curb Management Plan and the aggregated CMP appendix (Volume 2) to the City Council.
2. Approval of the CMP Transmittal Letter to the City Council.

A City Council study session to review the CMP is tentatively scheduled in July. Staff anticipates receiving direction at that time to prepare a resolution for adoption of the CMP at a future Council Regular Session.

## CMP AMENDMENTS

The final CMP document compiles the work of the Transportation Commission within numerous study sessions in 2022 and 2023. Amendments to language and material within the first draft of the CMP and supporting appendices were made based on feedback from the Transportation

Commission and the community. The table below summarizes the amendments and changes to the CMP from the version discussed on May 11, 2023.

<b><u>Amendments to the CMP and Appendices - May 25, 2023</u></b>		
<b>Document</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Modification</b>
Curb Management Plan	2	Added staff to acknowledgements
Curb Management Plan	8	Clarification of starred practices being near-term priorities
Curb Management Plan	15	Modified text to reflect travel mode statistics: <i>"Further, as a percentage of each mode, Bellevue workers in poverty are more likely to commute via shared or active modes like carpooling (7%), public transit (3.7%), and walking (7.4%) than they are to drive personal vehicles (2.4%). While today many people in poverty still choose to and may need to drive, it poses a large cost burden on individuals."</i>
Curb Management Plan	15	Removal of text: <i>"Private vehicle ownership is simply out of reach for many people who live and work in Bellevue."</i>
Curb Management Plan	19	Clarified text highlighting vehicle-free households. New text: <i>"An increasing percentage of Bellevue residents do not have a vehicle (7.4% in 2019 up from 6.9% in 2014)."</i>
Curb Management Plan	36	Modified text within the paragraph "How do we get more curb space without adding more roads?" Modified text: <i>"The future typology identifies opportunities throughout Bellevue's urban core to meet the needs of more curbside users within the same limited space. This framework provides a comprehensive roadmap that will allow the City address these challenges with a coordinated curb strategy and vision for the urban core."</i>

Curb Management Plan	37	<p>Modified language addressing curbside tradeoffs. New text:  <i>"HOW DO WE ASSESS TRADEOFFS?"</i></p> <p><i>To maximize the benefits of the curb and achieve the visions in Bellevue’s plans, the city will need to evaluate tradeoffs between competing curb uses. When changes are proposed to establish a new curb use on a block, traffic analysis on the multimodal transportation system may be conducted to compare tradeoffs.</i></p> <p><i>Analysis will consider mode-specific performance targets as identified in the Mobility Implementation Plan, as well as applicable performance indicators identified within the Curb Management Plan. Whenever a significant portion of a movement-based curbside travel lane is permanently converted into a different use, the public will be notified and given the opportunity to provide feedback."</i></p>
Curb Management Plan	37	Added table showing applicable performance metrics in the MIP and CMP.
Curb Management Plan	46, 47	Added lines to Access curb type map for accuracy.
Curb Management Plan	70	Clarification of starred practices being near-term priorities
Curb Management Plan	80	Fixed endnote #1
Curb Management Plan	Various	Corrections to various grammatical and spelling errors within the CMP.
Appendix A	A7	Added strategy: <i>"conduct study that evaluates existing sight line requirements in the Urban Core."</i>
Appendix A	A7	Added strategy: <i>"Initiate a process to digitize and publish right-of-way information for the Urban Core, including recorded easements and anticipated curb offsets for future right-of-way expansion."</i>
Appendix A	A17	Added priority stakeholder: <i>"Current RPZ permit holders"</i>
Appendix A	A24	Add "Paratransit services" as a considered PUDO function.
Appendix A	A24	Added priority stakeholder: <i>"Paratransit service providers"</i>
Appendix A	Various	Corrections to various grammatical and spelling errors within Appendix A.
Appendix B	B18	Clarify parameter bullet #2: <i>"Bellevue should require that vendors who wish to participate in the pilot must follow pre-defined APIs and data specifications."</i>

**NEXT STEPS**

Council is scheduled to receive the Transportation Commission transmittal and to discuss the CMP in a study session in July. Staff will seek Council direction to bring back a resolution to adopt the CMP.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Curb Management Plan
2. Volume 2 – CMP Appendix
3. Draft transmittal letter to City Council