

## Background on Bicycle Planning in Bellevue

Bellevue's 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan commits the City to implementing complete continuous, cross-city, bicycle priority corridors. The following timeline reflects actions on bikeway projects after adoption of the 2009 Plan.

- February 9, 2015 – Council approved Implementation Principles that direct the Transportation Commission and staff to work with community stakeholders to meet or exceed the City's 2019 project completion targets identified in the 2009 Plan.
- April 28, 2016 – The Transportation Commission endorsed the Bicycle Rapid Implementation Program (BRIP) which includes proposed citywide investments that are: (i) Connected, prioritizing a network that 'fills the gaps' in lieu of piece-meal implementation; (ii) Protected, promoting physically separated facilities to minimize conflicts between roadway users where possible; (iii) Rapid, leveraging early-win opportunities that can quickly advance project delivery.
- November 8, 2016 – Bellevue voters approved the 20-year Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy. Bicycle network improvements are one of the six programs funded by the levy.
- During 2017 and 2019 – Staff worked with the Transportation Commission and community in a discussion about how to make downtown a safe, comfortable, and attractive place for people to bike. Both the 108th Avenue Northeast Bikeway and the Main Street Bikeway were implemented through the BRIP program.
- December 14, 2020 – Council adopted a 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan that included \$1.5 million for Growth Corridor High Comfort Bicycle Network Implementation (CIP #PW-W/B-85) in the Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed neighborhoods.
- April 18, 2022 – Council adopted the Mobility Implementation Plan, which established performance targets for the bicycle network using level of traffic stress (LTS) as the metric. The Bike Bellevue project area includes multiple arterial segments on the bicycle network where the current LTS deters people from bicycling due to concerns over safety.
- November 21, 2022 – Council adopted a 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan that increased to \$4.5 million funding for Growth Corridor High Comfort Bicycle Network Implementation (CIP #PW-W/B-85) in the Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed neighborhoods.
- March 27, 2023: Council directed staff to engage with the Transportation Commission to prepare a Bike Bellevue recommendation consistent with project principles. These principles establish continuity with and build upon Council-approved principles for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative to further account for guidance in the Mobility Implementation Plan, Safe System approach to Vision Zero, Complete Streets, and other policy developments since 2015.