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TO: Chair and Members of the East Bellevue Community Council
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SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Final Approval – Transportation Element Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Ordinance No. 6633

I. Introduction

On February 1, 2022, the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) will hold a public hearing and take action on Ordinance No. 6633 (Attachment A) adopted by the City Council on December 13, 2021 related to multimodal concurrency policy.

II. Discussion

As part of the 2021 annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council directed the Transportation Commission to prepare a policy recommendation to embed multimodal concurrency into the Transportation Element. On June 10, 2021 the Transportation Commission recommended to amend/repeal certain Transportation Element policies and to add two new policies regarding a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency.

On June 23, 2021 the Planning Commission held a study session on the Transportation Commission recommendation. Following a public hearing on July 28, 2021 the Planning Commission transmitted a recommendation to the City Council. On July 6, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing and discussed the recommended policy amendments to the Transportation Element.

In a study session on October 25, 2021, the City Council reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation and directed staff to prepare an ordinance for adoption. Council adopted Ordinance No. 6633 on December 13, 2021. Ordinance No. 6633 adopted policies to support a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency.

The City Council adopted the policies as recommended by the Planning Commission, with the exception of policy TR-2.

Council approved the following language for policy TR-2:

“To aggressively plan, manage, and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.”

III. Action requested of the EBCC

Following tonight's public hearing, the EBCC is requested to adopt Resolution No. 602 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6633. Transportation Department staff will be present at the public hearing to answer questions.

Note: A consequence of EBCC action to disapprove Ordinance No. 6633 would be two separate concurrency standards in the city, with the old standards applicable only to development projects within the jurisdiction of the EBCC. Maintaining two concurrency programs would require two separate traffic analysis models, necessitating additional staff time and additional resources at the expense of the City to support two models. Specifically different standards would, at a minimum, generate more work for planners and permit staff in Community Development, Development Services and Transportation.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Ordinance No. 6633