

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Curb Management Plan – 2022 Annual Comprehensive Amendment Work Plan and Direction of Plan Development.

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DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

DIRECTION

Provide direction on staff recommendations to initiate, per LUC 20.30I.130.B.1, policy elements to the Transportation Element and Downtown Subarea Plan related to curb management as part of the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) work program and provide direction on staff recommendation to direct work with the Transportation Commission, the community, and staff to prepare a Curb Management Plan recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to initiate CPA proposals into the 2022 CPA work program under LUC 20.30I.B.1 to incorporate policies in the Transportation Element and Downtown Subarea Plan related to curb management; and, to direct work with the Transportation Commission, the community, and staff to prepare a Curb Management Plan recommendation to Council.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

2022 Proposed City-Initiated Transportation Amendments

Bellevue City Code in Part 20.30I LUC permits the City Council to initiate CPAs at any time and provides a one-step process for review by the Planning Commission and approval by Council once incorporated into the annual CPA work program.

At the November 15, 2021 meeting, Council approved a consultant contract and scope of work for the Curb Management Plan (CMP). This CMP effort seeks to establish more deliberate policies, practice, and guidance on how curb areas should be designed, maintained, and operated over time. Creating a long-range vision for curb space will enhance safety and efficiency of the City's transportation system, as well as enhance vibrancy, sustainability, and livability in Bellevue's growing urban areas.

The CMP will include scope to assess existing curb conditions, reference land use and street design information to establish a contextualized prioritization framework for curb spaces, and analyze options for launching a dedicated curb management program. The CMP will also include the creation of a

curbside playbook that will help inform internal and external processes for changing and creating various curbside uses. The CMP project team will facilitate a robust and equitable public engagement process that will help inform final outcomes.

A CPA for 2022 to embed curb management policies in the Transportation Element and Downtown Subarea Plan is anticipated to be a component of the Transportation Commission work on the CMP (see attachment A). The Transportation Commission is expected to transmit recommended policy language to the Planning Commission in mid-2022. These recommended policies will act as one basis for envisioning subsequent curb management strategies.

Direct Plan Development through Transportation Commission

At the January 13, 2022 Transportation Commission meeting, staff introduced the scope of the Curb Management Plan that was approved by Council on November 15, 2021. Throughout 2022, the Transportation Commission will host a series of study sessions and workshops to learn and share best practices regarding curb management. The Transportation Commission will be tasked to prepare a recommendation to Council. Specific recommendations within the CMP, such as the curb prioritization framework and curb management program development, will receive focus at Commission meetings. Additionally, Commission study sessions and workshops will be opportunities to engage the community and work with staff on developing content for the CMP.

The Transportation Commission will eventually transmit a final Curb Management Plan recommendation to Council for consideration.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code at Part 20.30I LUC permits City Council to initiate CPAs at any time. The Planning Commission will review all future CPAs later in 2022. The CPAs will be brought to Council in the fall along with the privately initiated amendments that have met threshold review criteria.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Annual CPA work program nor with the direction to direct CMP development through the Transportation Commission.

OPTIONS

1. Initiate CPA proposals into the 2022 CPA work program under LUC 20.30I.B.1 to incorporate policies in the Transportation Element and Downtown Subarea Plan related to curb management; and, to direct work with the Transportation Commission, the community, and staff to prepare a Curb Management Plan recommendation to Council.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Background Memo for 2022 proposed Transportation related CPAs

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N/A