



May 12, 2022

Bellevue City Council
P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, Washington, 98009-9012

Re: Multimodal Concurrency Standard

Dear Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and Council:

On behalf of the Bellevue Chamber, we would like to extend our thanks for approving the multimodal concurrency policy through the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Mobility Implementation Plan. We'd also like to recognize the great work of the Transportation and Planning Commissions to facilitate and support this policy.

Last year, the Bellevue Chamber wrote a letter of support for the inclusion of a well-defined Multimodal Concurrency Standard that gives clear guidance to Chamber members and City staff into the Transportation Element of Bellevue's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

In our previous letter, the Chamber outlined several reasons why having a multimodal concurrency standard is important and should be adopted into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Firstly, as more individuals and families come to work and live in Bellevue, the modes of transportation will not solely be single occupant vehicles but spread across several different modes, including the East Link light rail that is set to be completed in 2023. Secondly, there is a need for more multifamily housing and these projects can only be completed if there is a multimodal standard in place to ensure concurrency. Lastly, in consideration of the Transportation Commission's recommendation in 2021, there is a need to rebalance the transportation system to address Performance Targets and forecasted demand for mobility.

It is for these reasons that the City's efforts on this initiative are critical to both Bellevue and the Eastside community. We are confident that City staff will continue to improve the implementation of this new multimodal concurrency standard during this period of unprecedented regional growth and development. Accordingly, we support the draft code amendment currently under consideration by the Transportation Commission to implement multimodal concurrency in Bellevue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jodie Alberts'.

Jodie Alberts
Vice President, Government Affairs
Bellevue Chamber