

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance repealing Chapter 14.10 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC); adopting a new Chapter 14.10 BCC titled Multimodal Concurrency Code; amending Chapter 14.60 BCC; amending Chapter 22.16 BCC; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Transportation staff and the Transportation Commission Chair presented the proposed draft code amendments necessary to implement a new multimodal concurrency system at the June 27 Council Study Session. Council directed staff to return with an Ordinance to approve these code amendments. The proposed code amendments are consistent with the recent multimodal concurrency policies established with the December 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the April 2022 adoption of the Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP), and as proposed will enable staff to successfully implement the new multimodal concurrency system.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6667

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The 2021 amendments to the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan established the policy to implement a multimodal concurrency system in Bellevue. The Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP), adopted in April 2022, established the framework to implement the multimodal concurrency policy from the Comprehensive Plan.

On April 11, the City Council directed the Transportation Commission and staff to prepare a recommendation for amendments to the Traffic Standards Code (Chapter 14.10 BCC) to implement the new multimodal transportation concurrency system. At the June 27 Council Study Session, staff and the Transportation Commission Chair provided an update on work accomplished to prepare the draft code amendments, including two Transportation Commission Study Sessions and a virtual open house to receive public input. In addition to the proposed Traffic Standards Code (Chapter 14.10 BCC) amendment, the Council received information on two other staff initiated minor code amendments to the Transportation Development Code (Chapter 14.60 BCC) and Transportation Impact Fee Program (Chapter 22.16 BCC). These minor amendments were proposed to ensure consistency in content and nomenclature with the proposed substantive changes to the Traffic Standards Code. It was reported that the process to finalize the proposed code amendments had been completed, and that the Transportation Commission recommended they be forwarded to Council for further consideration. Staff

identified minor revisions to the proposed amendments in finalizing the attached Ordinance. Those minor revisions are captured in the Ordinance and Attachments.

The proposed code amendments allow for the Transportation Director to adopt rules for the administration of multimodal concurrency (i.e. the Implementation Guide), provided a public hearing is first held before the Transportation Commission. Council action to adopt the proposed code amendment is needed in early July to allow the public hearing to take place at the September 8 Transportation Commission meeting and keep implementation of the new concurrency system on track for October. After the public hearing, the Transportation Director will consider the comments and make any adjustments necessary prior to approving the Implementation Guide. If approved by Council, the Traffic Standards Code amendment will become effective 30 days after the Implementation Guide's approval and will mark the start of the new concurrency system.

Four letters supporting the adoption of the proposed code amendments have been received from the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Downtown Association, Wright Runstad & Company, and Wallace Properties.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element

The 2021 amendments to the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan established the policy to implement a multimodal concurrency system in Bellevue. Specifically, Transportation Element policy TR-28 directs the City to *“Employ a citywide multimodal level-of-service concurrency standard that provides facilities that meet the demand from new development.”*

Mobility Implementation Plan

The adoption of the MIP in April 2022 established the framework to implement the multimodal concurrency policy from the Comprehensive Plan. This framework is contained in Chapter 7, and among other things establishes the system completeness approach as well as the new concurrency standard.

State Environmental Policy Act

The Environmental Coordinator for the City of Bellevue determined that adopting and implementing the Multimodal Concurrency Code will not result in any probable, significant adverse environmental impacts. A Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) has been issued, and there were no appeals.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance repealing Chapter 14.10 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC); adopting a new Chapter 14.10 BCC titled Multimodal Concurrency Code; amending Chapter 14.60 BCC; amending Chapter 22.16 BCC; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed code amendments to Transportation Development Code (Chapter 14.60 BCC) (red line)
 - B. Proposed code amendments to Transportation Impact Fee Program (Chapter 22.16 BCC) (red line)
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6667

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