

CD-44 Grand Connection Implementation

Category: **Bellevue: Great Places Where Y** Status: **Ongoing**
 Department: **CD** Location: **Various**

Programmed Expenditures								
Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
8,500,000	3,000,000	500,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000

Description and Scope

The Grand Connection is a Council Priority to create the City's signature placemaking feature to connect from Meydenbauer Bay, through Downtown Bellevue, and across I-405 into Wilburton to meet up with the Eastrail regional trail. Council approval of the Grand Connection framework plans and completion of the Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) work set in motion a series of implementation efforts.

- 1) Grand Connection Lid Concept: Through partnerships and a mix of funding sources, the lid presents an opportunity to have the I-405 crossing be a unique, comfortable, and attractive route that catalyzes adjacent development in Downtown and Wilburton. Future work is needed on a technical feasibility study, benefits analysis, environmental review and design refinements, including phasing options.
- 2) Public Infrastructure Investment: The Grand Connection framework plan includes infrastructure investment for items such as raised intersections along the route and wayfinding to make the pedestrian experience more enjoyable and safer.
- 3) Tactical Urbanism and Small-Scale Investments: The Grand Connection process identified near-term, small scale implementation efforts to help advance the vision for corridor. These include items such as seating, identity treatments and temporary art installations.
- 4) Arts and Culture: The Grand Connection framework plan references arts and culture as an essential element to establishing a sense of place. Investment will be pursued for arts and culture as opportunities become available.
- 5) Wilburton Vision: The Wilburton CAC completed their recommended vision for the Wilburton area in 2018. Additional work will include resumption of the environmental impact statement (EIS) process, land use code amendments (LUCA), design guidelines, and a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) needed to realize the vision for Wilburton. This project will also fund up to \$500K for analysis and conceptual design of the I-405/NE 6th Street HOV extension into the Wilburton area with termination at either 116th Avenue NE or 120th Avenue NE (TBD pending further study).

Rationale

This project funding is critical for implementing the Wilburton vision and Grand Connection framework plans for Downtown Bellevue and the I 405 crossing/Wilburton segment. Capital investment will build upon momentum from the public and private sector and serve as a demonstration to stakeholders and the public of commitment from the City in the Grand Connection. It will continue to advance the Council's vision for the Grand Connection and leverage other investment and partnership opportunities.

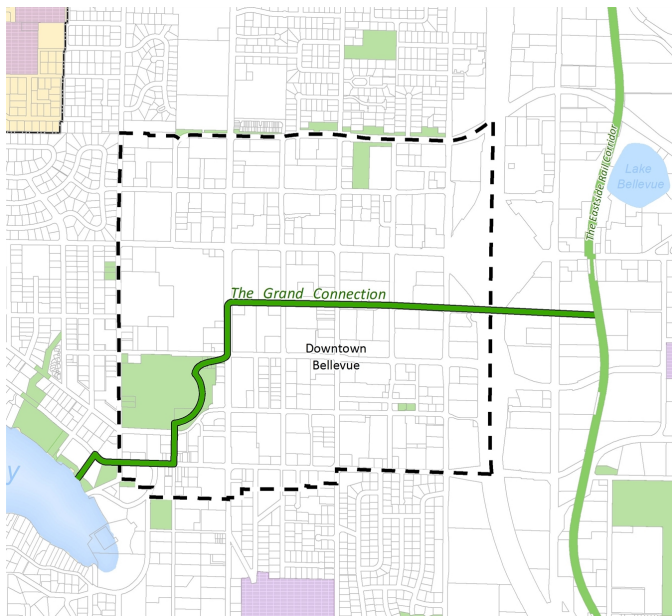
Environmental Impacts

High-level review of the Grand Connection I-405 crossing alternatives were included in the environmental review covering the Wilburton Land Use and Transportation Study. Further work on the lid crossing would include additional environmental review. The completion of the Wilburton Land Use and Transportation Study will include publishing the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Operating Budget Impacts

This program will have no impact on operating expenditures.

Project Map



Schedule of Activities

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	Ongoing	8,500,000

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 8,500,000

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	8,500,000

Total Programmed Funding: 8,500,000
Future Funding Requirements: 0

CD-46 ESI Implementation

Category: **High Quality Built & Natural Env** Status: **Approved Prior**
 Department: **CD** Location: **Various**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
1,330,000	170,000	285,000	250,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000

Description and Scope

This proposal requests funding to implement actions in the updated Environmental Stewardship Plan to support the achievement of the climate, energy, and tree canopy goals.

1) Tree Canopy Implementation: This proposal requests \$45k/year for a tree giveaway program, mini-grant program, and tree planting on public property, to support the achievement of the city's 40% tree canopy goal, with a goal of planting 500 trees per year through this program.

2) Energy Efficiency and Green Building: This proposal includes a technical assistance program for new commercial construction projects to help them increase their energy efficiency. With the unprecedented development and job growth in Bellevue, ensuring all new buildings meet the highest standards of green building is critical for achieving the city's energy conservation and climate change goals. This proposal also requests funding of \$60k/year for a commercial energy efficiency and green building programming, along with \$90k/year in funding for a new home energy retrofit program, to support energy efficiency projects for qualifying low-to medium income residents. This program is essential for reducing energy use in residential buildings to support the achievement of the 30% energy reduction target, and the 80% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

3) Climate Change: This proposal includes \$70k for a climate vulnerability assessment, resiliency planning, and air quality monitoring to occur in 2021-2022. This analysis will help to inform the next Comprehensive Plan update along with capital project planning for infrastructure projects throughout the city.

4) Energy Efficiency in City Facilities and Green Fleet: This proposal includes \$20k/year to support the achievement of the municipal operations climate and energy goals for the plan, to advance green building and energy efficiency in city capital projects and in existing facilities, and to develop a plan for greening Bellevue's fleet.

Rationale

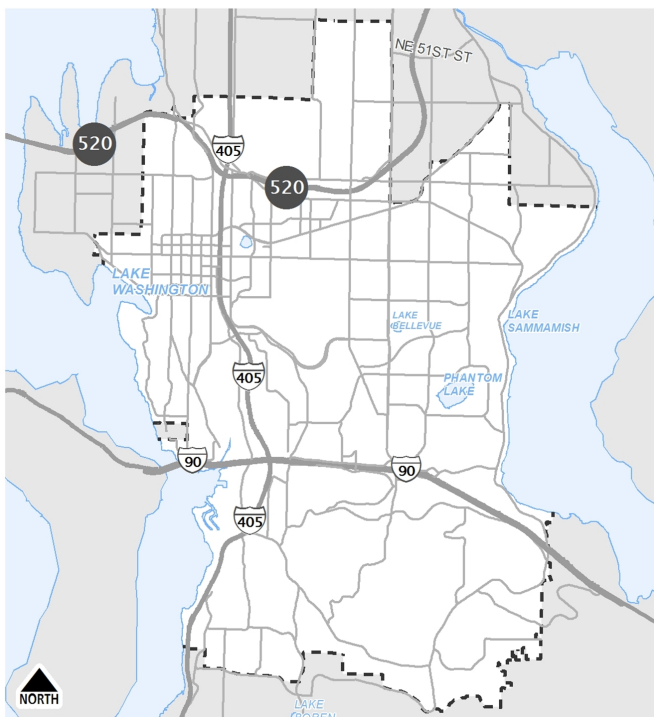
In the 2020 budget survey, Bellevue residents ranked maintaining a high quality built and natural environment as their number one priority. In the 2019 performance measures survey, residents ranked maintaining a healthy environment and "City in a Park" as highly important, with a recommendation to invest further, due to the lower than average satisfaction rating. These factors are critical to Bellevue's 5-Star rating, yet residents are not satisfied with the level of funding for the environment, based on the results of the 2019 performance measures survey.

Environmental Impacts

Any projects resulting from this proposal, such as increased tree planting in the right-of-way, will build upon existing planned capital projects and ensure that operating funds are available to ensure proper maintenance of the investment.

Operating Budget Impacts

This program will have no impact on operating expenditures.

Project Map**Schedule of Activities**

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2018 - 2027	1,330,000

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 1,330,000

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	1,295,000
Operating Transfers In	35,000

Total Programmed Funding: 1,330,000

Future Funding Requirements: 0

CD-50 Major Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Category: **High Quality Built & Natural Env** Status: **New**
 Department: **CD** Location: **Citywide**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
500,000	-	200,000	300,000	-	-	-	-	-

Description and Scope

The Comprehensive Plan is Bellevue's foundational policy document. The plan guides other city plans, programs, and services; neighborhood efforts; capital spending; and regulatory actions. The Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) requires cities planning under the act to adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan that coordinates planning for land use, transportation, housing, infrastructure, and other elements to accommodate projected growth for the next 20 years. The GMA also requires that plans be consistent with county and regional growth plans and policies, be updated on a regular basis called the periodic update (every 8 years), and provide for citizen requests to amend the plan. State law requires regular monitoring of development activity to ensure adequate capacity for projected growth. The Plan Update will conduct a scoping process to identify relevant issues, topics, and concerns of both external and internal stakeholders. The engagement process will apply a community equity lens (in development for 2020) including but not limited to legislative changes, growth targets adopted through the Countywide Planning Policies Update, and other demographic changes from local and regional land use forecasts based on OFM and PSRC data. Additional funding includes (separately funded) steps to achieve environmental goals resulting from ESI work including a potential climate assessment.

Rationale

The need for reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan is compounded by the accelerated nature of growth in Bellevue. Adequate resources for the major update are critical to ensuring sustainable and coordinated growth. The Comprehensive Plan provides updated policy guidance for priorities relating to policy frameworks for designing, funding, and implementing specific capital and operating programs such as affordable housing implementation, park facilities and plan analysis, smart city strategy, neighborhood planning, and other functional plan updates. The plan update also reinforces the basis for actively partnering in regional planning and Regional Growth Strategy implementation in Vision 2050. Funding the major plan update is a unique opportunity to focus an equity lens on the city's changing demographics in light of the 2020 Census. The update will include robust and comprehensive public involvement built with cultural liaisons and translator services. Increasing support for culturally competent outreach is a significant component of ensuring that we are truly listening to and seeking involvement from our diverse communities, and creating open and accessible processes.

Environmental Impacts

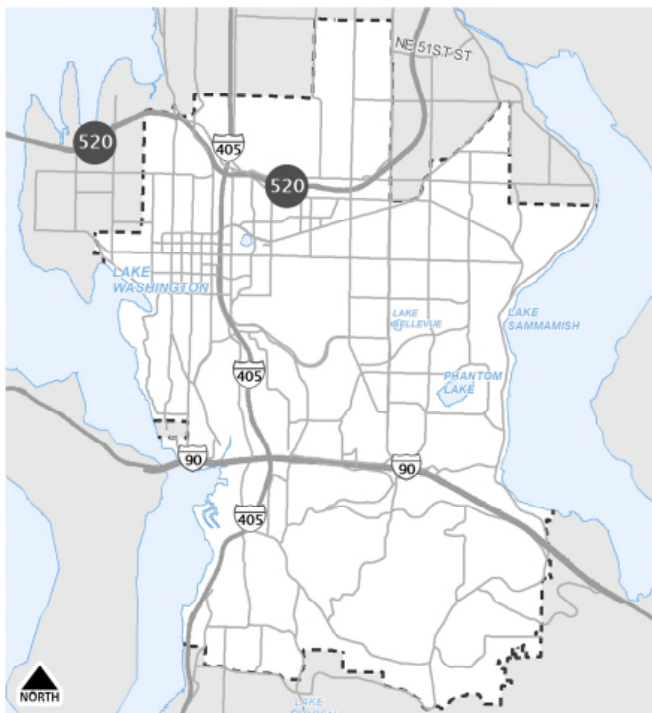
The proposal presumes an accurate level of environmental review through SEPA compliance. The extent of environmental review will be proposed after project scoping is completed to determine if an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted. If the latter, then consultant services will be engaged.

Operating Budget Impacts

This program will have no impact on operating expenditures.

Project Map

Schedule of Activities



Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2021 - 2024	500,000

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 500,000

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
General Taxes & LTGO Bond Proceeds	500,000

Total Programmed Funding: 500,000
Future Funding Requirements: 0