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To: Planning Commission

From: Transportation Commission

Subject: Transmittal of Recommended Draft Transportation Policies for

Wilburton/N.E. 8th Street Subarea Plan

On July 13, 2023, the Transportation Commission approved recommending draft transportation policy amendments for the Wilburton/N.E. 8th Street Subarea Plan to the Planning Commission. These amendments are within the scope of the Wilburton Vision Implementation planning initiative, which considers and determines how the Wilburton Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) is a key component in implementing the citywide growth strategy for housing and jobs for the next 20 years.

Staff met with the Transportation Commission on the following dates:

- July 14, 2022: Overview of the Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative
- March 9, 2023: Review of preliminary guidance for developing policy amendments (vision and goals)
- June 6, 2023: Review of draft transportation policy amendments

Draft transportation policies build from the Citizen Advisory Committee's (CAC) vision in 2018 to realize the Wilburton TOD as "Bellevue's next urban-mixed use community that enhances livability, promotes healthy living, supports economic vitality, and serves the needs of a diverse and growing population". The vision includes a multimodal transportation system that is walkable, well-connected, and supports trail-and transit-oriented development next to Eastrail, the Grand Connection, and East Link. After launching the Wilburton Vision Implementation planning in April 2022, staff have re-affirmed and enhanced this vision through various stakeholder engagement. Amended and new policies support the implementation of these vision elements and align with the long-range transportation framework established within the Mobility Implementation Plan.

The Transportation Commission believes that the draft transportation policy amendments we approved during the July 13, 2023 study session will serve as a valuable framework to inform the design and development of transportation facilities to support the Wilburton TOD vision.