

Wilburton Vision Implementation

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Recommendation

Staff requests:

- approval of draft transportation policies and transmittal to Planning Commission of recommendations
- concurrence on draft internal access concepts



Agenda

1. Recap Wilburton Vision and Previous Direction
2. Staff Recommendation
 - a) Internal access concepts
 - b) Transportation policies



2018 Citizen Advisory Committee Vision & 2022 Council Direction

Per Council direction on 4/25/22, using 2018 vision as the baseline for implementation work through CPA and LUCA

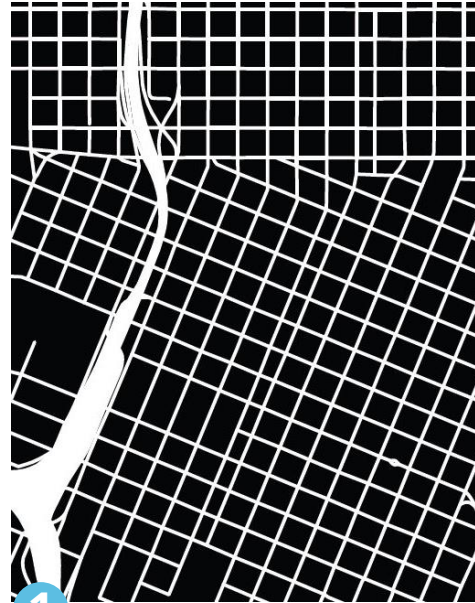


Wilburton Commercial Area Study (2018)

Transportation Commission (6/8)

For refinements to draft policies:

- **Clarify internal access and circulation needed to break up larger blocks and facilitate local access**
- **Clarifying Eastrail access opportunities**



1

Local connectivity and smaller blocks



2

Multimodal connections to and through Wilburton



3

Eastrail as a defining trail and park corridor



Policy Recommendations

S-WI-29

116th Ave NE

**NEW TR-6
NEW TR-8**

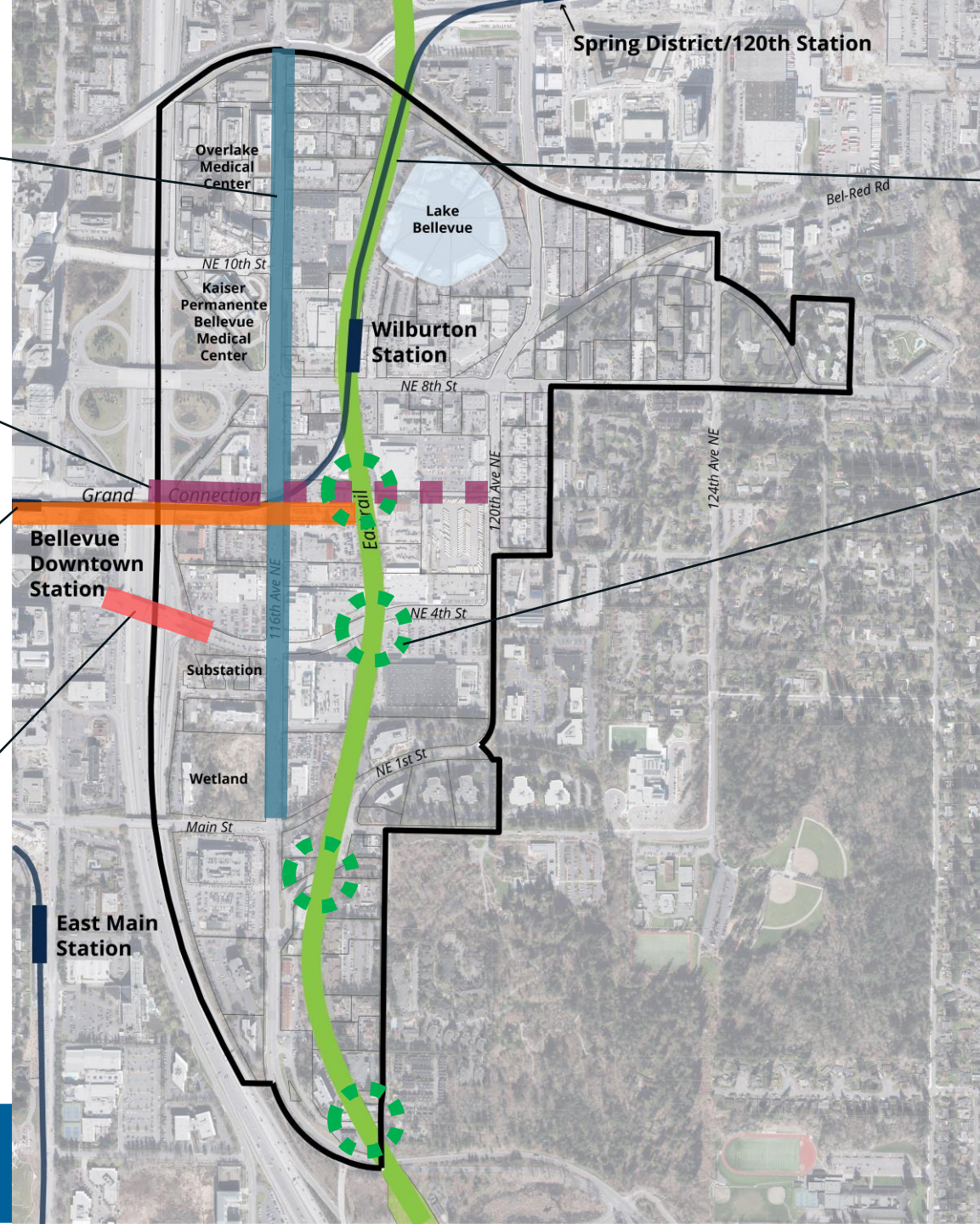
NE 6th St
Extension

NEW TR-13

Grand
Connection

NEW TR-5

NE 4th St I-405
Overpass
Improvements



**NEW TR-7
NEW TR-10
NEW TR-11
NEW TR-12**

Eastrail Corridor

NEW TR-9

Eastrail crossings

**S-WI-25
NEW TR-1
NEW TR-2
NEW TR-3
NEW TR-4**

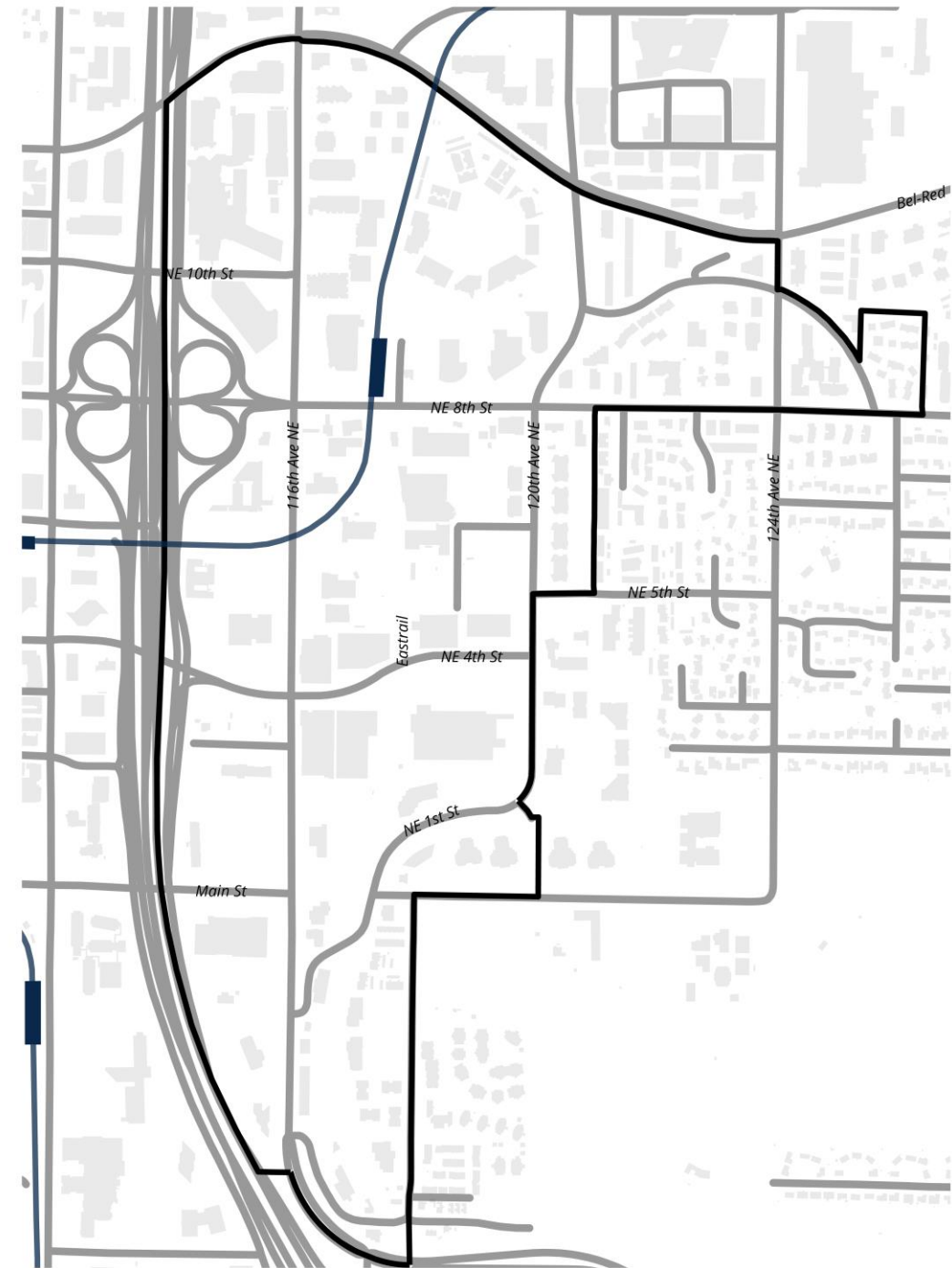
*Applicable to
entire TOD area*

Internal Access Functions

Draft Policies to Modify or Add

S-WI-25	Improve local access and network connections for all travel modes.
NEW TR-1	Support intended future land uses with an integrated system of local access and active transportation facilities.
NEW TR-2	Require new developments to provide internal access corridors to facilitate mobility and livability.
NEW TR-3	Work with developers to avoid locating driveway access from arterials.

Existing Transportation Network



Earlier Concepts



LOCAL STREET

Designed primarily for local access with lower vehicle speeds than on arterials. This is a comfortable space for multi-modal travel.



PEDESTRIAN PATH

Through-block connections and connection to the ERC will create comfortable and safe space for people walking and biking.



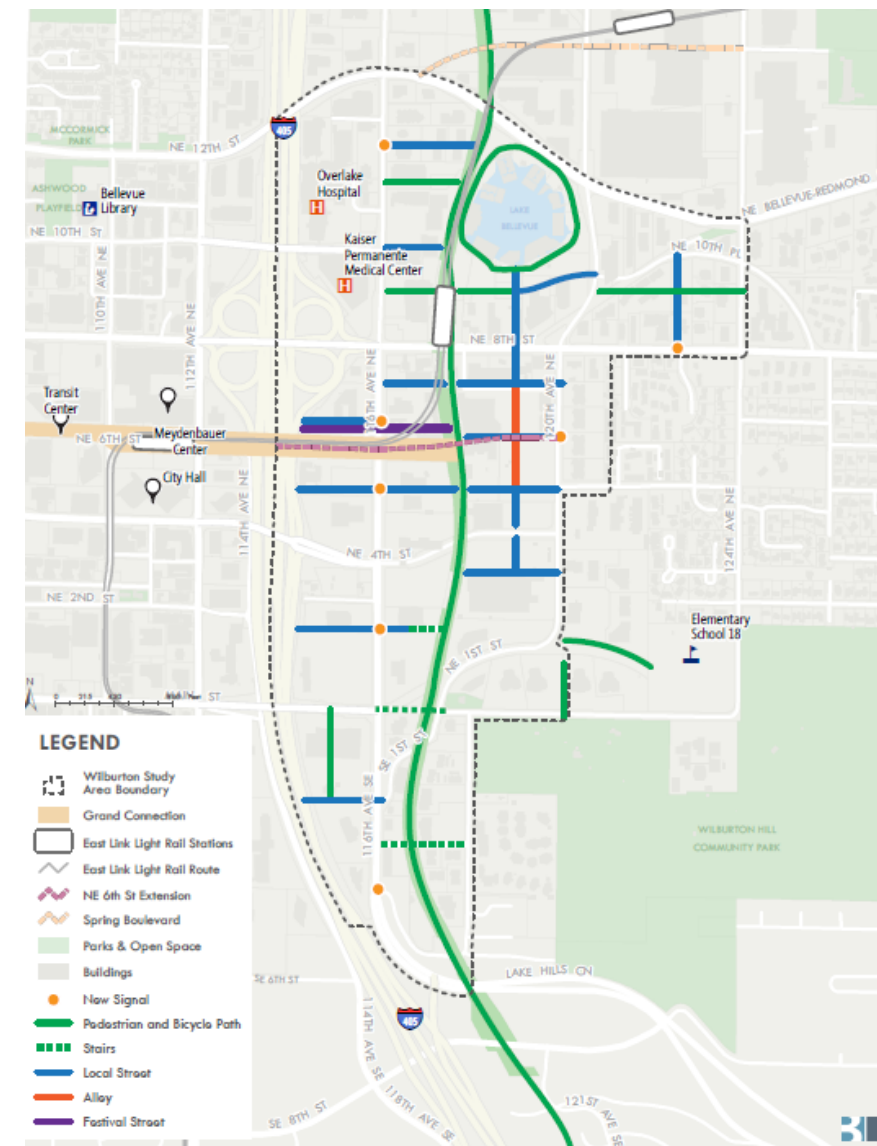
ALLEYS WITH ADDRESSES

Activated alleys are often much more human-scaled than typical streets. Active uses can encourage people to linger.



FESTIVAL STREET

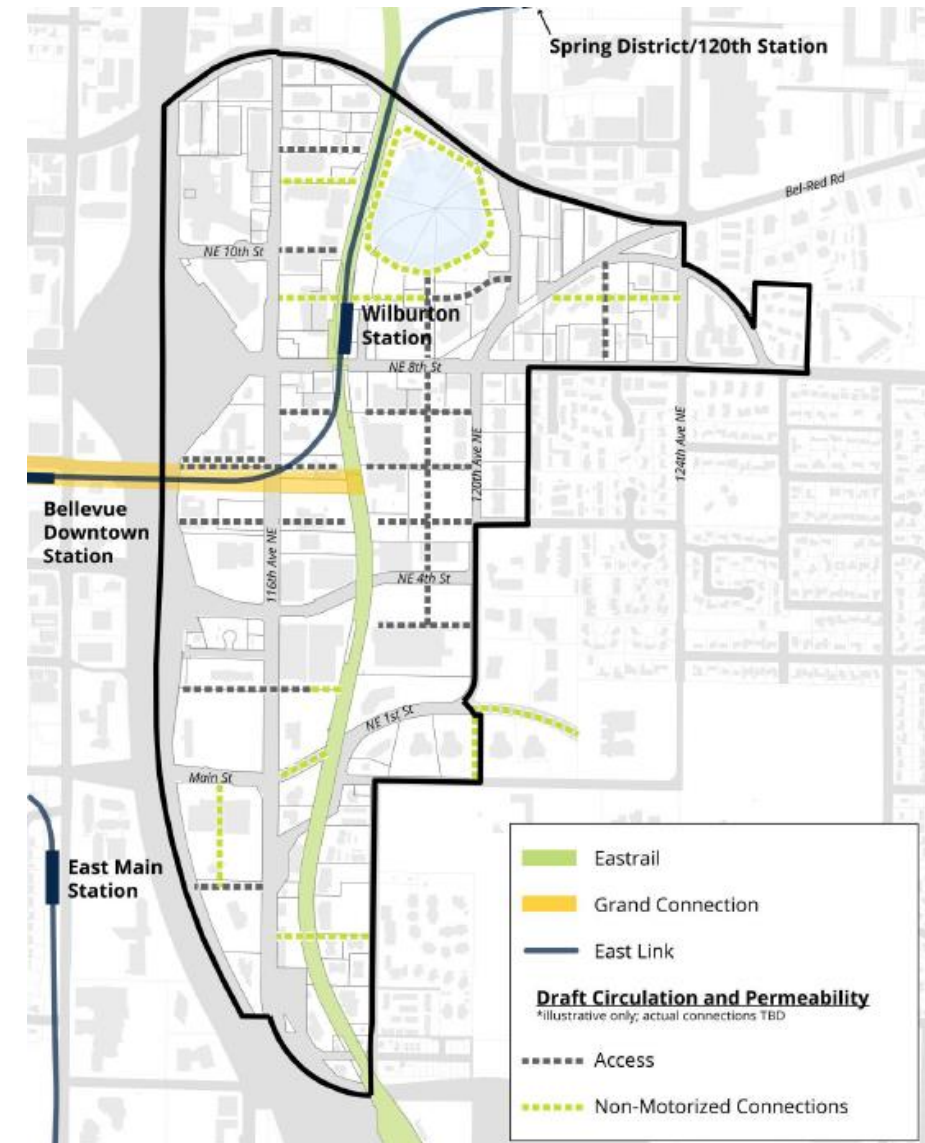
Used as typical vehicle thoroughfares much of the time, festival streets are designed for frequent non-vehicular uses like farmer's markets.



Wilburton Commercial Area Study (2018)

Policy Priorities

- Connections that include and support active transportation modes
- Circulation that balances vibrancy and walkability with parking, emergency, service vehicle access
- Minimizing driveway access points off arterials
- Complementing multimodal investments in 116th Avenue NE, Eastrail, and Grand Connection



Comp Plan & Wilburton DEIS (2023)

Access Functions



Local Access

Public street for vehicular circulation, and would include and support active transportation components



Active Transportation Access

Pedestrian and bicycle use, and emergency/maintenance vehicle access



Flexible Access

Vehicle and active transportation access to support future development

Access Functions



Pedestrian Through-Block

Accessible connections within a block
or development site



Multi-Purpose Path

Separated walking and biking (active
transportation) path adjacent to
street

Discussion

Does the commission concur with this approach for providing internal access functions within the Wilburton TOD?



Internal Access Functions

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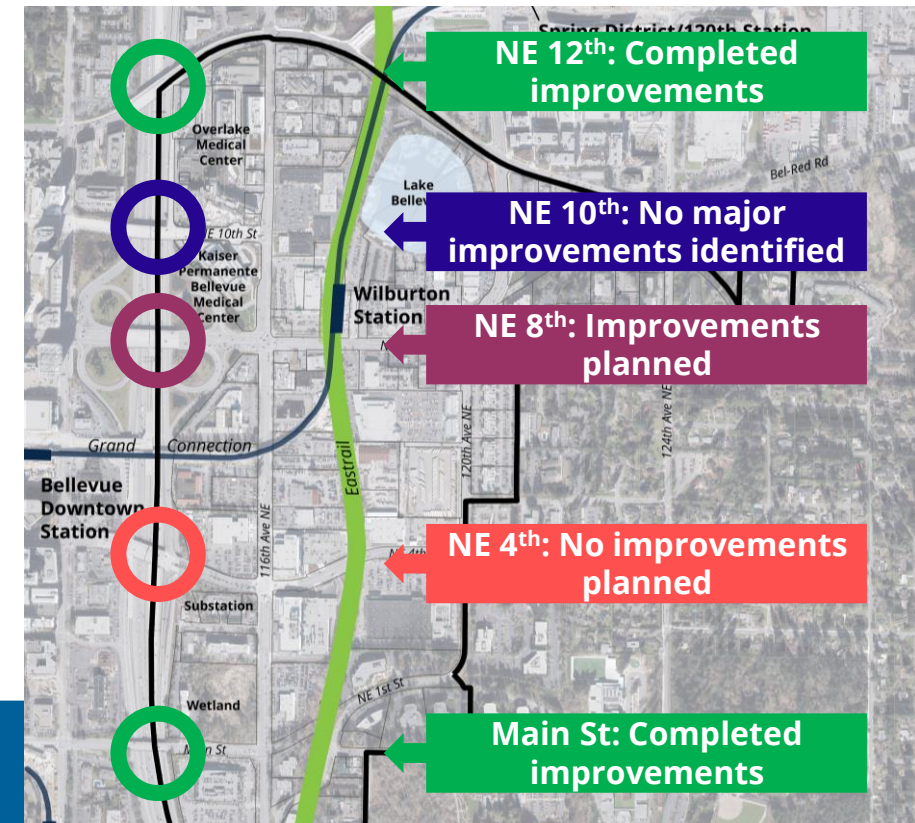
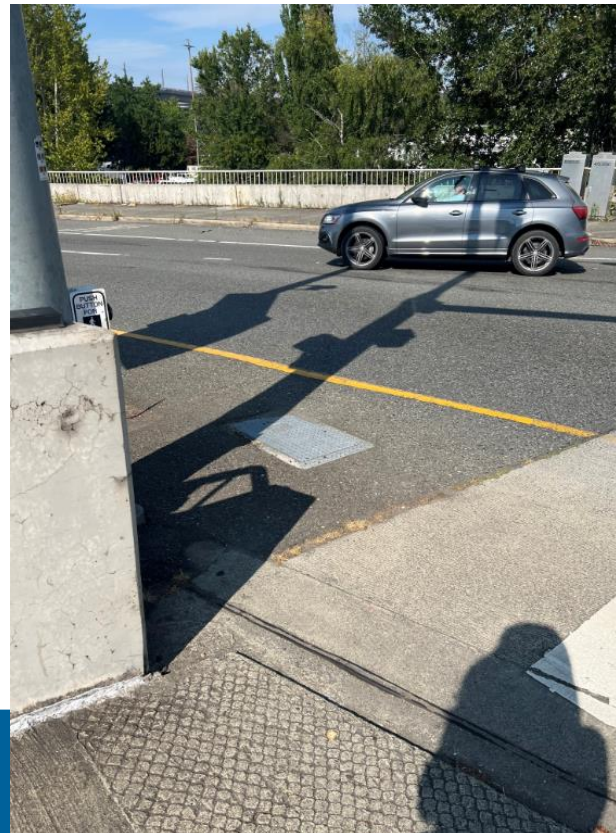
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I-405 Overcrossings

Draft Policies to Add

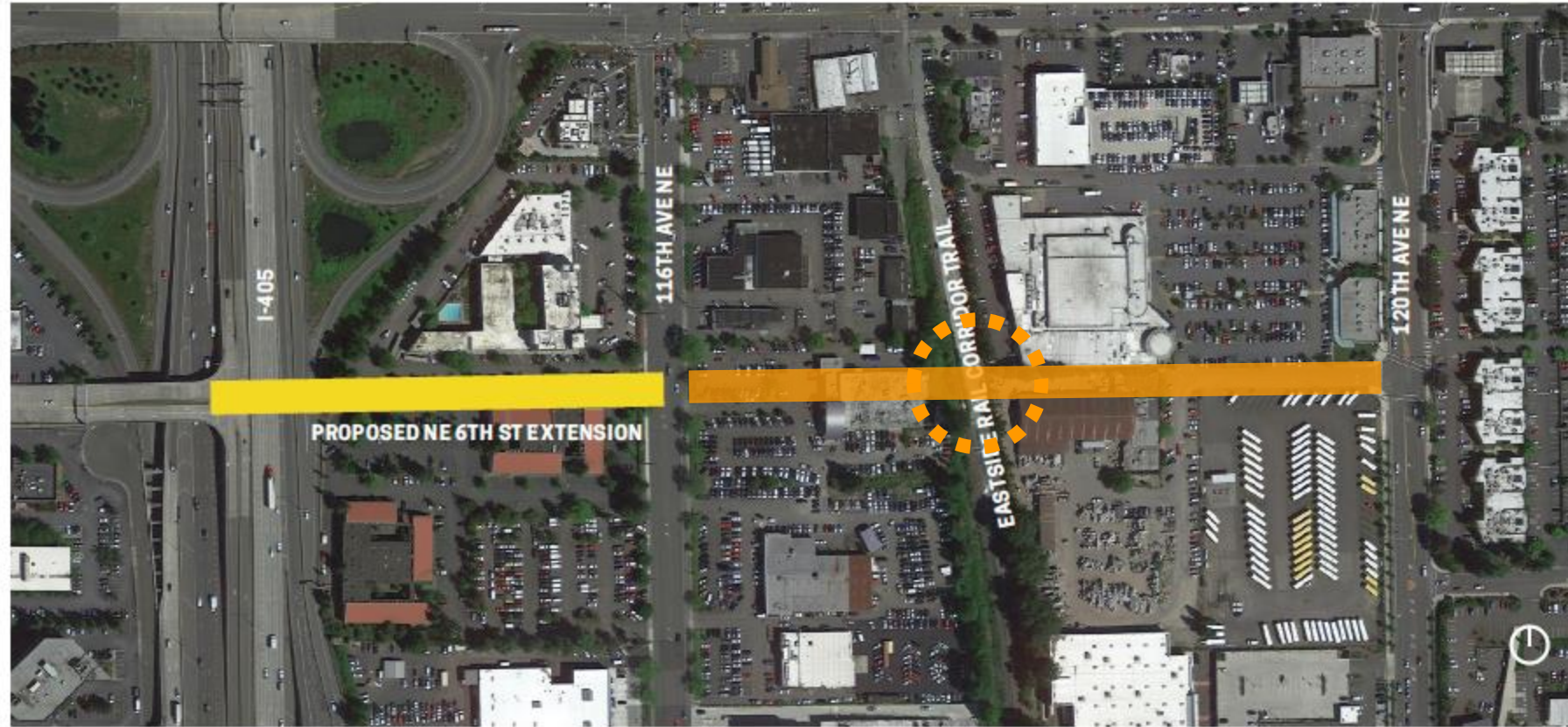
NEW TR-5

Improve the NE 4th Street I-405 overpass to provide safer and more comfortable connections for pedestrians and bicyclists.



NE 6th Street Extension

- Planned to 116th Ave NE for HOV/HOT/transit
- Potential extension of arterial to 120th Ave NE studied in DEIS



NE 6th Street Extension



Arterial Crossing



Local Street Crossing



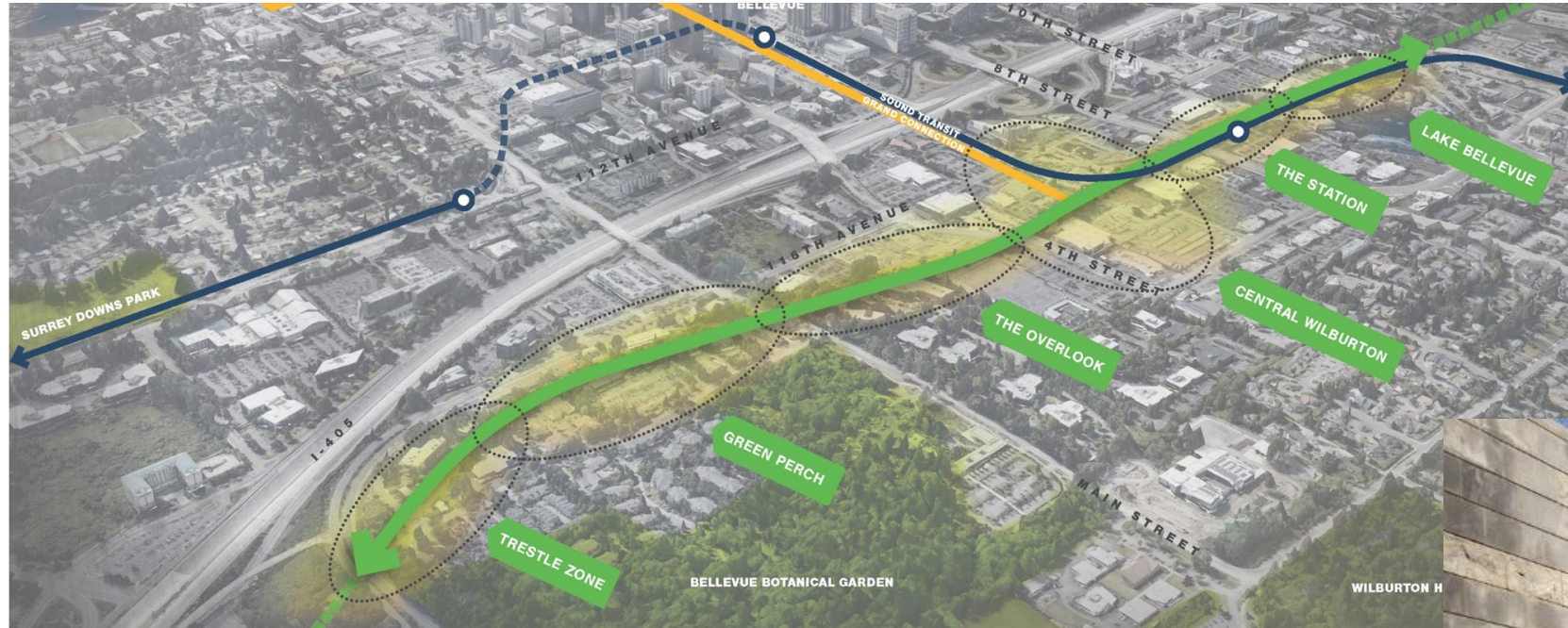
Active Transportation Access

NE 6th Street Extension

Draft Policies to Add

NEW TR-6	Support the planned extension of NE 6 th Street to 116 th Avenue NE for HOV/HOT and Transit access to I-405.
NEW TR-8	Allow for a new Eastrail vehicular crossing only at the NE 6 th Street alignment.
NEW TR-9	Provide a signalized crossing where Eastrail intersects with NE 4 th Street, SE 1 st Street, and SE 5 th Street (<i>and potentially NE 6th Street</i>).

Eastrail Access



Eastrail

Atlanta BeltLine



Eastrail Access

Draft Policies to Add

NEW TR-7	Provide for emergency and maintenance vehicular access to Eastrail.
NEW TR-10	Provide abundant active transportation access to Eastrail that is identifiable and safe.
NEW TR-11	Collaborate with King County to incorporate safety-related design treatments within the Eastrail corridor.
NEW TR-12	Coordinate with adjacent property owners to secure dedicated active transportation access within/and or adjacent to Eastrail.

Wayfinding

Draft Policies to Add

NEW TR-4

Design and implement a wayfinding program to the benefit of people walking, bicycling, and using transit.

NEW TR-13

Implement design components and wayfinding along the Grand Connection to create an accessible and intuitive multimodal connection for all users.



116th Avenue NE Streetscape

Draft Policies to Modify

S-WI-29

Develop 116th Avenue NE with planned bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and landscaping.



*Wilburton
Commercial
Area Study
(2018)*

*Existing
Conditions for
116th Ave NE*



Existing Policies to Repeal

S-WI-26

Require new commercial developments to provide internal streets and adjoining lot connections, where appropriate, to reduce arterial street connections and turning movements.

See Policies: TR-1, TR-2, TR-3

S-WI-31

Recognize the transportation and recreation uses under consideration for the BNSF rail corridor when considering public and private improvements adjacent to the corridor and preserve the opportunity for future multimodal transportation use and access.

See Policies: TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-9, TR-10, TR-11, TR-12

Recommendation

- Approve draft transportation policies
- Approve transmittal to the Planning Commission



Next Steps

Following the release of the FEIS in the fall:

- Planning Commission will receive Transportation Commission draft policy recommendations
- Staff will return to the Transportation Commission to discuss policy implications of NE 6th Street extension



Thank you!

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