



Bike Bellevue Principles

The City Council envisions a well-connected bicycle network for Bellevue that is safe, enhances livability, supports economic vitality, and equitably serves the mobility needs of people of all ages and abilities. The following Council approved principles will guide Bike Bellevue and the allocation of 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program (W/B-85) investments in Downtown, Wilburton, and BelRed and position the city to realize its vision for a bikeable Bellevue.

1. **Safety: Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and minimize conflicts between roadway users through bikeway design.** Consistent with the city's Safe System approach to Vision Zero, Bike Bellevue will implement bikeway designs that provide separation between people bicycling, driving, walking, and rolling.
2. **Connectivity: Implement a connected network of bicycle lanes that facilitate access to major destinations.** Consistent with the city's Complete Streets Policy, Bike Bellevue will implement a connected bicycle network that provides residents, employees, and visitors access to destinations served by the roadway network that is direct and convenient.
3. **Comfort: Design bicycle lanes that maximize separation between motor vehicles and people bicycling on streets with higher speed limits and more vehicle traffic.** Consistent with the Bicycle Network Level of Traffic Stress Vision in the Mobility Implementation Plan, Bike Bellevue corridors should not deter bicycling due to stress, anxiety, or concerns over safety.
4. **Evaluation: Use a data informed approach to evaluate impacts to all modes of travel and design the program to maximize the mobility of all modes.** Bike Bellevue will incorporate data to inform the planning (including investment priorities), design, and operations of cycling infrastructure development and evaluate the effects of projects implemented.
5. **Coordination: Coordinate transportation and land use efforts underway in Bellevue to ensure equity and sustainability outcomes are aligned.** Bike Bellevue will facilitate bicycle access to East Link light rail, the Eastrail project, the Grand Connection project, among other ongoing One City efforts. Bike Bellevue will incorporate and inform the work done by these efforts where appropriate.
6. **Partnerships: Pursue partnership opportunities to advance the implementation of bicycle projects.** Bike Bellevue will coordinate with community stakeholders to identify opportunities where collaboration can help expedite the realization of bicycle facilities.
7. **Engagement: Engage community stakeholders in setting the priorities for Bike Bellevue investments.** A targeted public engagement strategy will provide input on bicycle priorities from a range of stakeholders including residents, businesses, major institutions, under-represented communities, neighboring cities, transportation agencies, and other organizations.
8. **Equity: Promote equity and inclusion in the development and delivery of bicycle projects.** Consistent with the city's Diversity Advantage Plan, Bike Bellevue will center equity, access, inclusion, and opportunity in project delivery.