



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update : Transportation Element Policies

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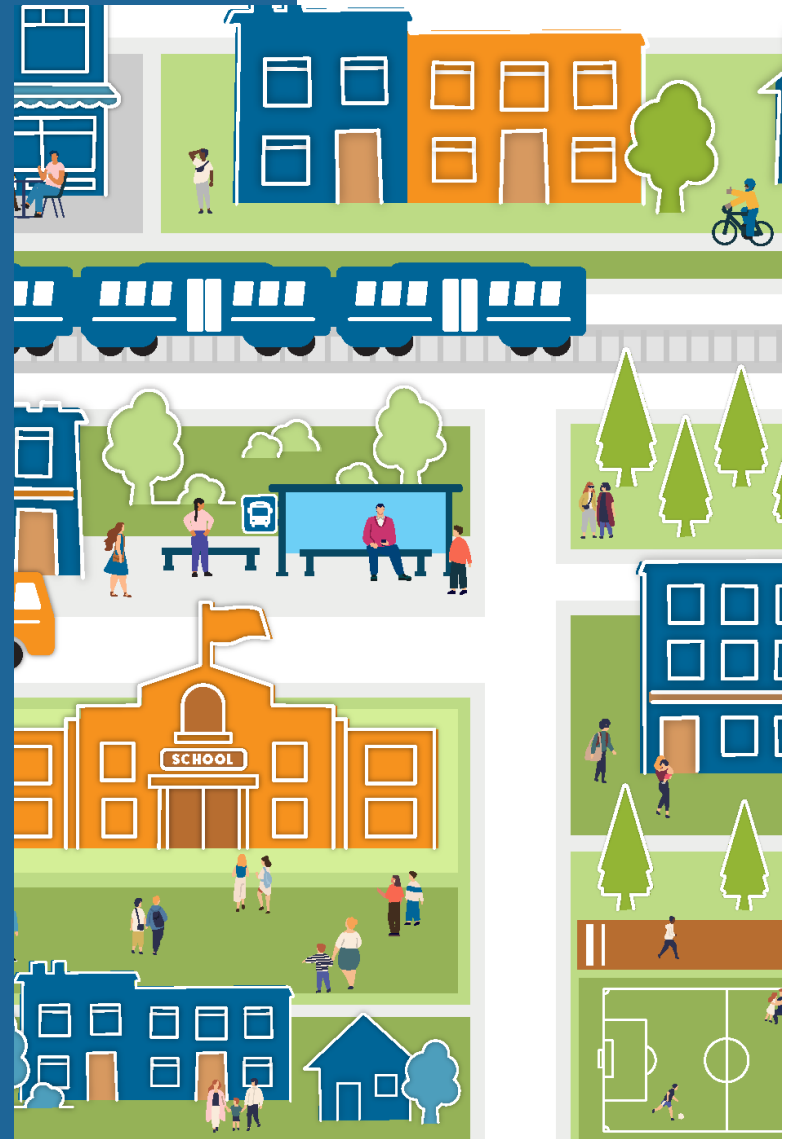
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Information

Review updates to policies
in the Transportation
element of the
Comprehensive Plan





Agenda

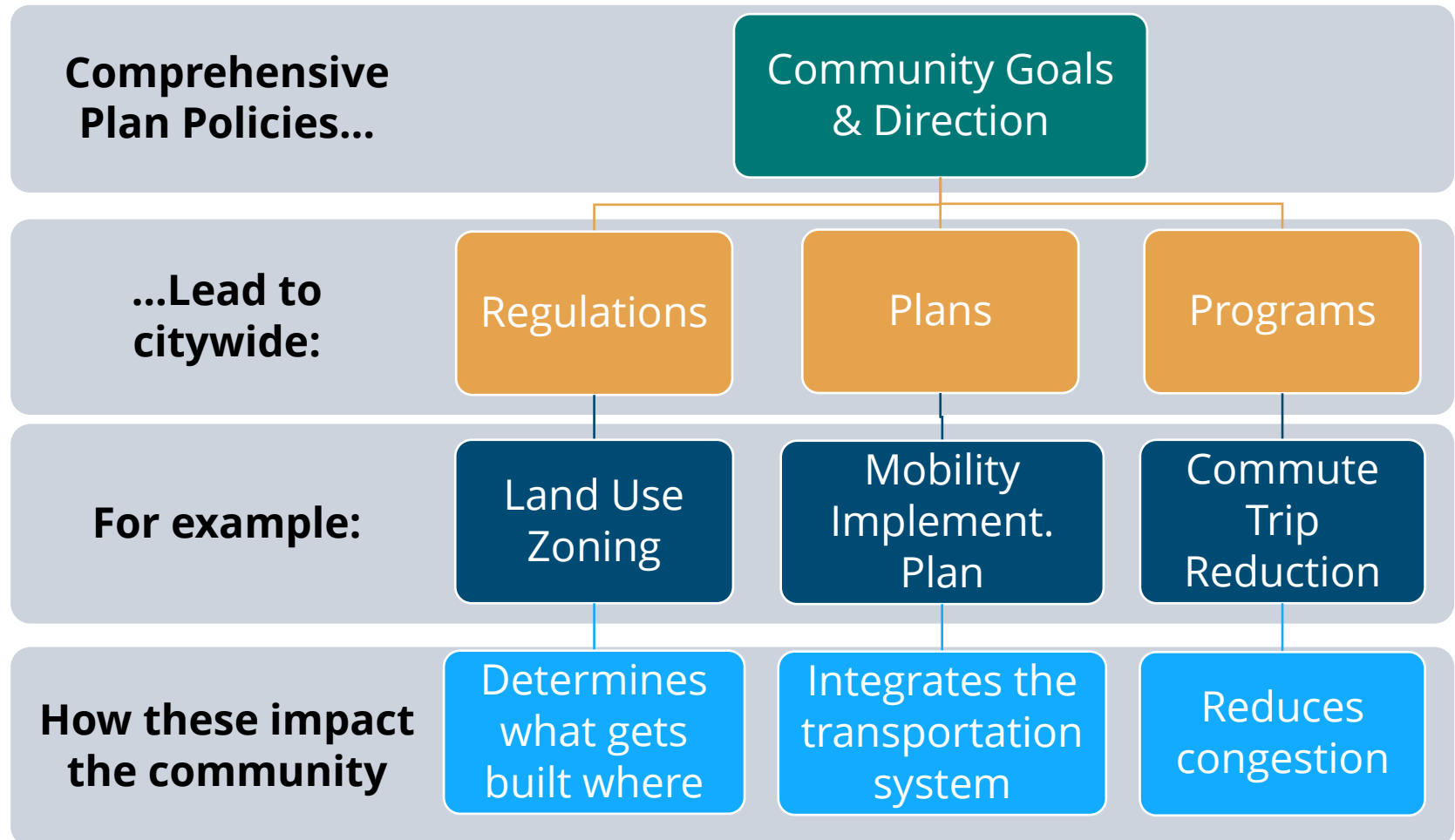
1. Background
2. Recommended Policy Changes
3. Next Steps



Background

- Growth Management Act requirement
- City code (3.63.070.1) directs Transportation Commission to participate in the update with a policy recommendation to the Planning Commission
- Contents of Plan:
 - 20-year vision for growth (2024-2044)
 - Guides City policy, actions and investments
 - Includes Vision and 13 Elements (chapters): Transportation

Background



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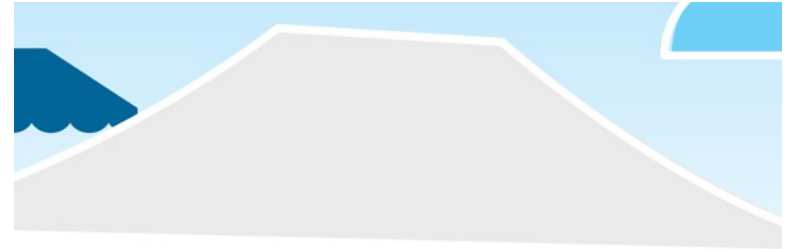
* Q2 2022	Update the Vision
* Q3 2022	
* Q4 2022	Lay the Foundation
Q1 2023	
* Q2 2023	Discuss Options
Q3 2023	
* Q4 2023	Refine Map & Policies
* Q1 2024	
Q2 2024	Recommend & Adopt
Q3 2024	

- **March 10, 2022** – TC reviewed the scope of the update to the element
- **September 8, 2022** – TC reviewed major policy changes
- **November 10 & 22, 2022** – TC reviewed first draft of policy changes
- **May 11, 2023** – TC reviewed DEIS
- **January 11** – TC will review specific changes to the policies in the element
- **March 14** – TC will make a recommendation to Planning Commission on the policy changes in the element

* Transportation Commission Meeting

Background

- Communicated with **over 5,000 community members**
- Targeted outreach to under-represented groups
- Statistically valid survey
- Strategy Team knowledge and experience
- Taking into account:
Existing and future residents & businesses



Background

Community Open House

- January 20, 10am – 1pm
- Jing Mei Elementary

Engaging Bellevue

- Survey opens January 15





Errata

Several policies were misnumbered in the memo. The corrections are below.

Memo Number	Memo Page	Correct Number
TR-54	1	TR-55
TR-66	2	TR-67
TR-68	2	TR-69
TR-79	2	TR-80
(old number) TR-154	2	(old number) TR-156
TR-96	2	TR-97
TR-66	2	TR-67
TR-68	2	TR-69
TR-79	2	TR-80

Memo Number	Memo Page	Correct Number
TR-82	2	TR-83
TR-83	2	TR-84
TR-57	2	TR-58
TR-110	3	TR-111
TR-127	3	TR-128
TR-20	3	TR-21
TR-92 to TR-105	3	TR-93 to TR-106
TR-30	3	TR-31

Response to Commission Recommendations

- Include high-level ideals for street & transit networks
- Retain a policy on cut-through traffic
- Manage parking for transit use
- Provision of short-term bicycle parking
- Promote transit ridership
- Retain policies on noise
- Retain traffic calming and pedestrian safety policies
- Combine some policies

Street & Transit Network

Retain policies that include high-level ideals for how the street network and transit functions in the city.

Policy Number	Change
TR-55	Updated to clarify policy direction and focus on vehicle speed.
TR-67	Updated to clarify policy intent.
TR-69	Retain, unchanged
TR-80	Updated to focus on connections that will be made through ST3 investments.

Cut-through Traffic

Retain a policy on cut through traffic.

Policy Number	Change
(old) TR-156	Redundant with TR-134.
TR-134	Updated to add “study” and “permit” and correct grammar. .

Transit Parking

Manage parking for transit use.

Policy Number	Change
(old) TR-79	Removed because park and ride facilities transit service providers are not planning for park and rides in Bellevue as part of future updates to the transit system.
TR-6	Updated to clarify policy intent of this Transportation Demand Management policy.

Bicycle Parking

Include direction for the provision of short-term bicycle parking.

Policy Number	Change
TR-10	Retain, unchanged
TR-97	Updated terminology

Promote Transit Ridership

Retain language that promotes transit ridership.

Policy Number	Change
TR-83	Updated to remove prescriptive and limiting list.
TR-84	Retain, unchanged

Retain Noise Policies

Retain policies on noise in the Environmental Protection subsection.

Policy Number	Change
(old) TR-145	Redundant with policy TR-143, covered by SEPA

New noise policies in Land Use element and Climate and Environment element.

Pedestrian Safety

Traffic calming and pedestrian safety are important to retain in the policies.

Policy Number	Change
TR-58	Updated language to be consistent with the Vision Zero Strategic Plan.

Combine Policies

Combine some policies to reduce redundancy and focus direction.

- 5 policies added
- Net decrease of 23 policies in the Transportation element

Changes Due to Additional Analysis

- Racially Disparate Impact Analysis
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment

RDI Analysis

Racially Disparate Impact Analysis recommended changes to the following policies.

Policy Number	Change
(old) TR-7	Updated to refer to the Vision Zero Strategic Plan.
TR-111	Updated to be more inclusive of all impacts, could be noise, light/glare, stormwater and other impacts identified in a SEPA evaluation
TR-128	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent. Avoid, minimize and mitigate are SEPA priorities.

Climate Vulnerability

Climate Vulnerability Assessment identified several changes, one of which staff implemented.

Policy Number	Change
TR-31	Updated to add impacts from climate change.

Discussion

Commissioners are invited to provide comments, seek clarification, make suggestions, etc, on Transportation Element policy recommendations:

- Changes based on Commission feedback
- Changes based on additional analysis
- Other discussion of policy changes



Next Steps

1. Staff will address suggested changes
2. Staff will summarize community input
3. Recommend policy changes to Planning Commission at the March 14 meeting





Thank you!

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