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Subject: Transmittal of Recommended Transportation Policies for Wilburton/N.E. 8th Street Subarea Plan

On March 14, 2024, the Transportation Commission approved recommended transportation policy amendments for the Wilburton/N.E. 8th Street Subarea Plan and voted to transmit the recommendation to the Planning Commission. These recommended policy 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 the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update to implement the citywide growth strategy for housing and jobs for the next 20 years.

Staff from the Community Development Department and the Transportation Department met in study session with the Transportation Commission on the following dates:

- **July 14, 2022:** Overview of the Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative in the context of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (CPPU)
- **March 9, 2023:** Review of preliminary guidance for developing policy amendments (vision and goals)
- **June 6, 2023:** Review of draft transportation policy amendments
- **July 13, 2023:** Transportation Commission preliminary recommendation of draft transportation policy amendments and concurrence on internal access concepts
- **November 9, 2023:** Review of updates to draft transportation policy amendments, discussion of TOD access concept map, discussion of evaluation criteria in the CPPU FEIS to inform NE 6th Street extension policy recommendation
- **March 14, 2024:** Review and final recommendation for Wilburton transportation policies. Transmittal to the Planning Commission

Recommended 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 well-connected transportation network that is walkable 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 engagements. Amended and new policies support the implementation of the Wilburton TOD vision and align with the multimodal transportation network established in the Mobility Implementation Plan.

The Transportation Commission believes that the recommended transportation policy amendments will serve as a valuable framework to inform the design and development of transportation network facilities to support the Wilburton TOD vision.