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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Bike Bellevue Transition

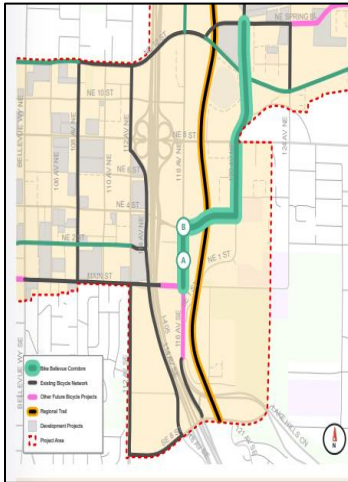
On March 25, 2024, Council provided direction to the Transportation Commission to prepare a recommendation for each proposed Bike Bellevue corridor consistent with the following categories:

- 1) *Corridors that would not require travel lane repurposing that the City would program and implement as soon as possible.*
- 2) *Corridors that have an emphasis on creating connected routes for Bike Bellevue.*
- 3) *If a travel lane is recommended to be repurposed, it will be first evaluated as a trial or demonstration project that will be evaluated using data that will be provided by the Transportation Commission, and a recommendation to repurpose a travel lane would be made only as a last resort.*
- 4) *Prioritize high injury network area corridors.*
- 5) *Corridors that would be deferred to and incorporated into the next update of the Transportation Facilities Plan (2024/25) for citywide consideration, prioritization, and resource allocation.*
- 6) *Corridors that would no longer be considered and provide a rationale as to why.*
- 7) *Corridors that would be implemented as permanent bicycle infrastructure rather than with a rapid-implementation design.*

Consistent with #1 above, Council observed that there are Bike Bellevue corridors that could be implemented without repurposing vehicle travel lanes and expressed support to move ahead with these projects as soon as possible, upon recommendation from the Transportation Commission to the Transportation Director.

At the Transportation Commission study session on April 11, the Commission reviewed the Council direction, with clarifications offered and answers to questions provided by Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, who is the Council liaison.

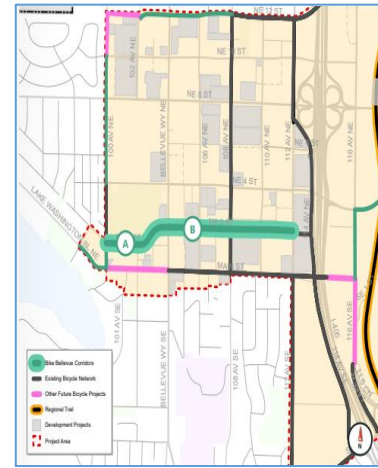
Following discussion of the Council direction and the staff recommendation, Commissioners voted 6-0 to advance the following three corridors, described in the [Bike Bellevue Draft Design Concepts Guide](#), to the Director for implementation:



Wilburton Route



Lake Washington Boulevard



NE 2nd Street Bellevue Way - 112th Avenue

120 th Avenue NE (Corridor #9)	Wilburton Route: Restripe channelization to provide buffered bike lanes while maintaining existing 5-lane cross section.	Approx. \$1.9M
NE 4 th Street (Corridor #9)		
116 th Avenue NE (Corridor #9)		
Lake Washington Boulevard (Corridor #7)	Remove curbside parking on the south side to accommodate a pair of directional bicycle lanes.	Approx. \$600K
NE 2 nd Street (Corridor segment #6B)	Between Bellevue Way NE and 112 th Avenue NE, retain 1 travel lane in each direction to provide one-way directional bike lanes (a mix of conventional, buffered, and separated buffered)	Approx. \$1M

Commissioners reiterated to staff the Council direction to avoid repurposing vehicle travel lanes to accommodate bicycle network facilities.

On June 11, the Commission will be asked to categorize each of the remaining eleven corridors, with a preliminary recommendation to be provided by staff for their consideration.