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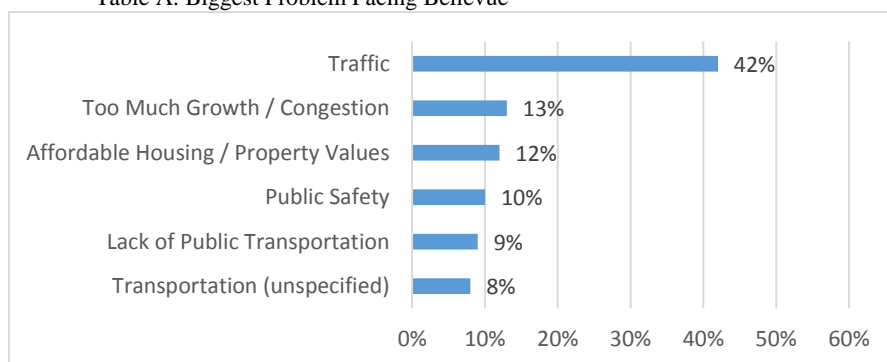
Community Input

In 2014, staff conducted studies and received community input to identify a list of potential Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) throughout the City. The total estimated cost of these projects was \$1.2 billion (2014\$), with the acknowledgement that the list is neither complete nor cost validated beyond the near term. Though some of the identified projects have been acted upon through discrete capital funding or programmatically over the past two years, most remain on departmental lists awaiting prioritization and funding.

In addition to the staff generated list, in order to seek input from residents on priorities and potential improvements, the City performs regular surveys (Attachment F provides internet links to the full surveys.) Through these surveys the residents and businesses of Bellevue have provided feedback on their priorities.

Specifically, one question the budget survey asked residents is “what if anything, is the biggest problem facing Bellevue that you feel the city should do something about over the next two years?” The results are in the table below. Overall, this data is similar to other data regarding top concerns of residents and businesses, though the specifics, percentages and order may shift depending on the audience surveyed.

Table A: Biggest Problem Facing Bellevue



Traffic/transportation/congestion continually rise to the top of any survey the City does. There are several initiatives underway to address including a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) federal loan, reviewing the base CIP for project alternatives, generating new revenue, and working with the City’s partners to find regional solutions. In relation to the above noted priorities, the City:

- In the adopted 2015-2021 CIP completes several capacity projects including Spring Boulevard Zone 1, 120th Avenue corridor, and 124th Avenue corridor, among others.
- If the City is able to secure a TIFIA loan, funds would be used to fast-track the City’s arterial street system connecting to/from and through the BelRed area to coincide with the completion of the East Link light rail system, building out the last major area of the City in need of a full transportation grid. This will assist with local congestion.
- Continues to work with our regional partners in the regional and state discussions to address transit and highway congestion, such as potentially advancing funding for I-405 and SR-520 improvements to better coordinate with the timing of city and Sound Transit investments in the area and improve regional traffic.
- The 2015-2021 CIP currently provides funding of \$1 million annually, which would allow the City to complete approximately 1 mile of sidewalk; in addition the current overlay program

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incorporates approximately 3 mile of bike lanes in 2016. There is more to work to be done to connect the City's neighborhoods.

- The 2015-2021 CIP funded the top three Fire facilities priorities including the purchase of land for a downtown fire station (\$7.2M), the rebuild of Fire Station #5 (Clyde Hill) (\$12M), and seed funding for training center improvements (\$5M). There remains over \$100M of needed projects to meet the full Fire Long Range Plan recommendations.

Two areas of strong community interest concern neighborhood-scale requests such as safe sidewalks, bikeways, and neighborhood protection measures as well as fire station renovations to assure response in the event of major disasters. The write ups below offer opportunities where additional revenue to the City would accelerate needed infrastructure (1) Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity reflecting the direction from the Council Priorities, and (2) Fire Public Safety project in response to the growing number of fire facilities needing renovation and/or replacement.

Neighborhood Safety and Connectivity –

Council Priority #4 (updated 3/16): Continue to implement projects in the neighborhoods, with a focus on safety and connectivity with a particular emphasis on sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming.

Neighborhood Connectivity invests in what connects residents to the places where they want to go – and to each other, improving neighborhood connections across the city and allow for a comprehensive approach to enhancing Bellevue's rights of way for people who choose to walk and/or bike. Local sidewalks, trail and bike projects will provide safe routes desired by neighborhoods to connect to schools, parks, transit and other services. These connections enhance the quality of life in Bellevue and provide residents the opportunity to safely travel and recreate. Supplementing existing neighborhood safety and maintenance programs accelerates the building of safe pedestrian/bike crossings and neighborhood traffic safety needs, as well as ensuring system facilities are maintained in a timelier manner. These projects will help the city progress in the direction of the Vision Zero objectives under Resolution 9035.

Below are examples of projects that could enhance Neighborhood Connectivity. These examples are here to allow the reader to understand the types of projects only in a concrete way. Staff have provided three examples in each category.

Neighborhood Safety Category - examples could include among others:

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program	<i>Speed/Traffic mitigation in neighborhoods</i>
Downtown Mid-Block and other Crossings	<i>Mid-block and lighted crossings</i>
Accident Reduction Program	<i>Rapid response to potential accident issues</i>

Sidewalk and Trail Maintenance Category – examples could include among others:

	Providing Access to:
140 th Ave NE Boardwalk – BelRed to NE 20th	<i>Parks, trails, shopping</i>
I-90 Trail Repair – Eastgate to Sunset Elementary	<i>Parks, trails, shopping</i>
134 th Ave NE Trail Repairs – Bridle Trails	<i>Trails, transit</i>

New Sidewalks/Trails Category – examples could include among others:

	Providing Access to:
128th Avenue - SE 7th to NE 2nd	<i>Schools, parks, trails</i>
SE 34th Street Sidewalk	<i>Schools, parks, trails</i>
158th Pl SE - SE 6th to Main St	<i>Schools, parks, transit, shopping</i>

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New ITS Safety and Traffic Management type Projects, which will be updated in the updated ITS Master Plan.

New Bike Facilities – Projects identified in BRIP – examples could include among others:

108th Avenue SE - SE 30th St to Main St	<i>Bike lane/sharrows</i>
108th Avenue NE - Main St to NE 12th St	<i>Bike lane/sharrows</i>
108th Avenue NE - NE 12th St to NE 24th St	<i>Neighborhood greenway</i>

Public Safety Infrastructure - Fire Department Station Construction/Renovations

Public Safety is always rated as a primary concern by City residents. Bellevue Fire has a long tradition of excellence, as evidenced by its performance in preventing, preparing for, and responding to emergencies, its strong public image, as well as its reputation among partners and peers in the region. By monitoring demands for service, response times and other performance statistics, and adjusting response capabilities accordingly, the City can continue to provide the same level of emergency services in the future.

A key component of the response capabilities is the provision of adequate facilities to serve a growing community that ensures equitable service to all areas of the city as it develops, and ensures that the fire stations are available to the community in case of a major disaster. An evaluation of current station locations in light of current and projected changes in development and population as well as an assessment of all fire facilities by Schreiber Starling & Lane Architects in the department's long range facility plan dated June 2014 provided the project list below.

Fire Department Station Projects

Remodels/Expansion:	Replacement/New:
Station 1 – Downtown/West Bellevue	Station 4 – Factoria/Somerset
Station 2 – Eastgate/Lake Hills/ W. Lk. Samm.	Station 5 – NW Bellevue (currently funded in CIP)
Station 3 – Crossroads/NE Bellevue	Station 6 – Bridle Trails/Wilburton
Station 7 – Wilburton/Woodridge	Station 10 – Downtown (property acquisition funded in CIP at \$7.23M)
Station 8 – Eastgate/Cougar Mtn.	Department Warehouse
Station 9 – Newcastle/Newport Hills	Training Center (currently \$5M in CIP)
	Station 10 – Downtown Fire Station

Finally, the Council Priorities (Attachment H) provided clear direction on several large capital projects which are not noted within the resident survey data, but will advance the city's objectives regionally, nationally and internationally. These projects are underway and in early stages of work such as the Grand Connection, a Cultural Center, Civic Center, among others. Additional projects and opportunities may be identified by Council for inclusion on this list.