

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Motion to approve the East Main Station Area Plan as recommended by the East Main Citizen Advisory Committee and direct staff to pursue implementation of the recommendations through the appropriate methods, including referring code and policy amendments to the Planning Commission with the additional City Council direction provided in Attachment 1.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The CAC recommendations in the Plan are not presented in order of priority and there is no specific funding identified. Any recommendations with fiscal implications will go through appropriate budget and/or work program approval processes before final implementation, including Council approval where necessary.

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

The CAC recommendations in the Plan are supported by and further implement several policies in the Transportation Element of Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan:

TR-7. Ensure that land use changes near high capacity transit stations are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, recognizing that:

1. Transit may support more intense development around some stations;
2. Transit supportive design and orientation may be implemented without changes to land use intensity; and
3. Land use plan map changes would be precluded in existing single family designations and environmentally sensitive areas.

TR-89. Plan and implement high capacity transit service within Bellevue in a manner that advances the adopted land use vision by:

1. Optimizing ridership, system performance, and user convenience;
2. Providing exceptional pedestrian and bicycle access to stations; ...
6. Protecting the character and livability of neighborhoods, including adequate ingress and egress to the neighborhood.

TR-92. Work with neighborhood groups, business owners, other stakeholders, and transit providers to identify and fund improvements that can be constructed efficiently in conjunction with transit projects.

TR-93. Protect residential neighborhoods adjacent to high capacity transit facilities from spillover impacts, including parking and cut through traffic, resulting from system construction and/or operation, using techniques such as residential parking zone programs and traffic calming measures. Monitor the outcomes of these efforts and make adjustments as needed to ensure continued effectiveness.

### **DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL**

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City Council received a briefing during the study session on July 11, from Scott Lampe, Chair of the East Main CAC, and staff. Council approval of the Plan is required in order to refer the code and policy amendments to the Planning Commission and to refer implementation of the other recommendations to the appropriate departments and programs.

### **BACKGROUND**

The July 11, presentation to City Council included an overview of the CAC process for engaging the public, analyzing the issues, considering alternatives and formulating a set of recommendations that are consistent with the complementary sets of guiding principles developed by Council and by the CAC (see Attachment 1). City Council expressed appreciation for the CAC's work and additional direction for the Planning Commission regarding amendments to the land use code and related policies. The additional direction is included in Attachment 1 and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission along with the Plan, including the CAC recommendations. The remaining recommendations will be referred to the appropriate departments to include in their work programs and/or future budget processes.

It is important to note that City Council approval of the Plan does not commit to funding any of the recommendations at this time. Implementation will involve adding capital projects to future transportation facility plans or capital investment plans, amending existing policies, or incorporating items into department work programs. Any strategies with fiscal implications will go through appropriate budget and/or work program approval processes before final implementation, including Council approval where necessary.

Council action on the Plan was deferred pending completion of the environmental review process (SEPA). The SEPA process was completed on July 21, 2016 at the conclusion of the appeal period with no appeals being filed. Staff is recommending Council approve the Plan.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Motion will become effective immediately upon Council adoption.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Approve the East Main Station Area Plan and direct staff to pursue implementation of the CAC recommended strategies, with the additional direction from City Council, through the appropriate methods – e.g. capital projects, plan and policy amendments, prioritizing and incorporating into department work programs.
2. Provide alternative direction for staff follow-up.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

**MOTION**

Move to approve the East Main Station Area Plan as recommended by the East Main Citizen Advisory Committee and direct staff to pursue implementation of the recommendations through the appropriate methods, including referring code and policy amendments to the Planning Commission with the additional City Council direction provided in Attachment 1.

**ATTACHMENT**

City Council Direction to Planning Commission