

December 11, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance adopting the Complete Streets (17-109009 AC) 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue, pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW (Growth Management Act, as amended) and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; and establishing an effective date.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan establishes City policy. Though there is no direct fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this amendment, implementation may influence future decision making and proposed investments. Investments outside of the scope of the current biennial budget may be proposed in future budget processes for Council approval.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Growth Management Act

The Growth Management Act states that comprehensive plans may be amended no more frequently than once per year (with limited exceptions) so that the cumulative effect of the proposals can be considered. The effect of such review is to keep the plan current and relevant.

Comprehensive Plan

Should the City amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate amendments resulting from the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program? Bellevue's annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program includes privately-initiated amendment proposals that have advanced into Final Review, and City-initiated amendments by action of the City Council under LUC 20.30I.130. B.1.

BACKGROUND

Council reviewed details of the Planning Commission's recommended approval of the 2017 plan amendments at the November 27 Study Session, including Complete Streets (17-109009 AC), to amend the Transportation Element, which will fully support a Complete Streets program in Bellevue by amending seven existing policies and adding narrative language in the Transportation Element, and adding a new graphic text box in the Comprehensive Plan document.

Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

To be consistent with past City Council direction, action on the 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are considered by Ordinance, together with the action on a separate general Ordinance covering the amending actions to the Comprehensive Plan itself.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted, this Ordinance becomes effective on December 21, 2017.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance adopting the Complete Streets (17-109009 AC) 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue, pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW (Growth Management Act, as amended) and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; and establishing an effective date.
2. Direct staff to modify the proposed amendments pursuant to Council direction and adopt the amended Ordinance.
3. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6395 adopting the Complete Streets (17-109009 AC) 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue, pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW (Growth Management Act, as amended) and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; and establishing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6395

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N/A