

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6395

AN 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.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue on December 6, 1993 as subsequently amended, as required by the Growth Management Act of 1990, as amended; and also adopted the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Chapter 35A.63 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act authorizes the City to, among other things, amend the Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council initiated a proposal to amend the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan to embed Complete Streets into consideration of all modes of travel in the planning, design, implementation, maintenance, and operation of the city's transportation systems, using a Complete Streets framework to ensure safe, reliable mobility options and access for all modes and users of these systems, for consideration with the 2017 annual Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held public meetings and a public hearing pursuant to legally-required notice on the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and has recommended approval with one text addition to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered and discussed the proposed annual amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (Chapter 43.21C RCW) and the City Environmental Procedures Code (Chapter 22.02 BMC); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the foregoing; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council's recommended amendments to the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan regarding Complete Streets, which are set forth in Attachment A to this ordinance, are hereby adopted.

Section 2. The City Council finds that the 2017 Complete Streets CPA has met the Comprehensive Plan amendment decision criteria contained in the Land Use Code (Part 20.301); that the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other goals and policies of the City; that the amendment addresses the interests and changed needs of the entire City as identified in its long-range planning and policy documents; that the amendment addresses significantly changed conditions since the last time the pertinent Comprehensive Plan map or text was considered; that if a site-specific amendment, the subject property is suitable for development in general conformance with adjacent land use, the surrounding development pattern, and with zoning standards under the potential zoning classifications; and that the proposed amendment demonstrates a public benefit and enhance the public health, safety and welfare of the City.

Section 3. The City Council finds that public notice was provided for all 2017 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as required by LUC 20.35.400 for Process IV amendments to the text of the Land Use Code and Comprehensive Plan.

Section 4. The Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to Chapter 35A.63 RCW, to the same extent and in the same respect as the Comprehensive Plan required by the Growth Management Act of 1990, as amended, is amended consistent with Section 1 of this ordinance and the separate ordinances referenced therein.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication. This ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

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12/8/2017

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 and  
signed in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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John Stokes, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Lori M. Riordan, City Attorney

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Catherine A. Drews, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

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Kyle Stannert, City Clerk

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## Attachment A Complete Streets CPA

### Transportation Element

#### BELLEVUE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

##### Complete Streets

*Introductory narrative:* The transportation system in Bellevue provides safe and reliable mobility options for people to travel throughout the city. A Complete Streets network enables equitable access for all people and all travel modes. Each street in Bellevue is unique, and each street must serve a range of users with a design that is compatible with the context of the corridor and community. Complete Streets may also create great places that encourage people to gather in public spaces.

The Transportation Element supports a complete, connected, and resilient multimodal transportation system. City staff incorporate Complete Streets best practices and consider all roadway users and all modes of travel as they scope project concepts, plan for alternative approaches, design the preferred solution, build the project, then maintain and operate the project.

A Complete Streets network approach provides access for all modes along convenient alternate routes in situations where it is not possible, practical, or desirable to incorporate facilities for all modes on a particular street.

The Transportation Director maintains and updates a Transportation Design Manual that incorporates best practices to implement a Complete Streets approach, using design guidance from professional organizations such as the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

### GOALS & POLICIES

#### GOAL

To scope, plan, design, implement, operate, maintain and enhance a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system to serve all members of the community.

#### Mobility Management

**TR-20.** ~~Manage~~ Scope, plan, design, implement, operate, and maintain a complete and the multimodal transportation system in a corridor approach within and across Mobility Management Areas.

**TR-22.** Implement and prioritize transportation system improvements to meet the multimodal level-of-service standards, Complete Streets goals, and other mobility targets for all transportation modes, recognizing the range of mobility needs of each corridor and Mobility Management Area.

**TR-23.** Coordinate improvements and operations among travel modes and provide facilities to support people who are making connections between modes.

**TR-26.** Increase system connectivity for all modes by providing for ~~roadway, vehicular, transit,~~ pedestrian, and bicycling facilities connections to create a Complete Streets network throughout the city in newly developing and redeveloping areas.

**TR-32.** Utilize multimodal level-of-service standards for transportation corridors that reflect the range of available and intended mobility options.

## **Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation**

**TR-104.** Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with other mobility options in scoping, planning, designing, implementing, operating ~~developing~~ and maintaining the transportation system.

## **Neighborhood Protection**

**TR-147.** Evaluate neighborhood impacts and Complete Streets implementation opportunities as part of corridor and subarea transportation studies.

## WHAT IS A COMPLETE STREET\*

- **Roadway Users and Modes** – Complete Streets are for people of all ages and abilities walking, bicycling, and using public transit, and for those driving private automobiles, freight and delivery vehicles, and emergency vehicles.
- **Projects and Phases** – Complete Streets applies on the public rights-of-way and easements for all project phases including scoping, planning, designing, implementing, operating, and maintaining the transportation system.
- **Clear, Accountable Exceptions** – The conditions for granting exceptions are specific and require approval from the Transportation Director.
- **Network Connectivity** – Complete Streets promotes a comprehensive, integrated, connected network for all modes.
- **Design** – Complete Streets uses a best practices approach and practices balance and flexibility to accommodate the needs of all roadway users.
- **Community Context** – Complete Streets solutions complement the context of the corridor and surrounding community.
- **Performance Measures** – Complete streets performance is measured against adopted level-of-service standards and mode-specific plans including the Traffic Standards Code, Downtown Transportation Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, and the Transit Master Plan.

*\*Adapted for Bellevue from the National Complete Streets Coalition*