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Transportation Commission

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May 23, 2019

RE: Main Street Bike Lane Project

Honorable Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers:

Transportation Commission members are honored by your trust and confidence in selecting us to oversee the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative (PBII). In this capacity, we have been guided by Council's program principles, Comprehensive Plan policies, and 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan as we collaborate with staff and the community to advance the PBII scope of work.

At our March 28, 2019 meeting, with a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed, the Transportation Commission _____ to implement a bicycle lane on Main Street that establishes a continuous east-west connection to the 108th Avenue NE bikeway. The Commission recommendation is informed by the _____. To assist the Commission in its evaluation of Main Street alternatives, staff addressed the following considerations:

- Provided additional details on the existing Main Street bike lane and explained that the decision to incorporate these bike lanes did not result in an adverse impact to traffic operations at the Bellevue Way intersection.
- Described opportunities to modify the Main Street bike lane alternatives to reduce projected vehicle delay experienced at the 108th Avenue NE intersection.
- Provided an assessment of NE 2nd Street as an alternative east-west bicycle connection through Downtown as compared to Main Street.
- Explained that WSDOT's I-405 Bellevue to Renton project would not impact the viability of implementing a rapid build bicycle lane on Main Street between Bellevue Way and 108th Avenue NE.
- Confirmed that Bellevue staff will conduct a limited before-and-after assessment of the Main Street bike lane project.
- Presented analysis that showed that the 108th Avenue NE bike lanes and the proposed Main Street bike lanes when considered together represent a repurposing of 1.7% of the total lane miles in Downtown (total: 41 miles).
- Explained the implications of the new Vulnerable user/Safe passing legislation on vehicle capacity.

Commissioners voting in favor of the Main Street bike lane determined that: _____.

Commissioners voting against the Main Street bike lane determined that: _____.

Sincerely,

Lei Wu
Chair, Transportation Commission