Bellevue Way SE HOV – 112th Ave SE 'Y' to South Bellevue P&R Design Options Analysis

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Today's Agenda: Informational Only

Provide update on the Bellevue Way SE HOV project

Present Design Options analysis

Next steps and schedule

- Open House on January 19th
- Transportation Commission on February 9th
- Return to Council in February/March to seek recommendation on a preferred option

Project Background

History / Evolution of Project

- >Studied in the past by the City since 2000
- ➤ Was studied as part of East Link cost savings alternative during 2009-2011
- ➤ Council direction in 2015 for further study and 30% design and environmental documentation

Consistent with Comprehensive Plan and Subarea plans

Consistent with Bellevue 2014 Transit Master Plan

Consistent with Transportation Facility Plan

Future Changes Near Bellevue Way SE

- East Link will expand the South Bellevue P&R
- East Link will build SB HOV lane from P&R to I-90
- WSDOT is adding EB and WB HOV lanes on I-90 to replace express lanes



Bellevue Way SE Southbound HOV Project



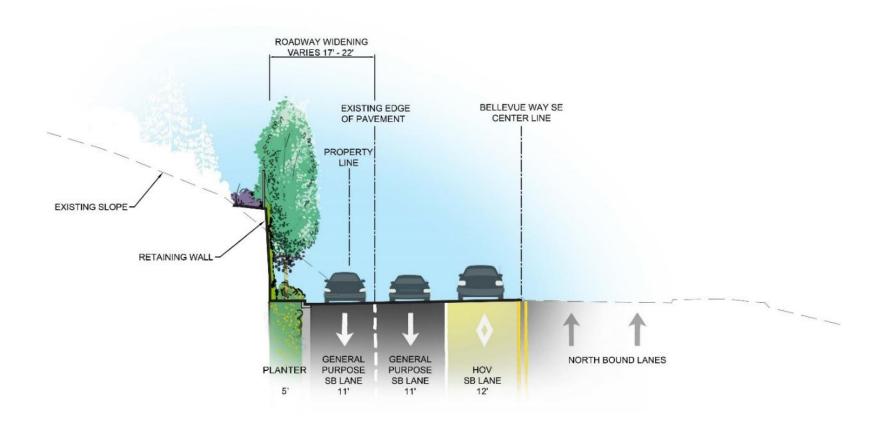
Project Objectives as defined in CIP:

- Reduce traffic congestion in PM peak
- Reduce delay in services for buses
- Improve multi-model access

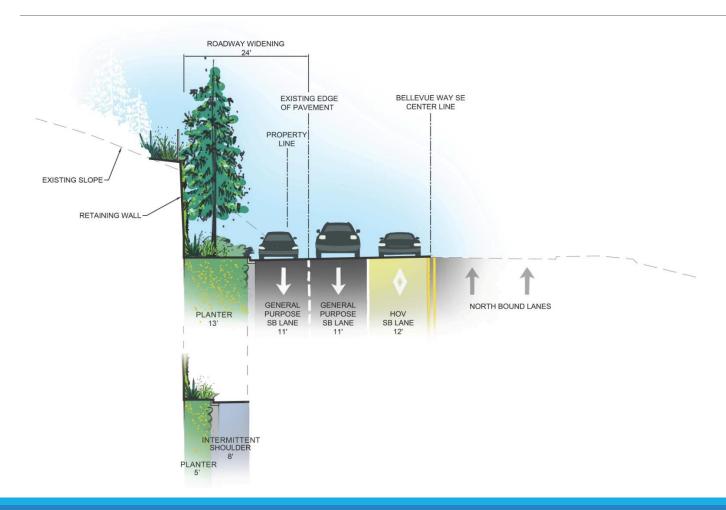
Public Involvement: To Date

- **►** Newsletter to introduce the project: March 2016
- **►** Small group community briefings: Spring 2016
- **→ Public Open House and Online Open House: June 2016**
- **►** Incorporated community feedback: Summer/Fall 2016

SB HOV Project Roadway Width: Narrow Section



SB HOV Project Roadway Width: Wide Section



SB HOV Project: Traffic Study

Existing Traffic (Pre-East Link):

- Corridor currently operates close to roadway capacity
- Existing SB queues in the PM peak regularly extend from the I-90 ramp to Winters House and beyond.
- P&R has 519 stalls; it overflows every weekday

Future Traffic (After East Link):

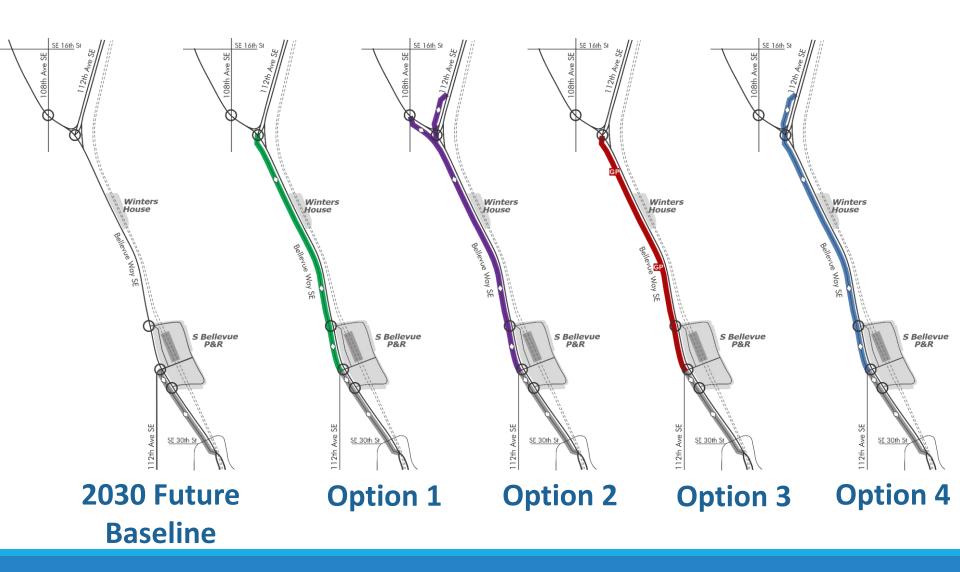
- Expanded P&R to 1,500 stalls at Light Rail Station
- A second signalized intersection to P&R and Light Rail Station
- Southbound HOV lane from Bellevue P&R to I-90
- ➤ More corridor congestion expected in the future, expected to grow 2% per year

SB HOV Project: Traffic Study

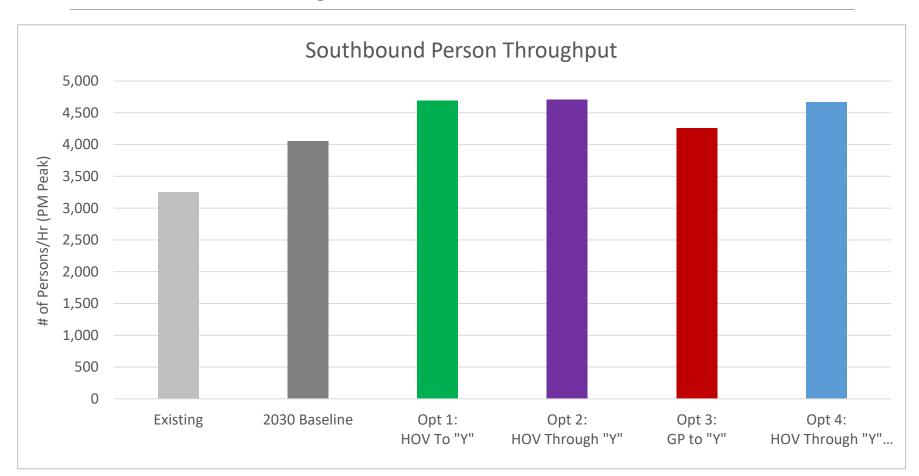
Future Traffic (with project in 2030):

- ➤Increases person throughput
- Reduces travel times for transit and HOV
- Improves multi-modal access to P&R: transit, carpool, and vanpool
- ➤ Improves transit reliability
- Improves SB Bellevue Way traffic operation/may reduce cut-through traffic through the neighborhood

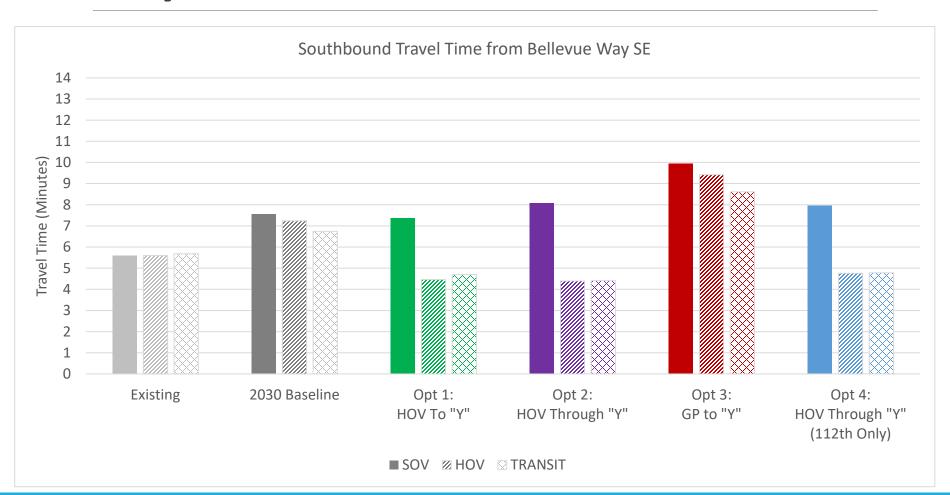
Traffic Study: Options Modeled



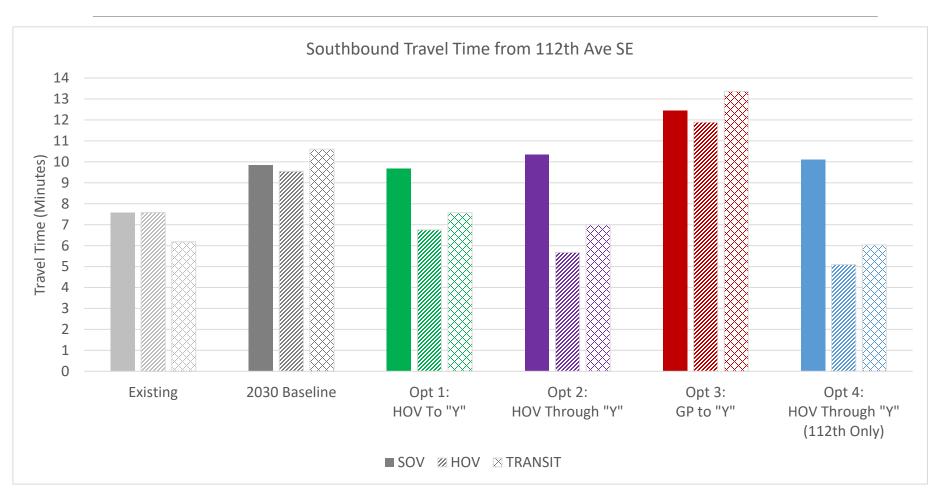
Southbound Person Throughput on Bellevue Way SE



Southbound Travel Time from Bellevue Way SE



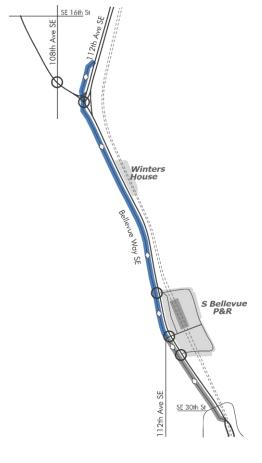
Southbound Travel Time from 112th Ave SE



Comparison of Throughput & Travel Time Savings

| | 2015 Existing Conditions | 2030 Future Baseline | Option1: HOV to "Y" | Option 2: HOV through "Y" | Option 3: GP Lane to "Y" | Option 4: HOV through "Y" 112th Only |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Throughput | Throughput | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 2,284 | 2,164 | 2,488 | 2,493 | 2,281 | 2,463 |
| People | 3,252 | 4,056 | 4,691 | 4,708 | 4,256 | 4,670 |
| Change in Travel Times (From Bellevue Way) | | | | | | |
| SOV | 5.6 min | 7.5 min | -0.2 min | 0.5 min | 2.4 min | 0.4 min |
| HOV | 5.6 min | 7.2 min | -2.8 min | -2.8 min | 2.2 min | -2.5 min |
| Transit | 5.7 min | 6.7 min | -2.0 min | -2.3 min | 1.9 min | -2.0 min |
| Change in Travel Times (From 112th Ave) | | | | | | |
| SOV | 7.6 min | 9.9 min | -0.2 min | 0.5 min | 2.6 min | 0.2 min |
| HOV | 7.6 min | 9.5 min | -2.8 min | -3.9 min | 2.3 min | -4.5 min |
| Transit | 6.2 min | 10.6 min | -3.0 min | -3.6 min | 2.8 min | -4.6 min |
| Annual Travel Time Savings (\$) | | \$1,387,075 | \$1,347,535 | -\$1,951,067 | \$1,477,686 | |

Option 4: Best Performed Option



| Option | 4 |
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| Option 4 | | |
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| Narrow | Wide | |
| \$30,800,000 | \$40,000,000 | |

Option 4: Proposed Phasing Scenarios



Comparison of Throughput & Travel Time Savings

| | 2015 Existing Conditions | 2030 Future Baseline | Option 4: HOV through "Y" 112th Only | Option 4A: 320-ft HOV | Option 4B: HOV to Winters House |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Throughput | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 2,284 | 2,164 | 2,463 | 2,243 | 2,434 |
| People | 3,252 | 4,056 | 4,670 | 4,146 | 4,585 |
| | | | Change in Travel | Times (From Belle | evue Way) |
| sov | 5.6 min | 7.5 min | 0.4 min | -0.5 min | -0.9 min |
| HOV | 5.6 min | 7.2 min | -2.5 min | -1.0 min | -2.5 min |
| Transit | 5.7 min | 6.7 min | -2.0 min | -0.6 min | -1.9 min |
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| Transit | 6.2 min | 10.6 min | -4.6 min | -1.0 min | -2.2 min |
| Annual Travel Ti | me Savings (\$) | | \$1,477,686 | \$542,061 | \$1,451,715 |

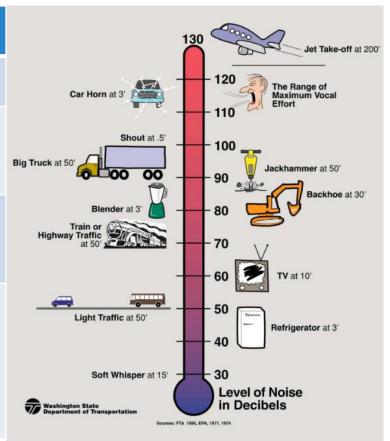
Noise Study

- Noise levels are a major concern to residents in the area
- The South Bellevue Station Area Plan included the following strategy:

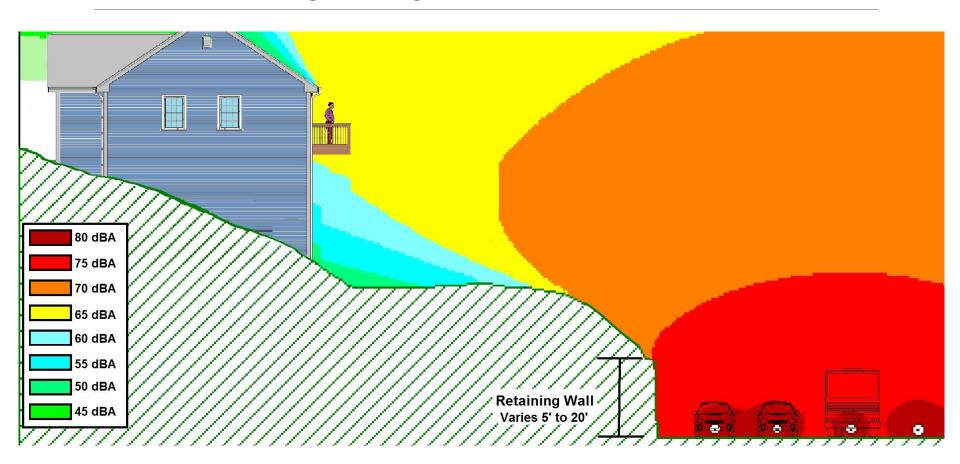
Evaluate the feasibility and cost of constructing sound attenuation along west side of Bellevue Way as part of an additional HOV lane study.

Noise Study: Results

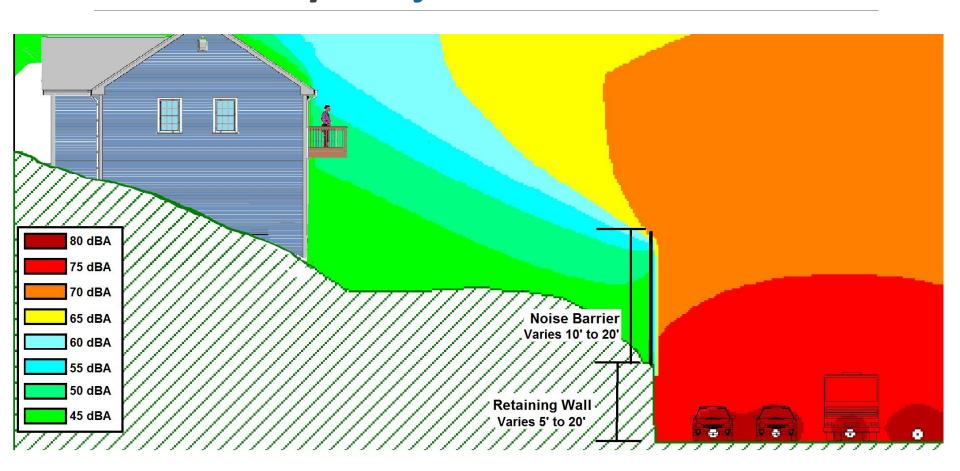
| Condition | Noise Level |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Existing Noise Level | 64 to 69 dB |
| Without Project (w/growth by 2030) | Add 0 to 1 dB |
| With Project (No Noise Wall) | Change -2 to 2 dB |
| With Project (10' to 20' Noise Wall) | Reduce by 2 to 7 dB |



Noise Study: Project without Noise Barriers



Noise Study: Project with Noise Barriers



Next Steps

- **Public Open House: January 19, 2017**
- ➤ Online Open House: January 11 thru January 31, 2017
- **►** Transportation Commission feedback: February 9, 2017
- **►** Incorporate community feedback: February 2017
- Return to City Council: February/March 2017