

# COMPLETE STREETS

## A Complete Streets Ordinance For Bellevue

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# Complete Streets Ordinance

**Staff seeks Council direction to bring a Complete Streets Ordinance for adoption on September 19**

# Complete Streets Ordinance

**Transportation Commission** recommends the Council approve a Complete Streets Ordinance

- *Recommendation by a Complete Streets Special Committee*
- *Unanimous approval of full Commission on September 8, 2016*

# Complete Streets Ordinance for Bellevue

## Ordinance would:

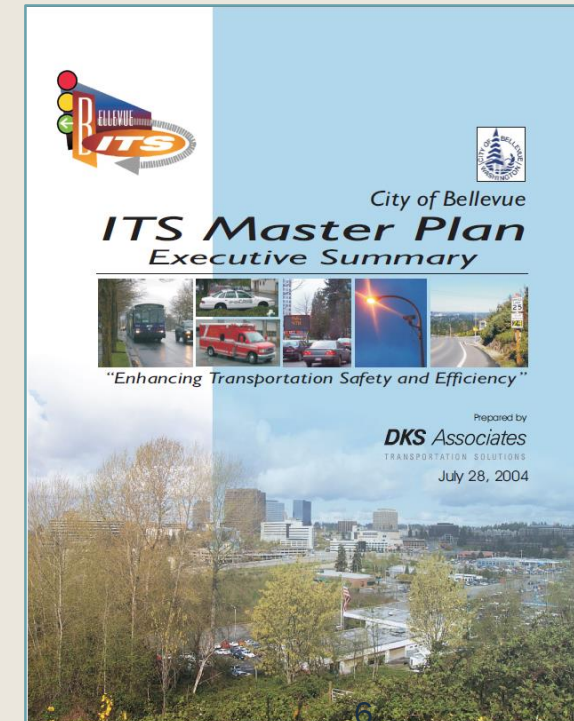
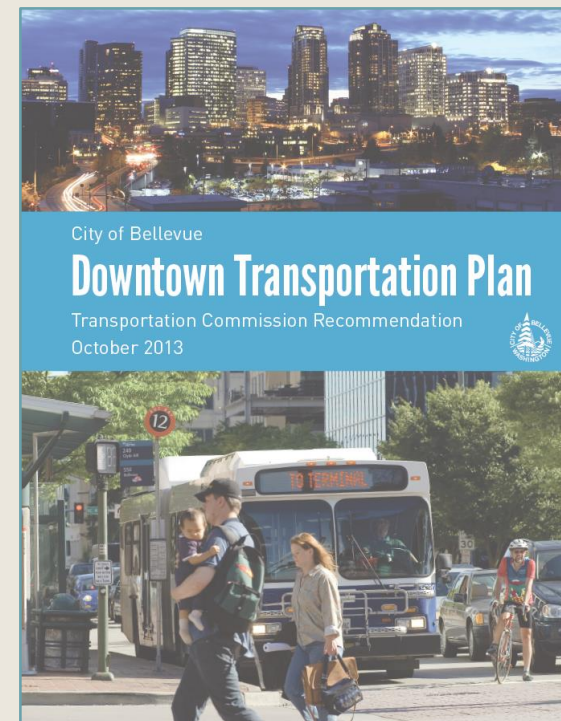
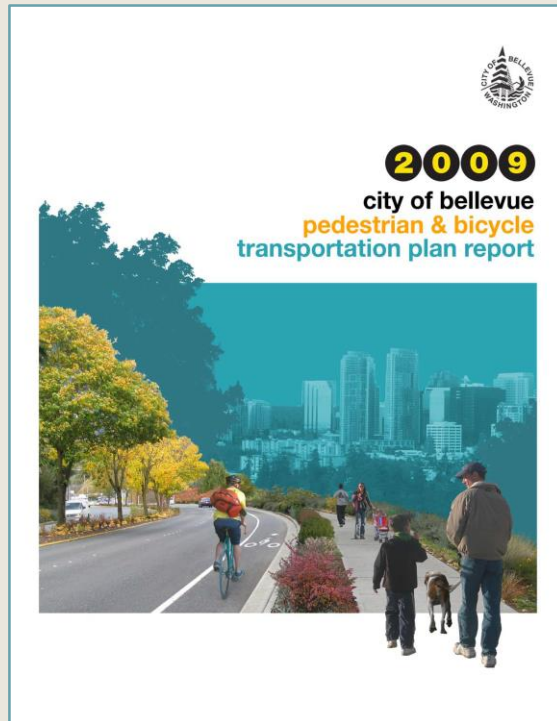
- Adopt a new Complete Streets section in Bellevue City Code (Transportation Development Code)
  - *Plan for a complete streets network*
  - *Provide for exceptions*
  - *Utilize latest design guidance*
- Request Transportation Commission study the Comprehensive Plan to determine if new or amended policies are needed for 2017

# Complete Streets Description

- **Complete Streets:** May be a corridor or a transportation network that is scoped, planned, designed, built, operated and maintained to enable safe access for all users.
- **RCW 47.04.320(1)** states that <Complete Streets> ordinances should “provide safe access to ... bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users.”

# Complete Streets in Bellevue

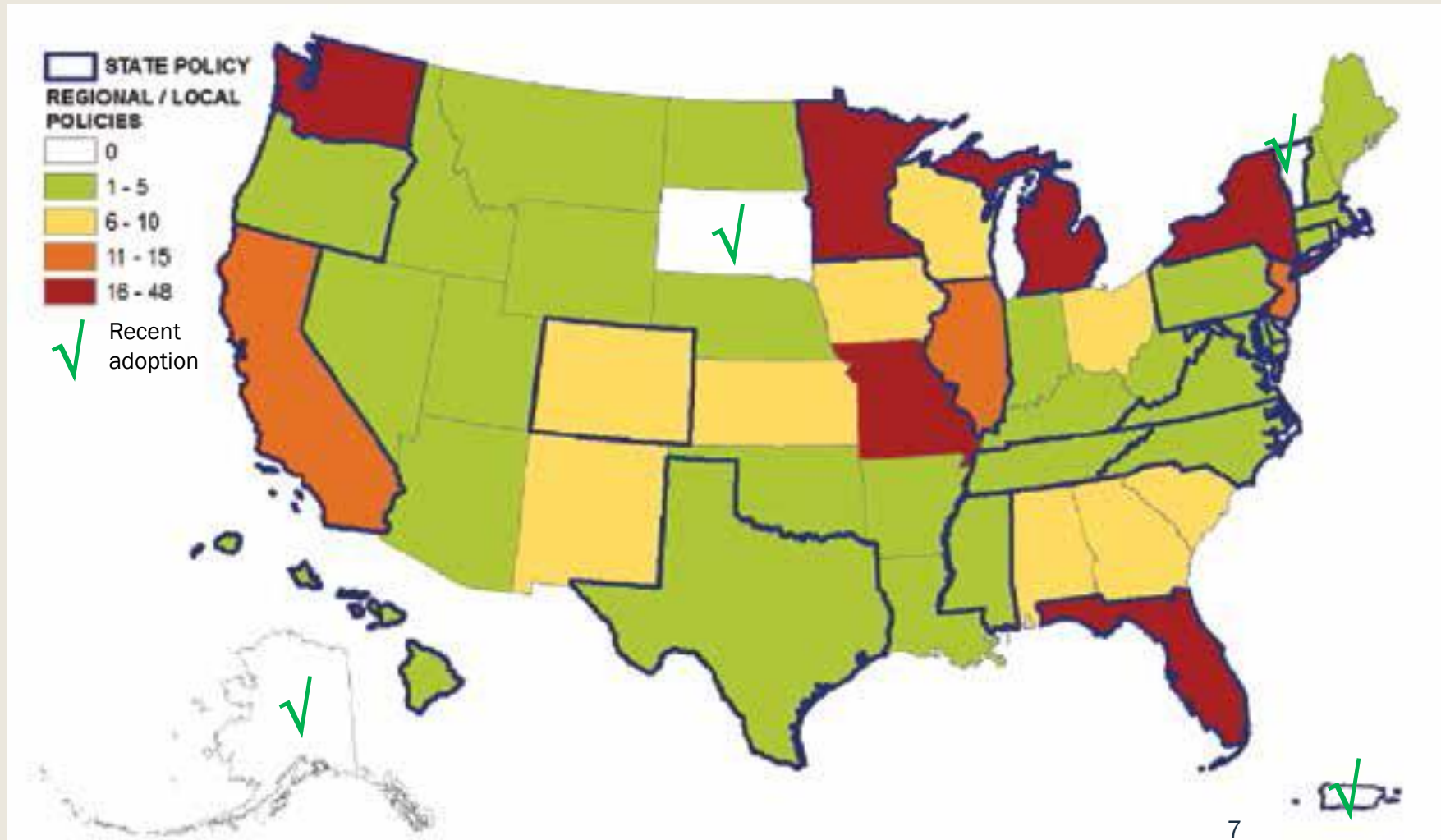
- Concept not new to Bellevue – Integrated and sustained Complete Streets ethic embedded in plans, policies and implementation
- A Complete Streets ordinance and policy framework would help to better organize, coordinate and prioritize efforts





# Complete Streets

**Complete Streets** is a national movement adopted and implemented by more than 899 state and local governments



# 56 Complete Streets Jurisdictions in Washington

Bellevue

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- Aberdeen
  - Airway Heights
  - Algona
  - Anacortes
  - Battle Ground
  - Bingen
  - Bremerton
  - Burien
  - Burlington
  - Carnation
  - Colfax
  - Coulee City
  - Darrington
  - Davenport
  - Deer Park
  - Des Moines
  - Edmonds
  - Electric City
  - Ephrata
  - Federal Way
  - Fircrest
  - Grandview
  - Ione
  - Issaquah
  - Kent
  - Langley
  - Leavenworth
  - Mabton
  - Moses Lake
  - Mountlake Terrace
  - Ocean Shores
  - Pomeroy
  - Quincy
  - Redmond
  - Renton
  - Republic
  - Ridgefield
  - Rosalia
  - SeaTac
  - Seattle
  - Sedro Woolley
  - Snoqualmie
  - Soap Lake
  - Spokane
  - Sunnyside
  - Tacoma
  - Toledo
  - Toppenish
  - Tukwila
  - Union Gap
  - Wapato
  - White Salmon
  - Wilbur
  - Winthrop
  - Pierce County
  - Spokane Regional Transportation Council

As of September 12, 2016



# Complete Streets Award Program

- May 2016 - Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) introduced the Complete Streets Award Program to encourage jurisdictions to adopt and implement Complete Streets policy
- Award is flexible money, available to any city or county in Washington state that has adopted a Complete Streets ordinance
- Demonstrate integrated and sustained ethic of planning and building streets using context sensitive solutions to accommodate pedestrians, transit riders, bicyclists, and motorists.



# Complete Streets Award Program



## Program Goals

- Incentivize local adoption of a complete streets design ethic.
- Create a powerful incentive beyond the limitations of available funding.
- Allow cities and counties to self-direct how funds are spent in order to most effectively build local projects that reflect the complete streets ethic.
- Minimize processing and acquisition costs.

*“\$500,000 for cities and counties with highly-integrated policies and a track record of complete street project design and development”<sup>10</sup>*

# Complete Streets Award Program

- To be eligible for a Complete Streets Award, a jurisdiction must have an adopted complete streets ordinance
- 54 cities and one county in Washington meet this eligibility requirement (*as of September 12, 2016*)
- Bellevue has policies, plans and projects that demonstrate an integrated and sustained complete streets ethic, however...
  - *Those efforts are not enough to satisfy the eligibility requirement of having a Complete Streets ordinance by October 1, 2016*

# Complete Streets Ordinance

- With Council direction, the **Complete Streets Ordinance will be placed on the September 19 Consent Agenda** for adoption
- Adoption will **create eligibility** for Bellevue to apply for a Complete Streets Award
- Staff is working with award sponsor(s) on a **proposal** to submit to the Transportation Improvement Board by the October 21 deadline – recipients announced January 27, 2017