

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

2019 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Planning Commission recommendation to amend the Comprehensive Plan with one City-initiated proposed plan amendment for the Comprehensive Transportation Project List.

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Community Development

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

	Staff will review the 2019 proposed plan amendment. Planning Commission chair Anne Morisseau will present the Commission's recommendation.
DIRECTION	Following tonight's Study Session, direct staff to return to a Regular Session with an ordinance on the 2019 proposed amendment, and with the general ordinance documenting the City's annual plan amendment process under the Growth Management Act.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to return with an ordinance approving the 2019 proposed amendment, and with the general documenting ordinance.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

In June the City Council initiated 2019 Final Review for the Comprehensive Transportation Project List proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment (19-120260 AC) into the annual work program.

After thorough study, notice, and a Final Review public hearing, the Planning Commission recommends **approval** of the 2019 proposed plan amendment:

- The Planning Commission recommends by a 6-0 vote that the City Council adopt the Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) amendment to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Volume 2 Comprehensive Transportation Project List, with the projects recommended in the Eastgate Transportation Study; adding new projects to the CTPL, revising descriptions for projects currently in the CTPL, and repealing CTPL projects superseded by this more recent analysis.

Summary Recommendation: CTPL 19-120260 AC

The Commission recommends approving this proposed amendment because the application satisfies all Land Use Code decision criteria for Final Review of a City-initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendment (LUC 20.30I.150).

Public Hearing

A Final Review public hearing with the Planning Commission was held on October 23. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Weekly Permit Bulletin and in the Seattle Times on October 3. Testimony was offered for the City-initiated amendment commenting on the use of Level of Service

(LOS) to measure traffic impacts on neighborhoods, a desire to see transportation measurement areas align with neighborhood planning areas, and an assurance of thorough review on the part of both Transportation and Planning Commissions.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Comprehensive Plan

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. Bellevue's annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program includes a City-initiated amendment in Final Review by action of the City Council under LUC 20.30I.130.B.1.

State Environmental Policy Act

The Environmental Coordinator for the City of Bellevue determined that the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program, consisting of the 2019 proposed CTPL Comprehensive Plan amendment, will not result in any probable, significant adverse environmental impacts. A final threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued on October 3.

Decision Criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Planning Commission may recommend, and the City Council may approve or approve with modifications an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan if all the Final Review Decision Criteria from Section 20.30I.150 of the Land Use Code are met:

- A. There exists obvious technical error in the pertinent Comprehensive Plan provision; or
- B.1 The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other goals and policies of the City, the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), the Growth Management Act, and other applicable law; and
- B.2 The proposed amendment addresses the interests and changed needs of the entire City as identified in its long-range planning and policy documents; and
- B.3 The proposed amendment addresses significantly changed conditions since the last time the pertinent Comprehensive Plan map or text was amended. See LUC 20.50.046 (below) for the definition of "significantly changed conditions"; and

Significantly changed conditions are defined as: Demonstrating evidence of change such as unanticipated consequences of an adopted policy or changed conditions on the subject property or its surrounding area, or changes related to the pertinent Plan map or text; where such change has implications of a magnitude that need to be addressed for the Comprehensive Plan to function as an integrated whole. *This definition applies only to Part 20.30I Amendment and Review of the Comprehensive Plan (LUC 20.50.046); and*

- B.4 If a site-specific proposed amendment, the subject property is suitable for development in general conformance with adjacent land use and the surrounding development pattern, and with zoning standards under the potential zoning classifications; and
- B.5 The proposed amendment demonstrates a public benefit and enhances the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.

The Planning Commission found that all of the Final Review Decision Criteria had been met, noting that the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because it is a functional policy component of overall Plan implementation; it addresses the interests and changed needs of the entire City because it is responsive to the City's plan for coordinating capital investments with growth; it addresses significantly changed conditions arising out of Eastgate Transportation Study-identified congestion forecasts; and it demonstrates a public benefit and enhances the public health, safety and welfare by reducing the rate of growth in vehicle congestion. Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the CTPL amendment.

OPTIONS

1. Direct staff to return with an ordinance approving the 2019 proposed amendment, and with the general documenting ordinance.
2. Direct staff to return with an ordinance approving the 2019 proposed amendment, with modifications, and with the general documenting ordinance.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Eastgate Transportation Study – Map of Recommended Projects
- B. Comprehensive Transportation Project List: Amendments for Eastgate Transportation Study Projects
- C. Planning Commission resolution for Comprehensive Transportation Project List Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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The application file materials, public comments, staff recommendations and other related materials are in the Council Document Library.