



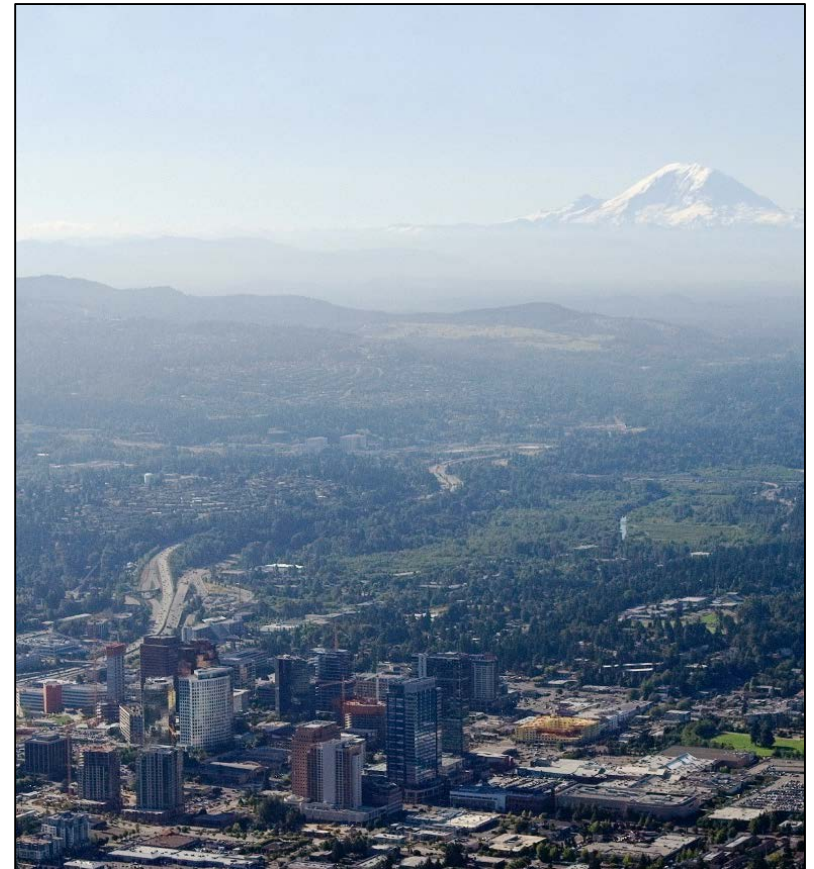
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Bellevue City Council
July 6, 2015

Tonight's Meeting

- Items from last meeting:
 - **Urban Design & the Arts**
 - **Utilities**
- Complete Round 2 review of specific items
 - **Transportation**
 - **Environment**
- Seek to confirm or resolve potential changes
- **Wrap-up of final changes**



Council Review Process

Round 1

- **First review of draft elements; initial Council feedback on questions and specific issues**
- April 6—Overview presentation by joint commissions
- April 20—Neighborhoods; Economic Development; Parks
- April 27— Citizen Engagement; Land Use
- May 11—Housing
- June 1—Capital Facilities; Transportation
- June 8 – Complete Round 1 -Utilities; Environment; Human Services; Urban Design and the Arts; Volume 2 & Eastgate

Round 2

- **Focused on short list of key issues identified by Councilmembers**
- **Councilmembers propose changes/refinements; Council resolves**
- June 15—Diversity, Land Use, Housing, Capital Facilities, Transportation, Neighborhoods Maps
- June 22— Utilities; Urban Design and the Arts
- July 6 – Urban Design; Utilities; Environment; Transportation; wrap-up

Action – July 20

Urban Design & the Arts

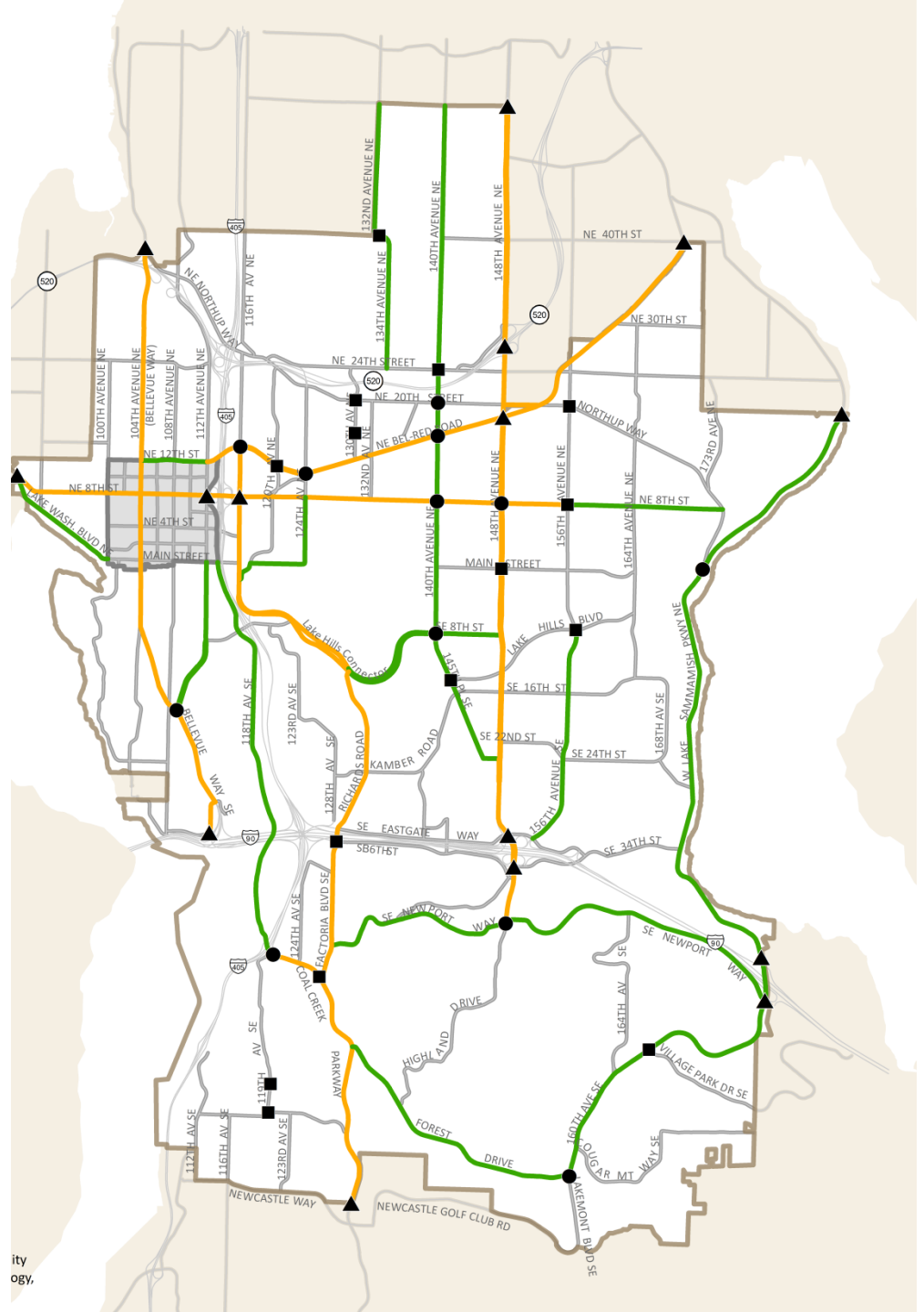
- Designation of Urban Boulevards:
 - 140th Avenue NE between NE 8th and NE 24th streets
 - Lake Hills Connector
- Choice of two designation typologies:
 - City Boulevards
 - Key city boulevards that intended to be distinctive from other streets
 - Larger arterials that connect across the city
 - Reinforce the image of Bellevue as a “City in a Park”
 - Scenic Boulevards
 - Boulevards adjacent to parks, natural areas and open spaces intended to reflect scenic elements of the surrounding areas and neighborhoods
 - Tend to be narrower arterials than City Boulevards
 - May be shorter segments with specific park-like and scenic qualities

- Option 1: Maintain 140th Avenue's Scenic Boulevard designation as shown in Figure UD-1. (PC Recommendation)
- Option 2: Replace the Scenic Boulevard designation with a City Boulevard designation between NE 24th Street and NE 8th Street.

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- Option 1: Maintain Lake Hills Connector's City Boulevard designation as shown in Figure UD-1. (PC Recommendation)
- Option 2: Replace the City Boulevard designation with a Scenic Boulevard designation from 116th Avenue to Richards Road.

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Urban Design & the Arts

- **Pedestrian bridges**
 - Per Council direction, this issue will be addressed in the Downtown Livability process.
- **Building spacing and solar access – new policy:**
 - UD-Z3. Employ design guidelines to affect building placement and design in order to promote solar access in public spaces and a sense of openness.
- **Wind impacts – revision proposed to recommended policy:**
 - UD-X11. Employ design guidelines that guide the form and placement of large buildings to reduce wind impacts on public spaces.

Utilities – electrical facilities

- **Supporting neighborhood efforts to underground – revised to include transmission lines:**
 - *UT-X21 Support neighborhood efforts to underground existing electrical transmission and distribution lines where a significant number of neighborhood residents have demonstrated a willingness and ability to cover the non-utility share of full project costs.*
- **Alternative with policy split into two:**
 - *UT-X21 Support neighborhood efforts to underground existing electrical transmission and distribution lines.*
 - *UT-X21b Support neighborhood efforts to form financial arrangements, such as local improvement districts, to cover the non-utility share of project costs for undergrounding electrical lines.*

Utilities – electrical facilities

- **Electrical facilities siting – 2 new policies suggested:**
 - *UT-X27 Discourage new aerial facilities within corridors that have no existing aerial facilities, unless no feasible alternative exists.*
 - *UT-X28 Encourage new transmission facilities to be located in street rights-of-way.*

Transportation – goal statement

- **Planning Commission recommendation:**

- *To maintain and enhance a comprehensive citywide network of mobility options to serve all members of the community by encouraging a multitude of transportation modes, while not discouraging the use of any particular mode.*

- **May 11 discussion:**

- *To maintain and enhance a comprehensive ~~citywide network of mobility options~~ multimodal transportation system to serve all members of the community ~~by encouraging a multitude of transportation modes,~~ while not discouraging the use of any particular mode.*

- **Suggested shorter version:**

- *To maintain and enhance a comprehensive ~~citywide network of mobility options~~ multimodal transportation system to serve all members of the community ~~by encouraging a multitude of transportation modes, while not discouraging the use of any particular mode.~~*

Transportation – TR-1

- **Policy TR-1 as recommended:**

- *Integrate land use and transportation decisions to ensure that the transportation system supports the Comprehensive Plan while striving to reduce congestion and improve mobility.*

- **Suggested to be separated into two policies:**

- TR-1A. *Integrate land use and transportation decisions to ensure that the ~~transportation system supports~~ two mutually support the Comprehensive Plan.*
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- TR-1B. *Strive to reduce congestion and improve mobility.*

Transportation – additional suggestions

- **Transit systems**

- **TR-X19.** *Work collaboratively with employer-based and other private transit systems to ensure that these systems are integrated into the transit service planning within the city.*

- **“Mobility options”:**

- Narrative change, p. 160: *...providing people with an assortment of ~~travel~~ mobility options that help ...*
- **TR-14.** *Promote the use of ~~travel~~ mobility options by requiring development to incorporate design features such as:*
- **TR-50.** *Work with transit providers and other partners to implement the Bellevue Transit Master Plan to ensure that transit is an easy and attractive ~~travel~~ mobility option for those who live, work, visit, learn or do business in Bellevue.*

Transportation – PSRC Comments

- Transportation project list – refer to in implementation table
- Transit alignments – refer reader to available information
- Special needs transportation planning – include sentence in narrative on p. 160:
 - *Mode of travel, capacity and design for each mode, and priorities for mobility along right-of-way corridors reflect the intensity and mix of land uses and the expectations for safety and livability. Mobility options consider and accommodate the needs of underserved populations, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income households.*
- Transportation concurrency – note work in implementation table
- Promoting Transportation concurrency – note work in implementation table
- Promoting transit oriented development – add note to sidebar on p. 161

Transportation

Comprehensive Transportation Project List

- Attachment 7a and 7b in Council packet
- The Transportation Commission used basic methodology to consolidate multiple transportation facility plans:
 - Project built: **Deleted from list**
 - Project descriptions superseded by more recent planning: **Older project deleted from list, newer adopted project description retained.**
 - Project descriptions for same street contained in separate plans: **Consolidated and retained.**
 - Projects retained in an adopted modal plan, ie) Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan: **Removed from project list and retained by reference to the modal plan.**
- List updated to reflect recent CIP and TFP project descriptions.
 - The complete spreadsheet that chronicles the disposition of each of the transportation projects is available in the Council Electronic Document Library.

Transportation - corrections

- Include policy recommended by TC and PC:
 - **TR-Y** Design, maintain and protect the transportation system to be resilient to disaster.
- TR-7 moved to Land Use Element
- Reference Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative
- Include Level of Service table from current plan

Environment - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- **Targets should be achievable**
 - *EN-X1. “Establish an achievable citywide target and take corrective actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as reducing energy consumption and vehicle emissions, and enhancing land use patterns to reduce vehicle dependency.”*
- **Need to plan for adaptation – new policy option:**
 - *EN-Y Develop and implement climate change adaptation strategies that create a more resilient community by addressing the impacts of climate change to public health and safety, the economy, public and private infrastructure, water resources, and habitat.*
- Text change to refer to Transportation Element on p. 248 to respond to PSRC comment.
- Information provided about tree canopy target.

Environment – Low Impact Development

Low Impact Development

- Propose include “**minimize impervious surfaces**” to be consistent with NPDES language:
 - *EN-X6 Make low impact development the preferred and commonly-used approach to site development to minimize impervious surfaces, native vegetation loss and stormwater runoff.*

Miscellaneous

- Citizen Engagement Element – changes captured on Attachment 5
- Land Use Element correction – corrected population number in p. 36
- Bel-Red naming – heard Council interest in maintaining current spelling

2015 Annual CPAs – will be part of overall amendment package

- St. Luke's
- Public Storage on 118th Avenue SE

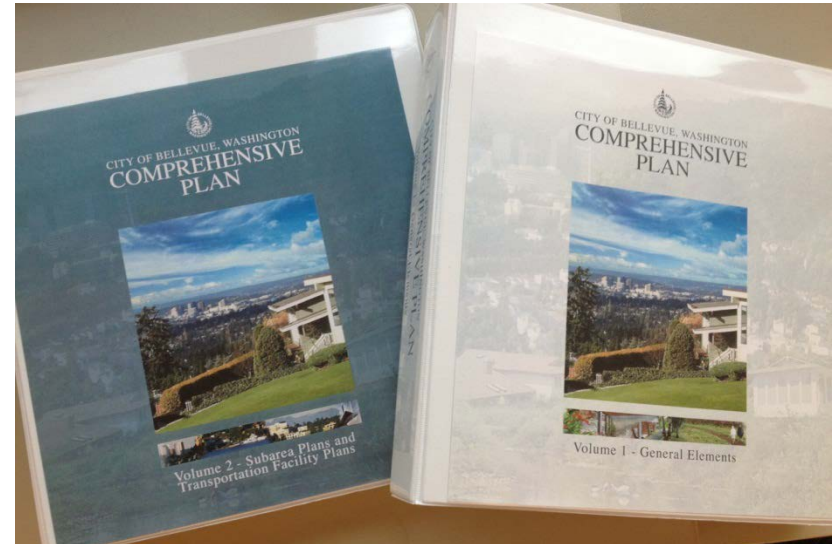
Summary of Changes

Attachment 5

- Includes changes Council directed related to:
 - Diversity/Citizen Engagement Element
 - Land Use Element corrections
 - Neighborhood Element and new neighborhood area maps
 - Housing Element changes
 - Capital Facilities Element changes
 - Utilities Element changes
 - Urban Design & the Arts changes
- No change to: Economic Development, Human Services, Parks, Shoreline or Glossary

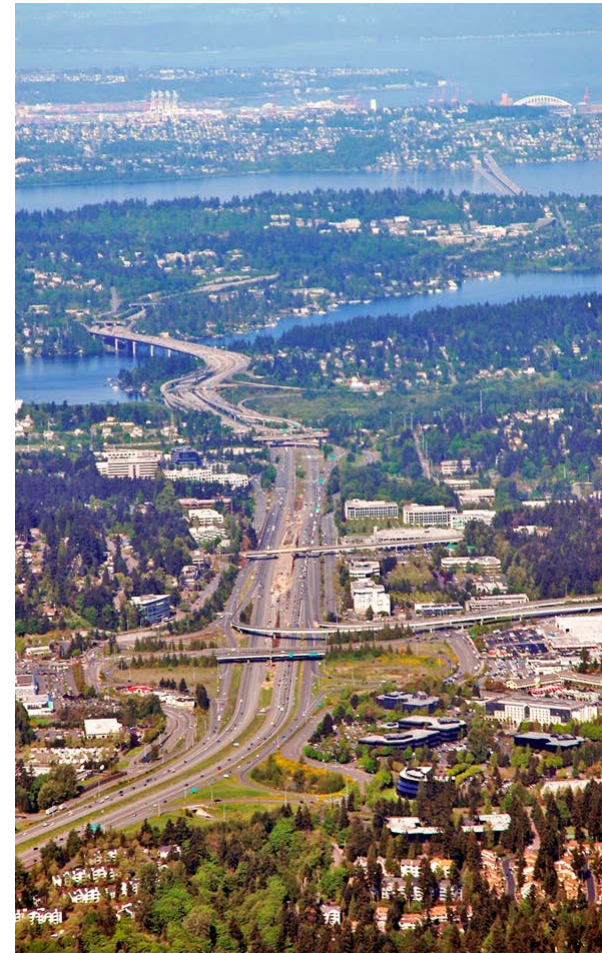
Recap - Volume 1

- Update and replace all of Volume 1
 - Including Council directed changes
- New Comprehensive Plan community vision statement tied to each element
- New Neighborhoods Element and new neighborhood areas boundaries to set foundation for future neighborhood area plans
- No change to current Shoreline Element (will incorporate update with SMP)



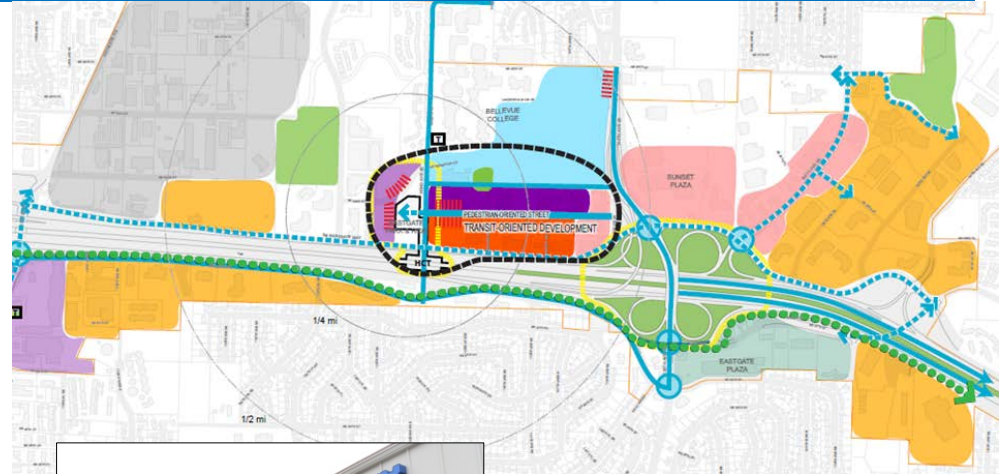
Recap - Volume 2

- Limited subarea updates
 - Downtown southern boundary
 - Eastgate/I-90 plan – affects portions of Eastgate, Factoria and Richards Valley subarea plans
 - Removing S-SW-27 to support Surrey Downs Park master plan in Southwest Bellevue
 - St. Luke's
 - Public Storage on 118th Ave SE
- Transportation Facility Plans
 - Consolidated into single long-range project list



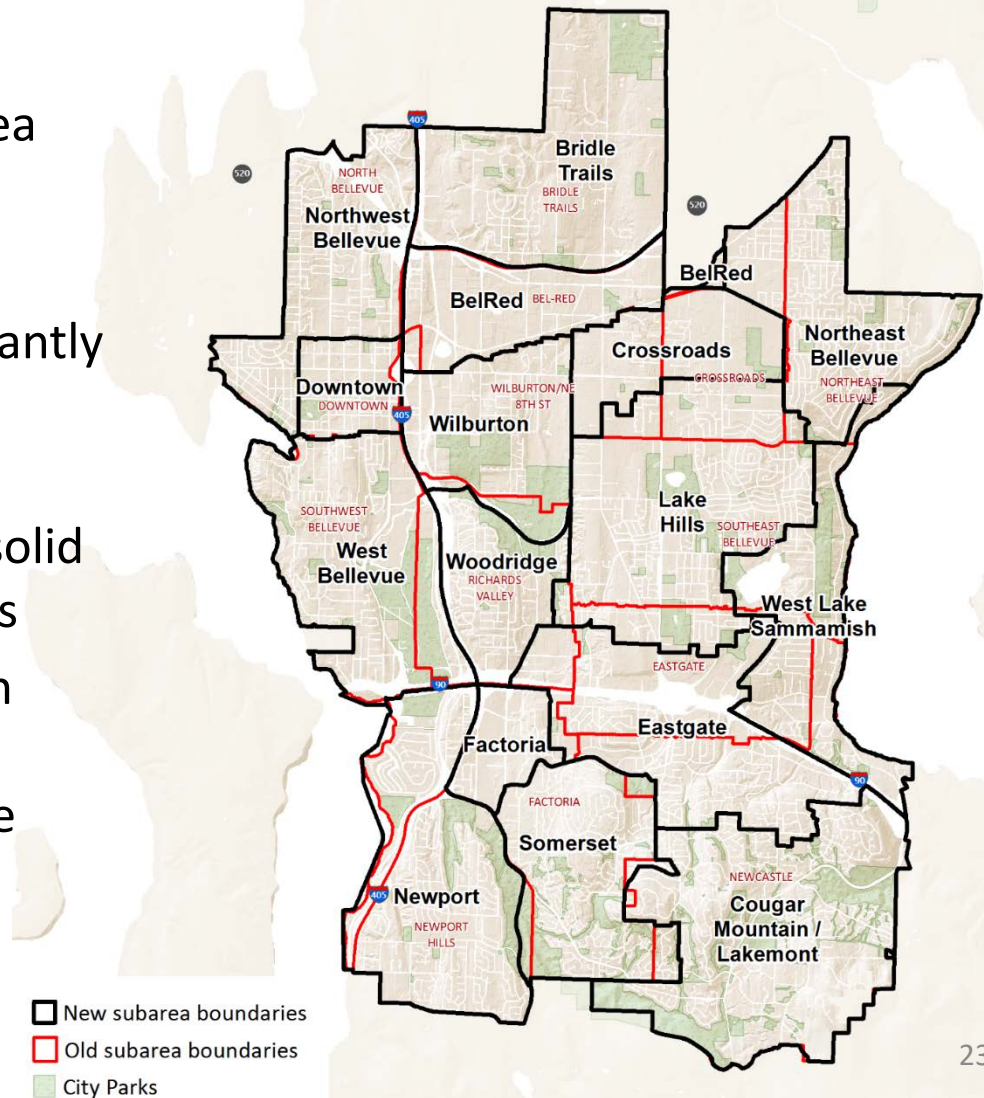
Recap - Eastgate

- Create a vibrant, mixed-use TOD area near the P&R and Bellevue College with taller heights and increased density
- Improve transportation connectivity & alternatives
- Increase mix of use and support neighborhood uses & services
- Retain light industrial area in Richards Valley – with exception of King Co. site, which changes to OLB
- Enhance character and the natural environment



Recap – Neighborhood Areas

- Establish new neighborhood areas to inform future subarea planning
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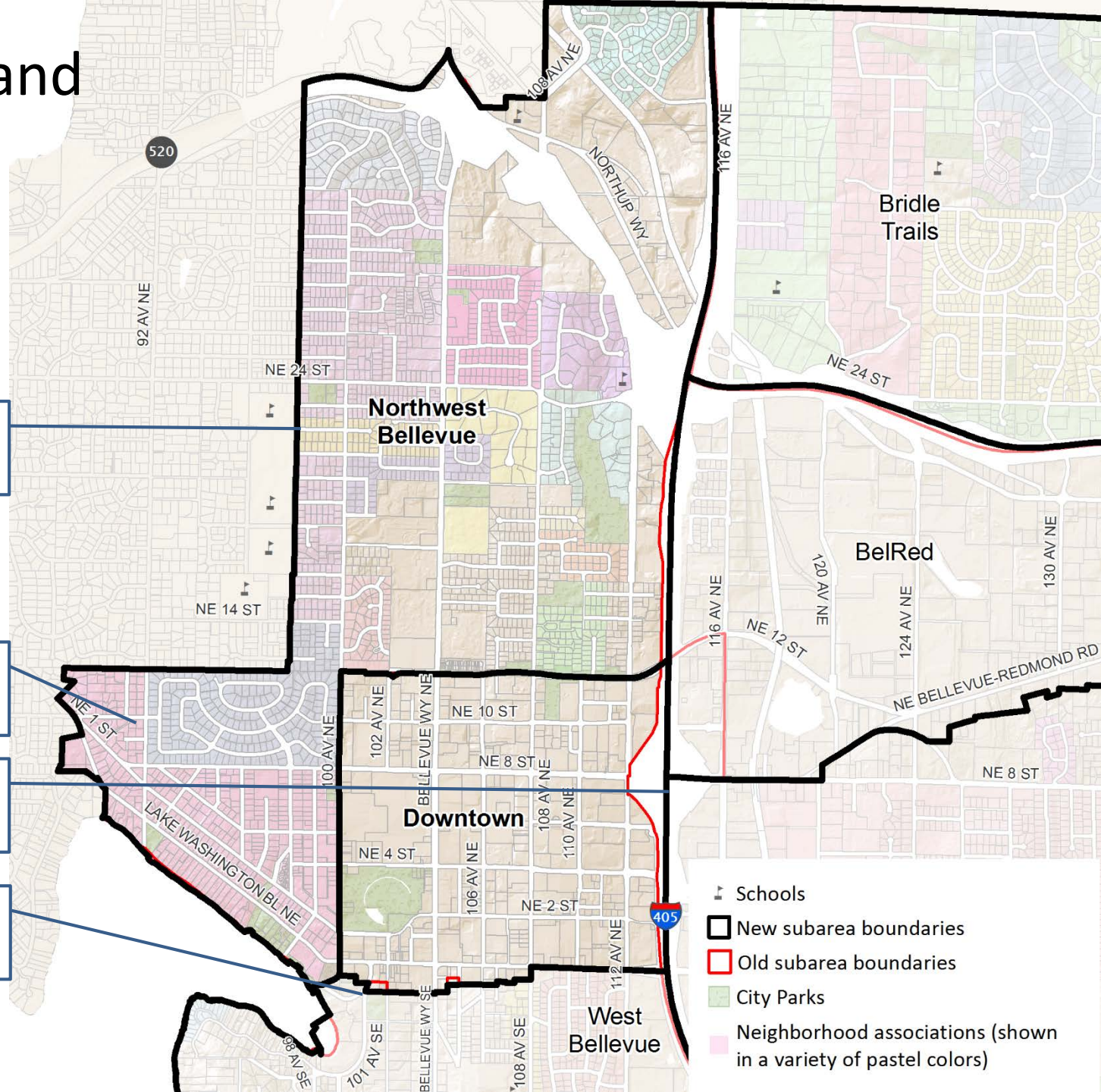
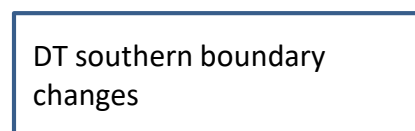
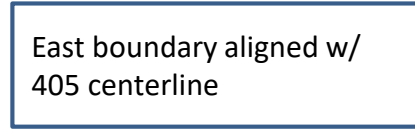
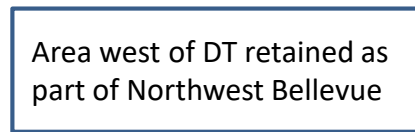
Neighborhood Areas Process & Criteria

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- Recognition of neighborhood association boundaries
- Use of major arterials, topography and major geographical features
- Logical planning area; critical mass sufficient for subarea planning

Neighborhood engagement

- Tested with neighborhoods over last two years
- Neighborhood Leadership meetings
- Off-site Planning Commission meetings
- Planning Commission public hearing

Downtown and Northwest Bellevue



Next Steps

Round 1 – completed – initial review and feedback on each element

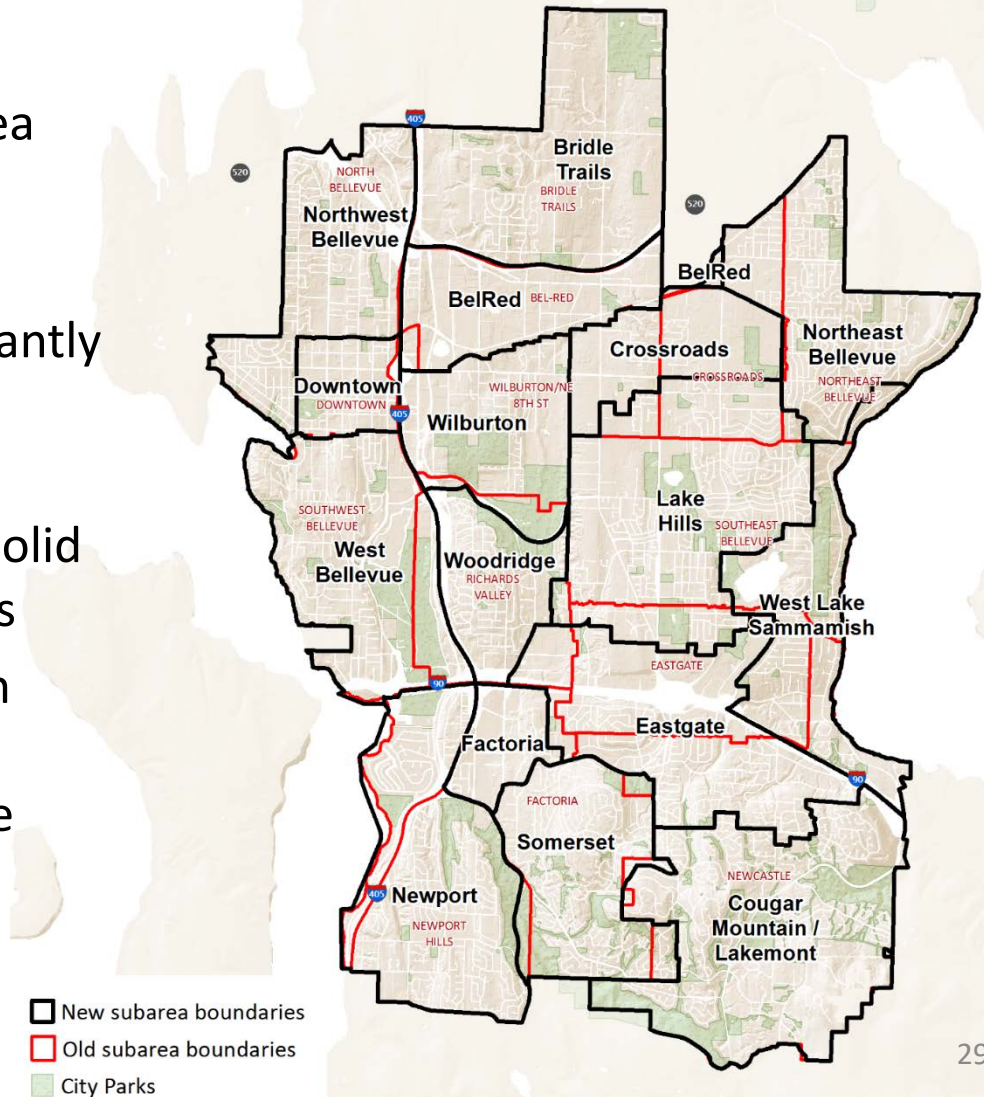
Round 2 – completed – follow-up on specific issues identified by Council; changes/revisions directed

Action – July 20

- Per Council direction, staff will bring forward ordinances for Council action
- Draft comprehensive umbrella ordinance provided in packet
- Sub-ordinances will be drafted for Eastgate/I-90 amendments and annual CPAs, St. Luke's and Public Storage to allow for individual actions

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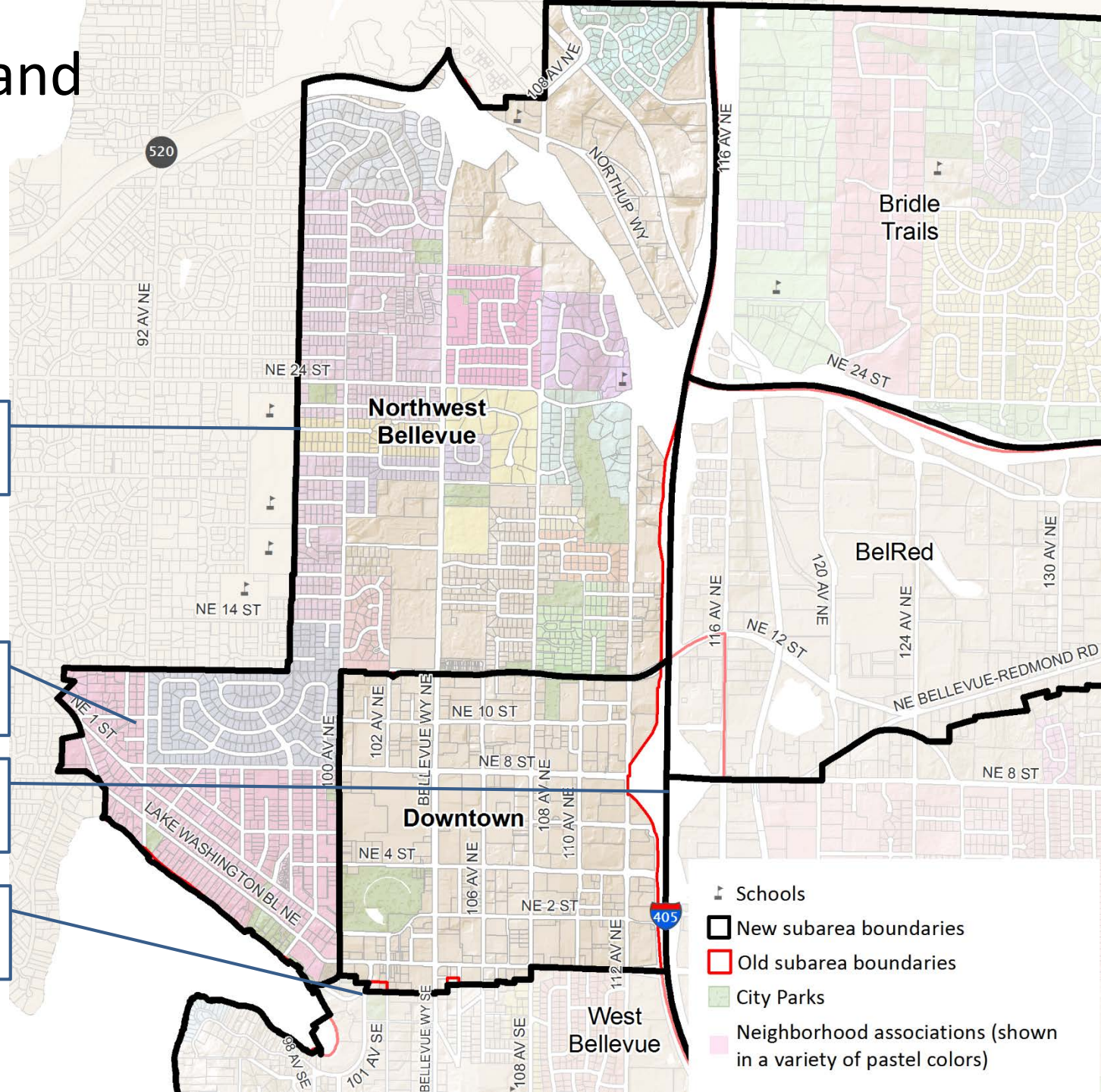
Downtown and Northwest Bellevue

No change to Northwest

Area west of DT retained as part of Northwest Bellevue

East boundary aligned w/ 405 centerline

DT southern boundary changes

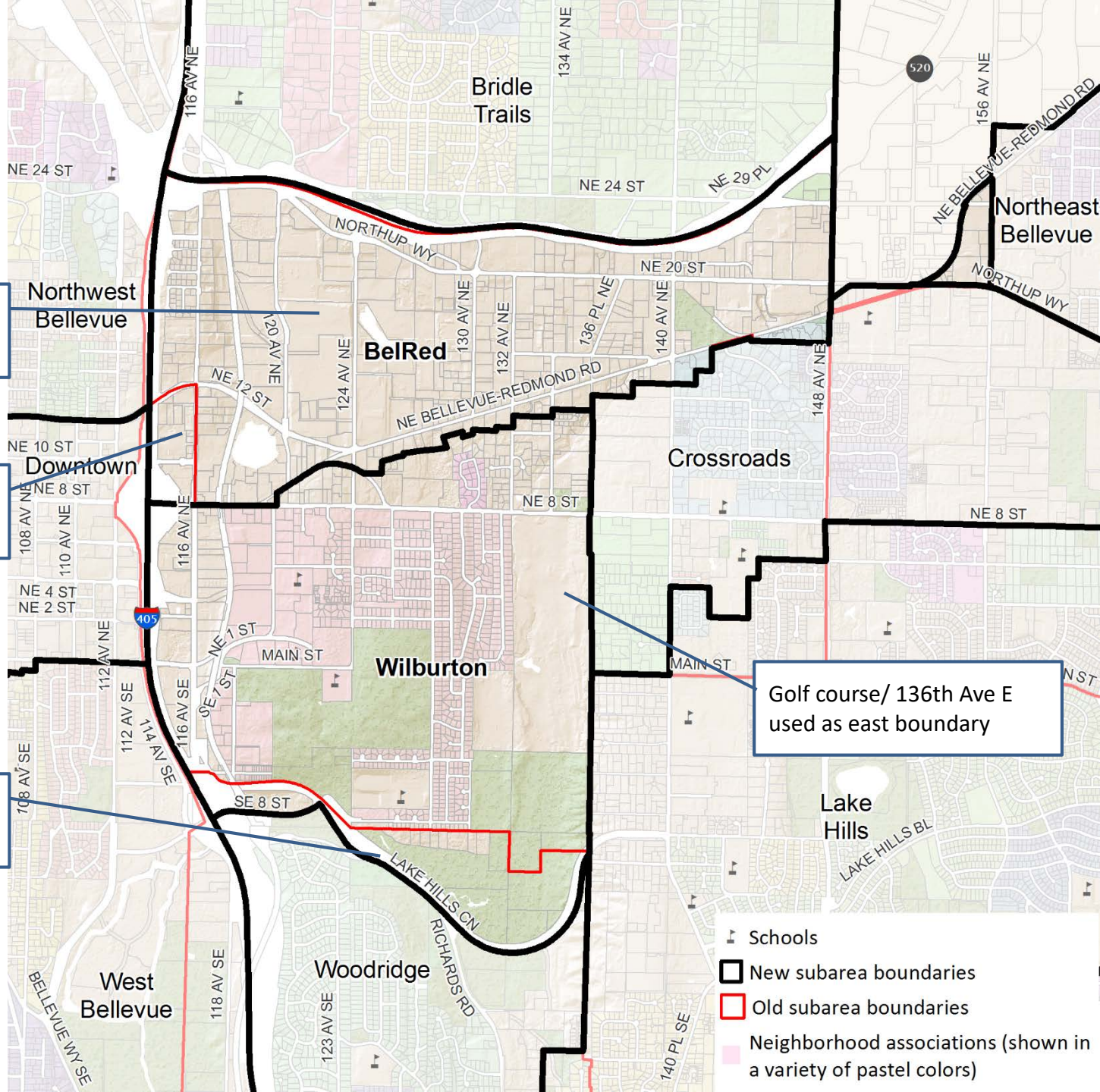


Bel-Red and Wilburton

Retain spelling as Bel-Red

Medical District moved to
Bel-Red with NE 8th Street
as boundary

Lake Hills Connector made southern boundary of Wilburton



Crossroads, Northeast Bellevue & Lake Hills

Interlake and Sherwood Forest included in NE Bellevue

Maintains 156th Ave as Bel-Red/NE boundary as reviewed by Planning Commission

Chevy Chase, Fox Glen and Rock Creek included in Crossroads

Neighborhood association and elementary school boundaries followed for southern Crossroads boundary

Row along 164th Ave included in NE Bellevue

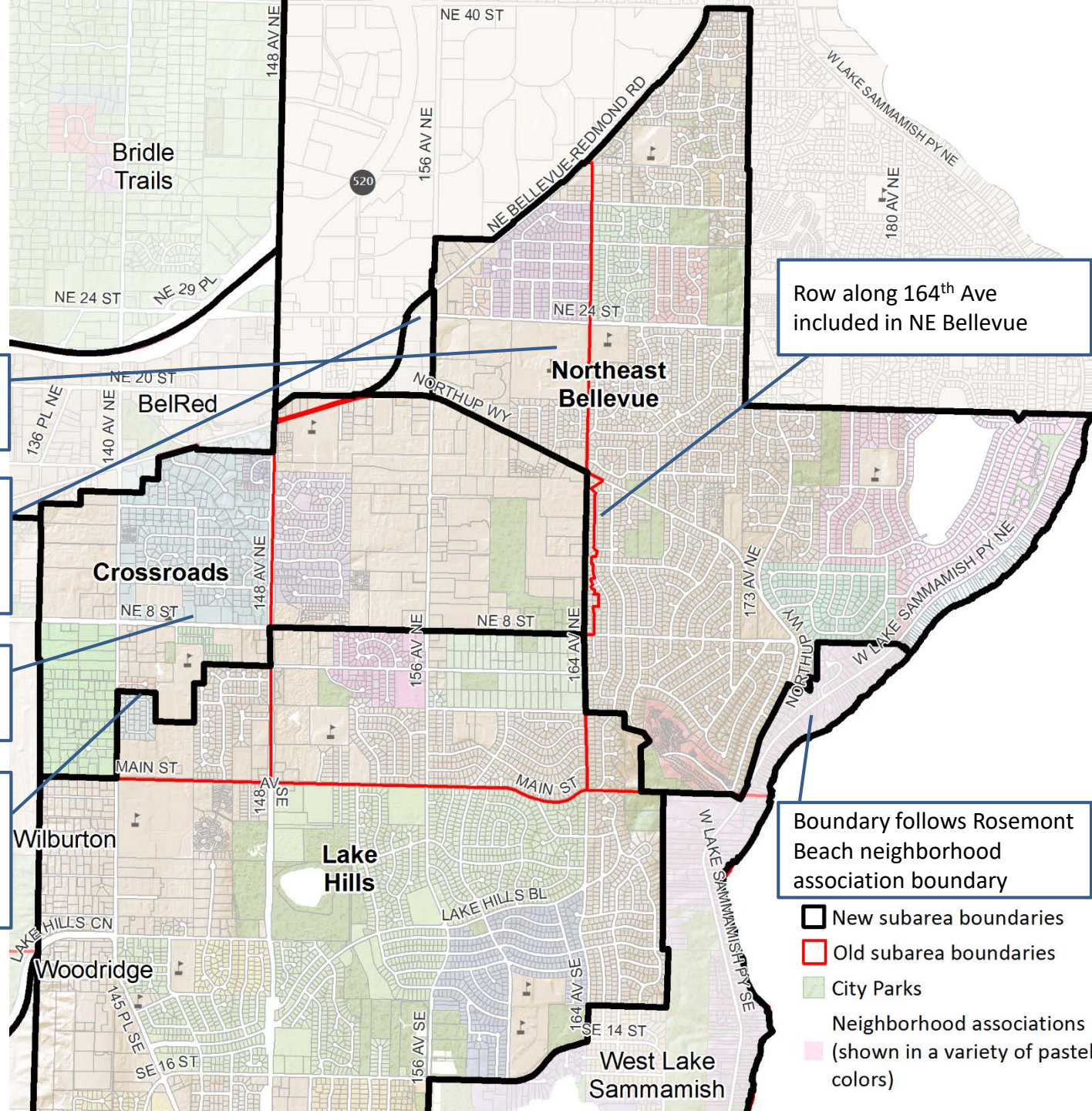
Boundary follows Rosemont Beach neighborhood association boundary

■ New subarea boundaries

■ Old subarea boundaries

■ City Parks

■ Neighborhood associations
(shown in a variety of pastel colors)



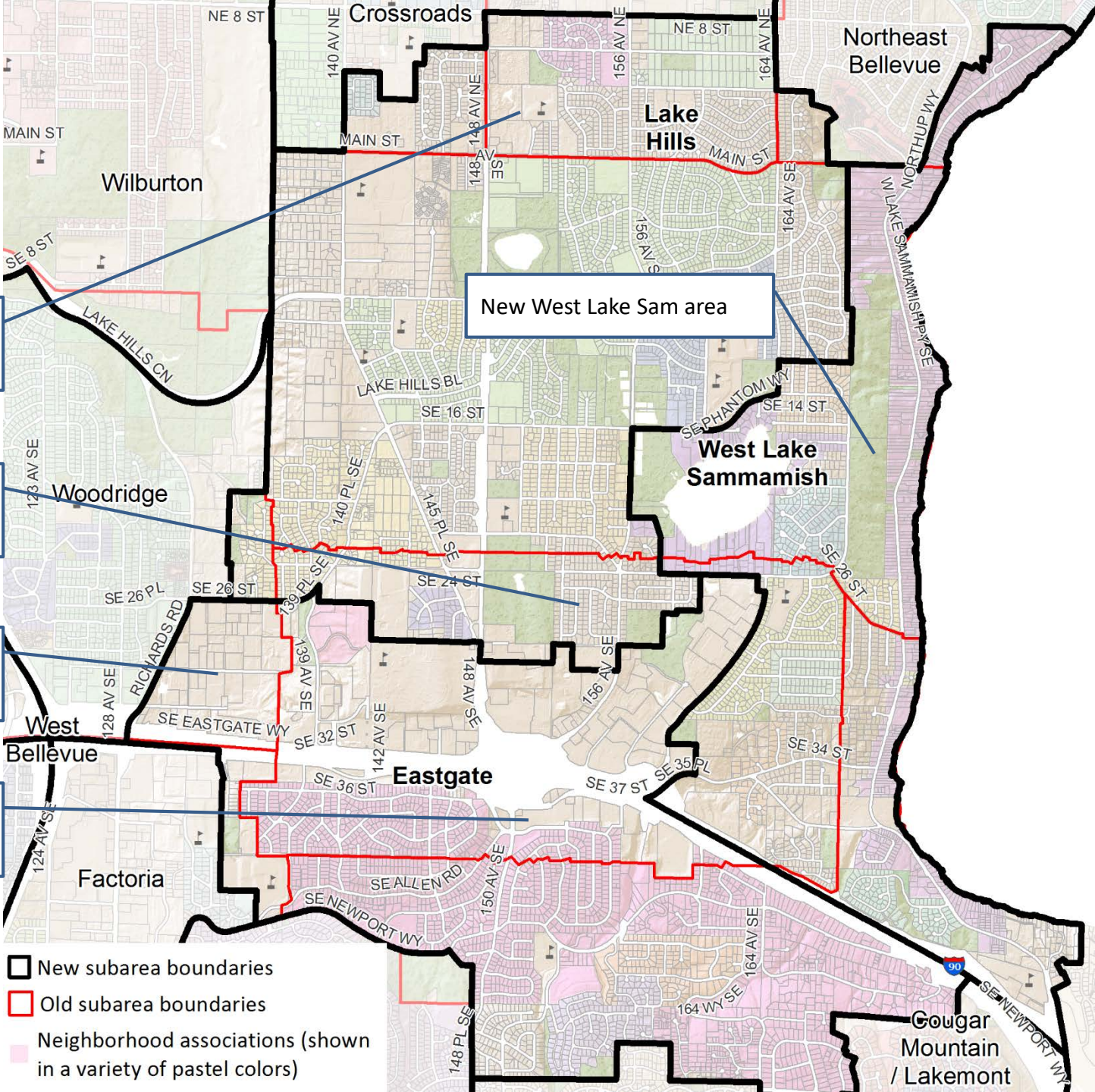
Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish

Lake Hills expanded north to follow elementary school attendance area

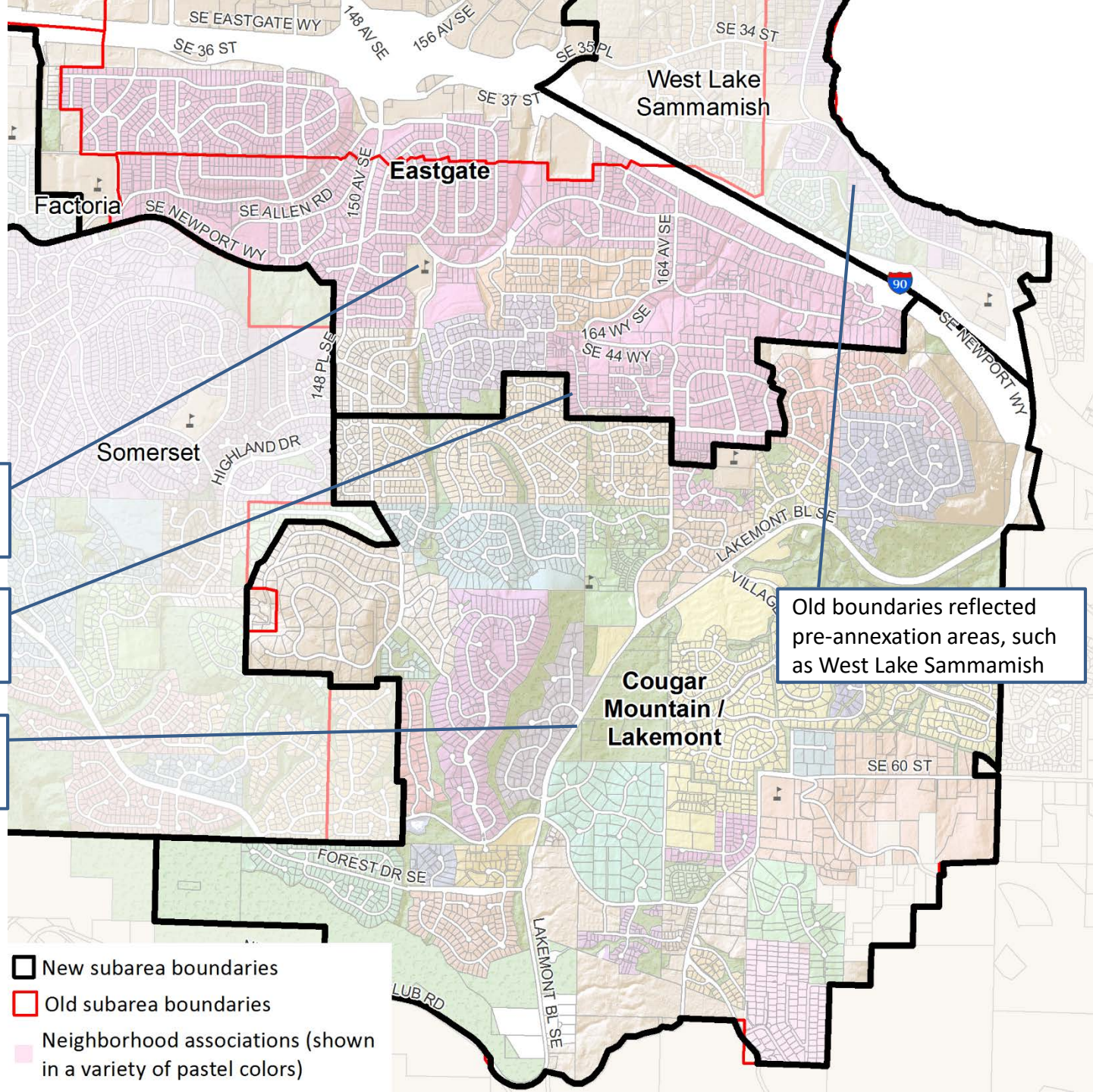
Lake Hills expanded south to include residential area

Light industrial area included in Eastgate rather than Woodridge

Eastgate includes residential and commercial areas that identify as Eastgate



Eastgate & Cougar Mountain/Lakemont



Eastgate includes Eastgate residential neighborhood

Boundary aligned with neighborhood associations and subdivisions

New Cougar Mountain/Lakemont separated from West Lake Sam and Eastgate

Old boundaries reflected pre-annexation areas, such as West Lake Sammamish

- New subarea boundaries
- Old subarea boundaries
- Neighborhood associations (shown in a variety of pastel colors)

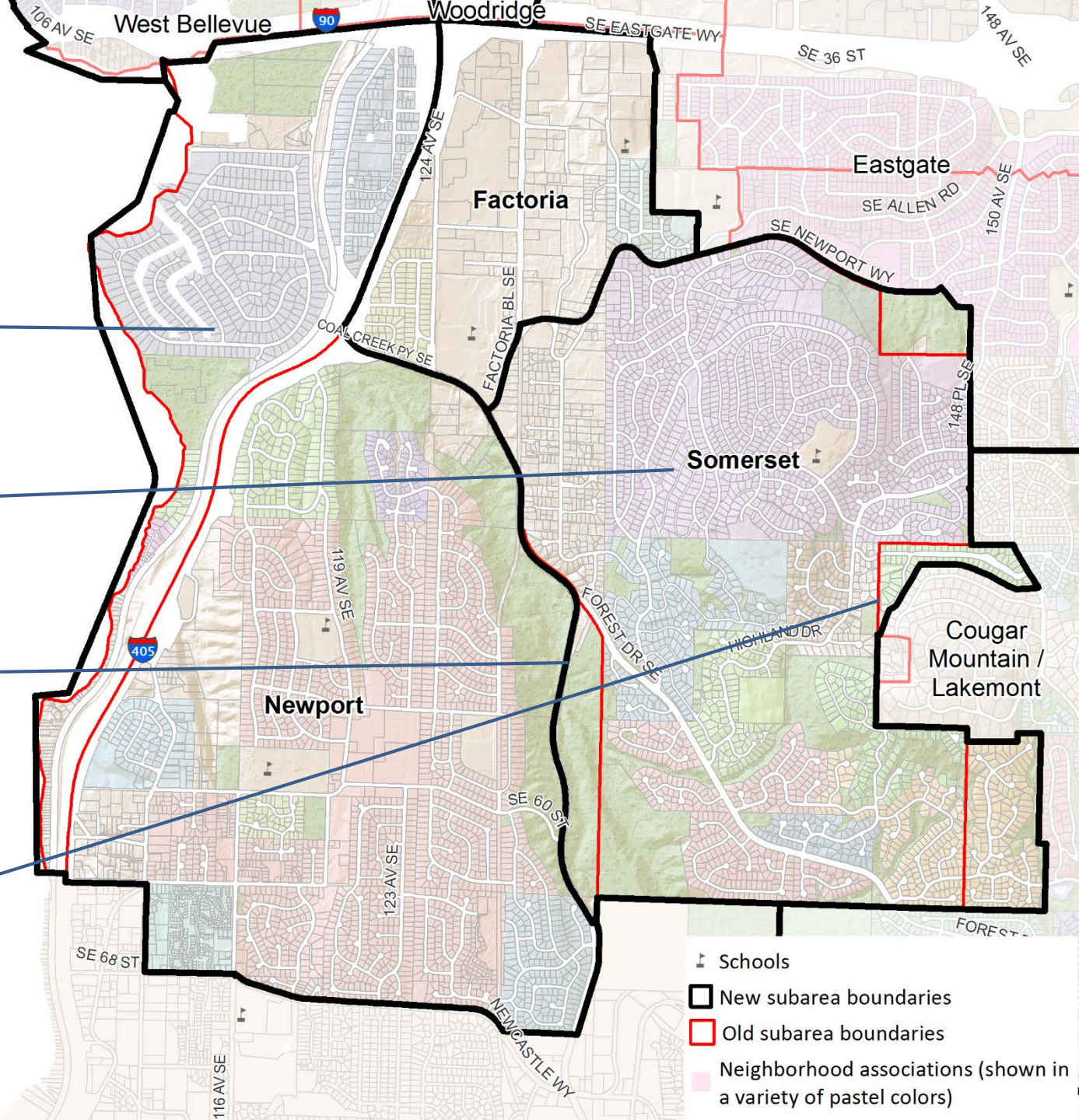
Newport, Factoria & Somerset

Newport Shores, Greenwich Crest, Lake Lanes joined with Newport Hills

New Somerset Neighborhood Area established separate from Factoria

Aligned with Coal Creek Parkway

Boundary aligned with subdivision boundaries



- Schools
- New subarea boundaries
- Old subarea boundaries
- Neighborhood associations (shown in a variety of pastel colors)

West Bellevue & Woodridge

- Boundary aligned with Lake Hills Connector
- Boundary aligned with I-405
- Light industrial area included in Eastgate rather than Woodridge

