

BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

JULY 6, 2015

ST3 SYSTEM PLAN

RECAP – ST3 SYSTEM PLAN

2015



2016



COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1st Action on:

- Draft Bellevue ST3 System Plan Interest Statement
- Draft Bellevue comment letter to ST Board on Draft Priority Projects List

2nd Action on:

- Joint Eastside ST3 System Plan Interest Statement (developed in collaboration with Kirkland, Redmond & Issaquah)

ALL DUE TO SOUND TRANSIT JULY 15TH

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

Draft Bellevue Interest Statement

- High-level policy statements
- Reflects City's priorities based on adopted plans (*Comprehensive Plan, Transit Master Plan*)
- Longer-term guidance on Bellevue's interests related to ST3 (at least thru Nov. 2016)
- Reiterates importance of subarea equity

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

Draft Comment Letter

- Urging ST Board include Bellevue's list of projects in ST3
 - Specific projects from ST Draft Priority Projects List
 - More detailed Bellevue requests
- Tied to Interest Statement, *Transit Master Plan*
- Shorter-term – ST Board selection of priority projects for additional analysis, August 2015
- Reiterates importance of subarea equity

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

- 1. Complete ST2 East Link LRT to Downtown Redmond (per the Record of Decision)**
- 2. Fully Implement I-405 BRT from SeaTac to Lynnwood Consistent with the I-405 Master Plan**
 - Includes NE 6th extension to 120th, additional bus service, freeway-to-freeway HOV ramps, in-line freeway stations for BRT, added park-&-ride capacity
 - ➡ Explore alternative for northbound to serve LRT stations at South Bellevue, East Main & Downtown

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

3. Develop Strategic Plan to Maximize System Access

{Strategically Implement System Access Improvements}

- ➡ NE 8th pedestrian overpass at Eastside Rail Corridor
- ➡ Added park-&-ride capacity – N. Sammamish, Issaquah
- ➡ Realign 120th for additional TOD at OMSF site {??}

4. Increase Regional Express Bus Service

- Connecting Redmond/Crossroads, Kirkland/Factoria, & UW/Eastgate with reliable, frequent service (*TMP*)
- ➡ Issaquah to Mercer Island w/Bellevue alternative serving LRT stations at South Bellevue, East Main and Downtown

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

5. Provide HCT Connecting Kirkland-Bellevue-Issaquah

- Eastside Rail Corridor to Wilburton Station; Bellevue College connector to I-90

6. Implement Highly Integrated System

- Integrate service plans of multiple providers consistent with *TMP*; better access to stations (priority 3)

BELLEVUE INTERESTS

7. Consider HCT along Eastside Rail Corridor

- Linking Kirkland/Bellevue with LRT or BRT & preserving regional trail

8. Include Bellevue College Connector

- ➡ Connecting with Crossroads, Redmond Tech Center and Downtown Kirkland
- ➡ Improved roadways, access, walkways, bike lanes, bus service

9. *{Support Transit-Oriented Development Consistent with Local Plans}*

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Modifications to Draft Interest Statement and/or Comment Letter; and
- Motion to approve revised Interest Statement and Comment Letter; or
- Provide alternative direction to staff

EASTSIDE INTERESTS

Joint Eastside Interest Statement

- High-level policy statements
- Broader language and fewer statements to reflect shared priorities
- Guidance on Eastside's interests related to ST3 (at least thru Nov. 2016)
- Developed in collaboration with Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah
- Modifications impractical due to concurrent action by multiple city councils and July 15th deadline

JOINT INTEREST STATEMENT

- **Fund Eastside needs** – investments in long-term transit needs
- **Connect regional growth centers within Eastside** – LRT to downtown Redmond; HCT connecting Kirkland-Bellevue-Issaquah; additional HCT and regional express bus service
- **Connect Eastside with region** – BRT entire length of I-405; additional transit service and access to service
- **Provide integrated regional transit system with access enhancements** – integration of Metro and Sound Transit service consistent with local plans, including TOD, non-motorized improvements, and park-&-ride capacity
- **Support system expansion** – added service, maintenance facilities, ST4 planning studies

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Motion to approve Joint Eastside Interest Statement; or
- Provide alternative direction to staff