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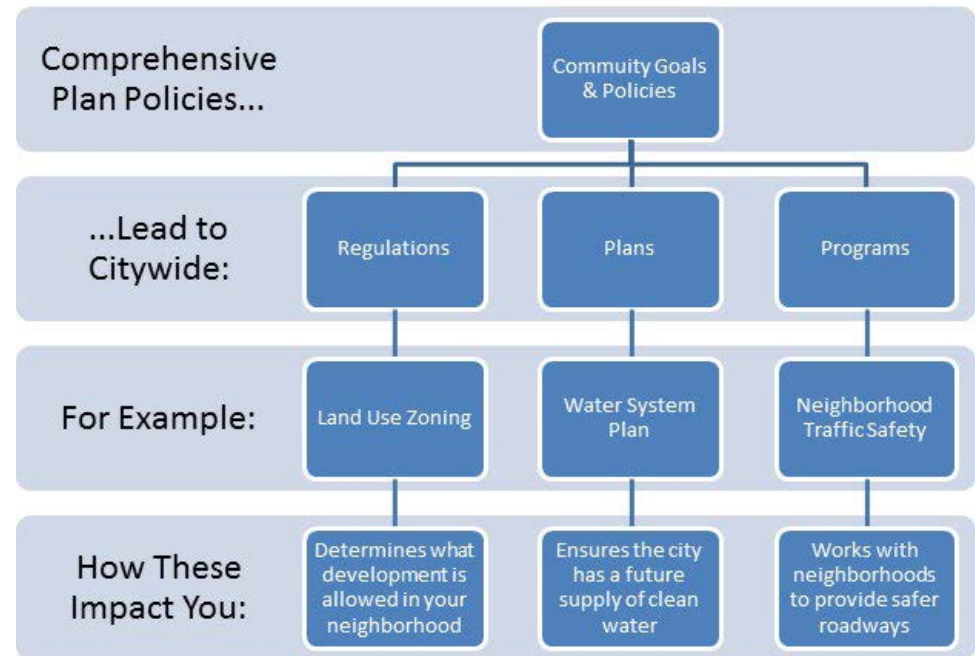
## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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Bellevue City Council  
May 11, 2015

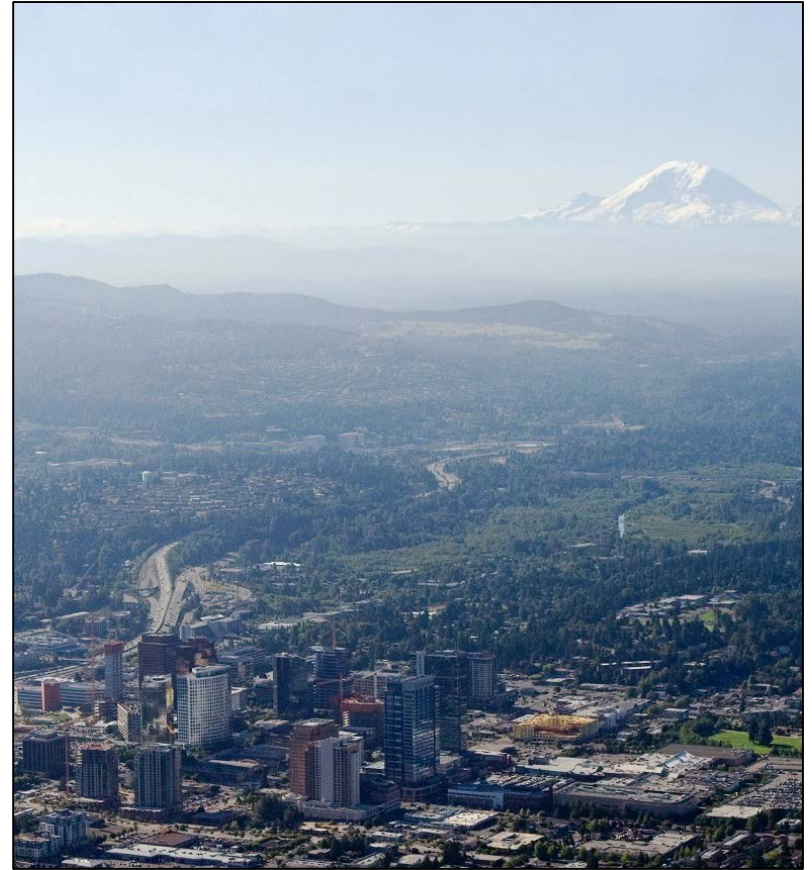
# Comprehensive Plan Update

- Reflect local values and priorities
- Address long-term needs of the community, economy and environment
- Strengthen the policy foundation for City decisions, investments and actions
- Make the plan more accessible and usable so that it remains an effective tool



# Tonight's Meeting

- Present updated process/schedule for Council review
- Focus on **Housing** and **Transportation** Elements
- Initial review -- opportunity to identify issues, ask questions, provide initial feedback on changes





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## Round 2

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# Housing Vision

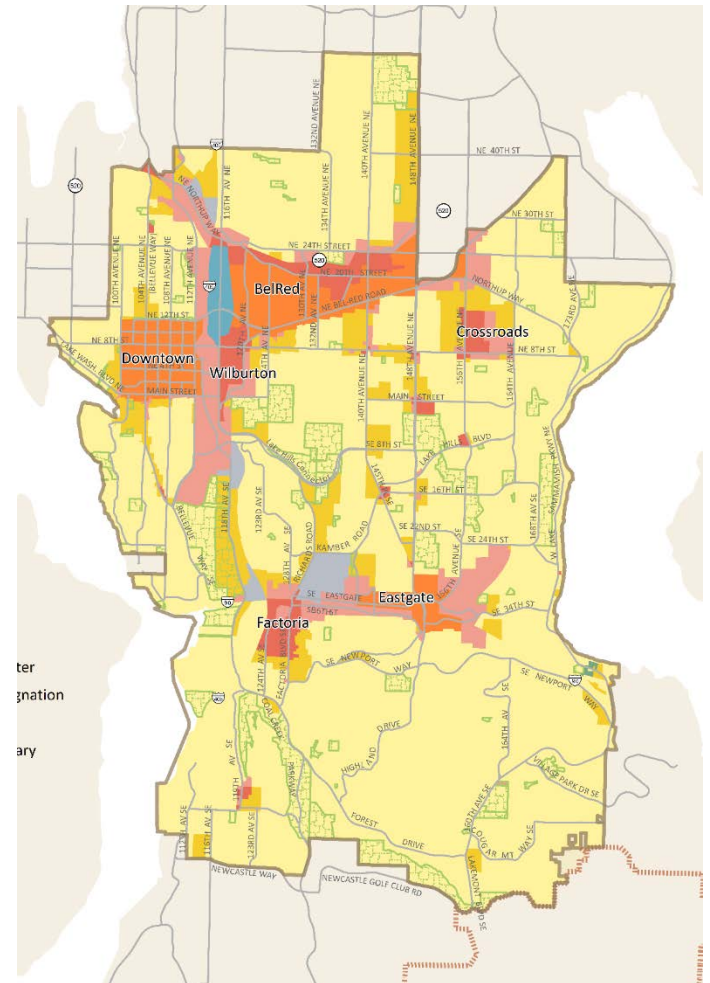
BELLEVUE MEETS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF ITS DIVERSE POPULATION, STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES.

***Bellevue works with its partners to meet the community's housing needs through a range of housing types and affordabilities. Bellevue employs a wide range of strategies to meet its share of the regional housing need. The city has been an effective participant in the region's work that has largely eliminated homelessness.***



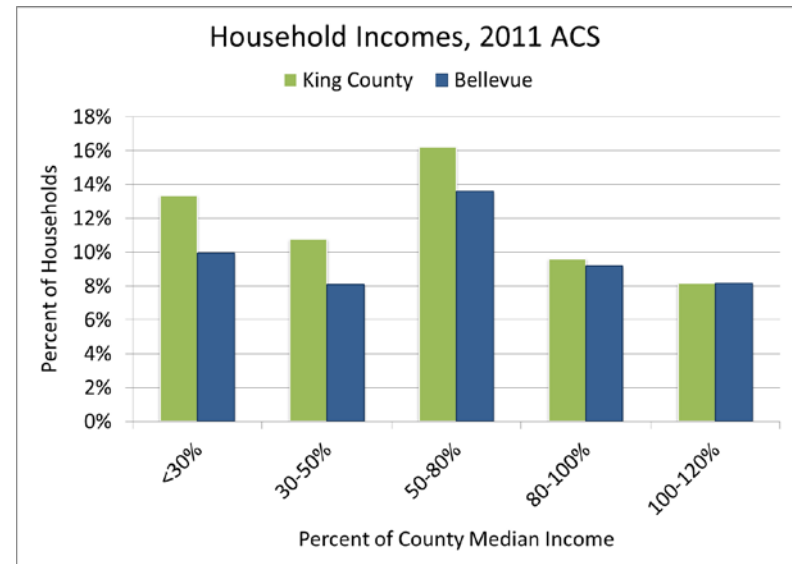
# Housing

- Most public comment of any issue and most time spent by Planning Commission
- Long standing issue and strong policy support for current programs
- Countywide policies put increased emphasis on actions to address affordability – removed numerical targets
- Most housing growth will occur Downtown or other mixed-used areas (SF neighborhoods are built out)
- A number of updates to respond to changing conditions
- Sub-goals incorporated into policies



# Housing

- Significantly more workforce demand for housing than there is available housing
- Many workers at hospitals, school districts, retailers, banks, etc. struggle to find housing in Bellevue
- While Bellevue has a lower proportion of low and moderate income households than countywide, 18% of Bellevue households are low income and almost 14% moderate income. 6% of Bellevue's households are below poverty level



# Housing

## Toward a Broader Housing Strategy

Market Rate  
Housing

Housing for Moderate  
Income:  
(50 – 80% Median)

Housing for Low, Very  
Low Income:  
30 – 50% of median  
0 – 30% of median

Comprehensive Plan policies provide framework for housing initiatives:

- Long standing ARCH partnership
- ARCH Trust Fund / leverage partner funding
- Land use incentives
- Multifamily Tax Exemption
- Winter shelter
- 130<sup>th</sup> TOD & REDI fund



# Housing – significant policy changes

- Room rentals and support for student housing options
- ✓ **HO-X5a.** *Monitor and appropriately regulate room rentals in single family areas.*
- ✓ **HO-X5b.** *Work with colleges, including Bellevue College, and private developers to support housing for students on-campus and in adjacent transit served mixed use/ commercial areas.*
- Support subarea approach to detached ADUs
  - **HO-16.** *Allow attached and detached accessory dwelling units in single family districts subject to specific development, design, location, and owner occupancy standards, where consistent with neighborhood subarea plans.*



- Support for seniors to stay in homes and neighborhoods
  - **HO-X4.** *Support housing options, programs, and services that allow seniors to stay in their homes or neighborhood. Promote awareness of Universal Design improvements that increase housing accessibility.*
  - **HO-X10.** *Encourage a range of housing types for seniors affordable at a variety of income levels.*

# Housing – significant policy changes

- **Housing strategy - HO-25.** Develop an effective strategy to ensure that affordable housing opportunities are available in downtown and not concentrated, but rather are dispersed throughout the city at a range of affordability levels. Monitor quantity, types and affordability of housing achieved and for potential unintended consequences.
- **Trust Fund – HO-27.** Consider funding to support housing need, especially for low and very low income households. Re-assess city Assess housing fund guidelines approximately every five years for use of the Housing Trust Fund to ensure they are consistent with changing community needs and priorities.



# Housing – significant policy changes

- **Homelessness HO-38.** Support regional efforts to prevent homelessness. Provide a range of affordable housing options as well as support to move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence. Encourage and support social and health service organizations that offer programs and facilities for people with special needs, particularly those programs that address homelessness and help people remain in the community.
- **HO39.** Collaborate with other jurisdictions and Assist social service organizations in their efforts to obtain funds and to operate emergency and transitional shelters and day centers that address homelessness housing in the community.
- **Temporary encampments HO-X8.** *Allow hosting of Temporary Encampments at religious facilities as a form of religious expression and consistent with state law pertaining to religious use.*

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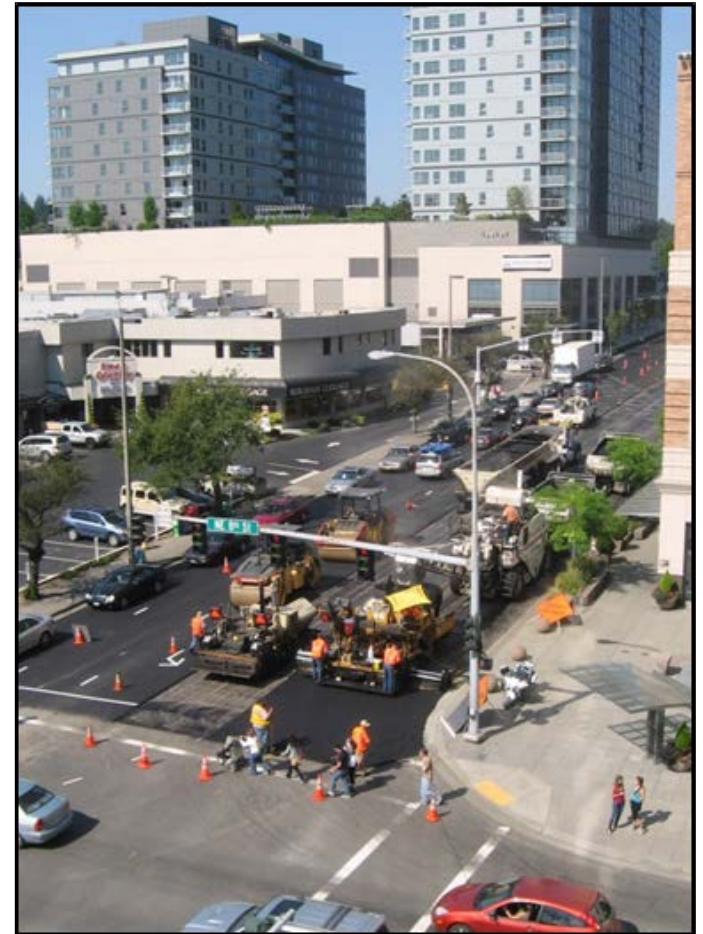
MOVING INTO, AROUND AND THROUGH BELLEVUE IS RELIABLE AND PREDICTABLE.

***Bellevue is connected to the region, enabling local and regional access for businesses and neighborhoods. Safe and reliable mobility options, including walking, biking, transit and car, take people where they need to go. The City's transportation system integrates leading safety and efficiency technology.***



# Transportation

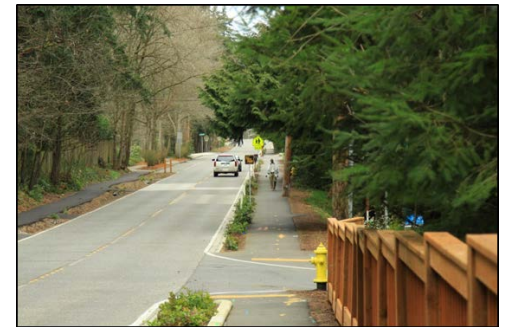
- Bellevue population is more urban and more diverse
- People view transportation in the context of their lives
- Broadly address mobility needs
- Integrate mobility and livability on a citywide scale, building off the Downtown Transportation Plan and Livability work
- Transportation system will help people get around, contribute to the quality of their lives, provide benefits to their health and improve the livability of their neighborhoods



# Transportation

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- Recognize and plan for all modes of travel – driving, walking, bicycling and riding transit – and establish multi-modal level-of-service metrics and standards to help make data-based decisions (TR-4, 6, X6, X7, X8, and X9)
- Incorporate policies from the adopted Transit Master Plan (TR-50, X14, X15, 58, X18)
- Develop a Transportation Master Plan to incorporate multiple transportation plans and projects for each mode and to establish system priorities (TR-X10)



# Transportation

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- Protect environmental values and community character (TR-X25, X26, X27)
- Support safety and livability of neighborhood streets through the neighborhood traffic safety program and discourage cut-through traffic, while providing connectivity (TR-115, X29)
- Adjust Mobility Management Areas
  - Change boundary of MMA 10, 11, and 13; Change name of MMA Newcastle to SE Bellevue; and reflect completed roadway infrastructure projects, development and annexations
- Consolidate project lists in Volume 2





# Transportation – variance between commissions

- Many Study Sessions and significant coordination between commissions
- Concurrence between commissions on recommendation for overall element and other policy changes
- Planning Commission's recommendation is provided in Transmittal draft
- Due to timing late in process, schedule lacked opportunity for additional review between commissions of final few recommendations
- Goal and 2 policies have different recommendations between Planning Commission and Transportation Commission

Planning Commission  
Recommendation

***Transportation Goal:***

*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.*

Transportation Commission Recommendation

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*To maintain and enhance a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system to serve all members of the community.*

# Transportation

## Planning Commission Recommendation

**TR-1.** *Integrate land use and transportation decisions to ensure that the transportation system supports the Comprehensive Plan while striving to reduce congestion and improve mobility.*

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