



Grand Connection

Sequence One Design Guidelines and Standards Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) Public Hearing

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Direction

Public Hearing on the proposed LUCA and, following the Public Hearing, recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed LUCA.





Agenda

1. Grand Connection Initiative and Sequence One Extent
2. LUCA Objectives
3. Outreach and Engagement
4. Draft LUCA Structure
5. Study Sessions Comments
6. Direction Needed



Grand Connection Initiative



Grand Connection Framework Plan & Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Sequence One and Two



Grand Connection Sample Implementation Strategies



Design Guidelines and Standards



Activation Strategies



Intersection Improvements



Wayfinding (Signage)



I-405 Lid Concept Feasibility Study



Refreshed Graphics



Civic Center



Future LUCAS



Bellwether Arts Festival



Meydenbauer Park



Downtown Park Entry



Downtown Code



Eastrail Integration



Mobility Studies

Sequence One Extent

Grand
Connection:
Sequence One

Meydenbauer
Bay Park

100th
Ave NE

Bellevue
Way NE

110th
Ave NE

NE 6th St

City Hall

Main St

Civic
Center

I-405 Lid
Concept

Grand Connection:
Sequence Two

Eastrail

Lake to Lake

East
Main

BelRed

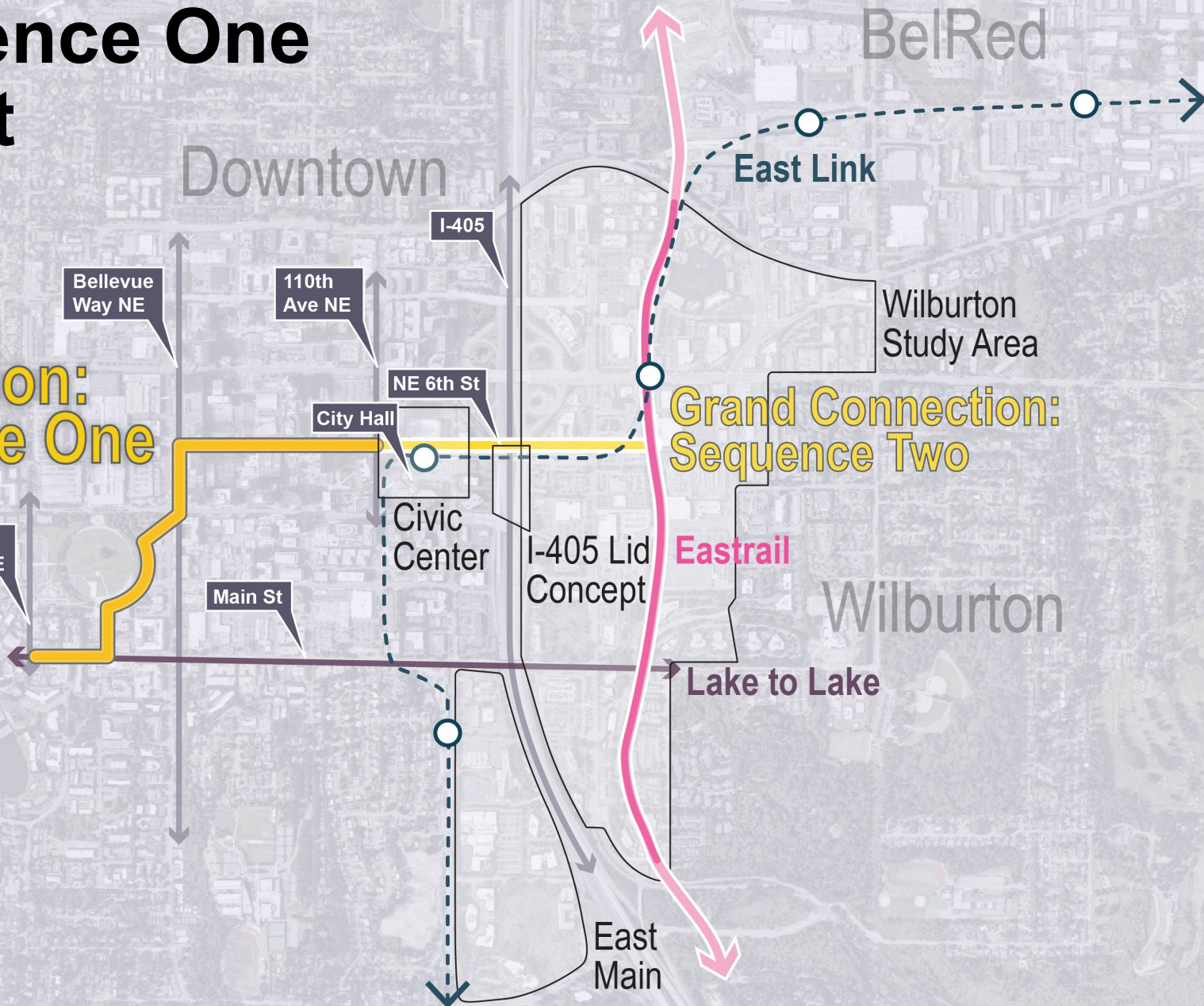
East Link

Wilburton
Study Area

Wilburton

Downtown

I-405





LUCA Objectives

Implement elements of the Grand Connection Framework Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Update Pedestrian Corridor and Major Public Open Space Design Guidelines and LUC to reflect Grand Connection vision

Remove redundant guidelines/simplify content where possible



Update Process

2020

2021


Initial LUCA
Structure/
Outline


Initial Draft LUCA
For Testing

PC Briefing
January 22

PC Briefing
June 24


Draft LUCA
For Review

PC Study Session #1
March 10

PC Study Session #2
March 24

PC Public Hearing/
Recommendation
April 28

City Council Study Session
May (Tentative)



City Council
Adoption

Articulation Phase

- Audit Pedestrian Corridor and Downtown Design Guidelines
- Review Grand Connection Sequence One Framework Plan
- Review Downtown Code

Formulation Phase

- Review Precedent Studies
- Test with Active Projects
- Internal/External Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Briefings

Adoption Phase

-  Stakeholder Briefings
-  Testing with Active Projects
-  Focus Groups

Outreach and Engagement



Applied Engagement
from 2017-2018
Framework Plan
Process



Ongoing Testing
with Active
Projects



External Focus
Group with Grand
Connection
Stakeholders



Internal Focus
Group with Design
Review Staff



Bellevue Downtown
Association Land Use
and Livability
Committee Briefings



Transportation
Commission and
Parks Board
Briefings



20.25A.175 Grand Connection and Major Public Open Spaces



A. General

1. Section Requirements
2. Public Access
3. Hours
4. Operations
5. Development Rights

B. Grand Connection

1. Purpose
2. Where required
3. Applicable Review
4. Maintenance
5. Phased Construction, Grand Connection

C. Major Public Open Spaces

1. Purpose
2. Where required
3. Design
4. Specific Development Mechanism



D. Grand Connection Guidelines and Standards

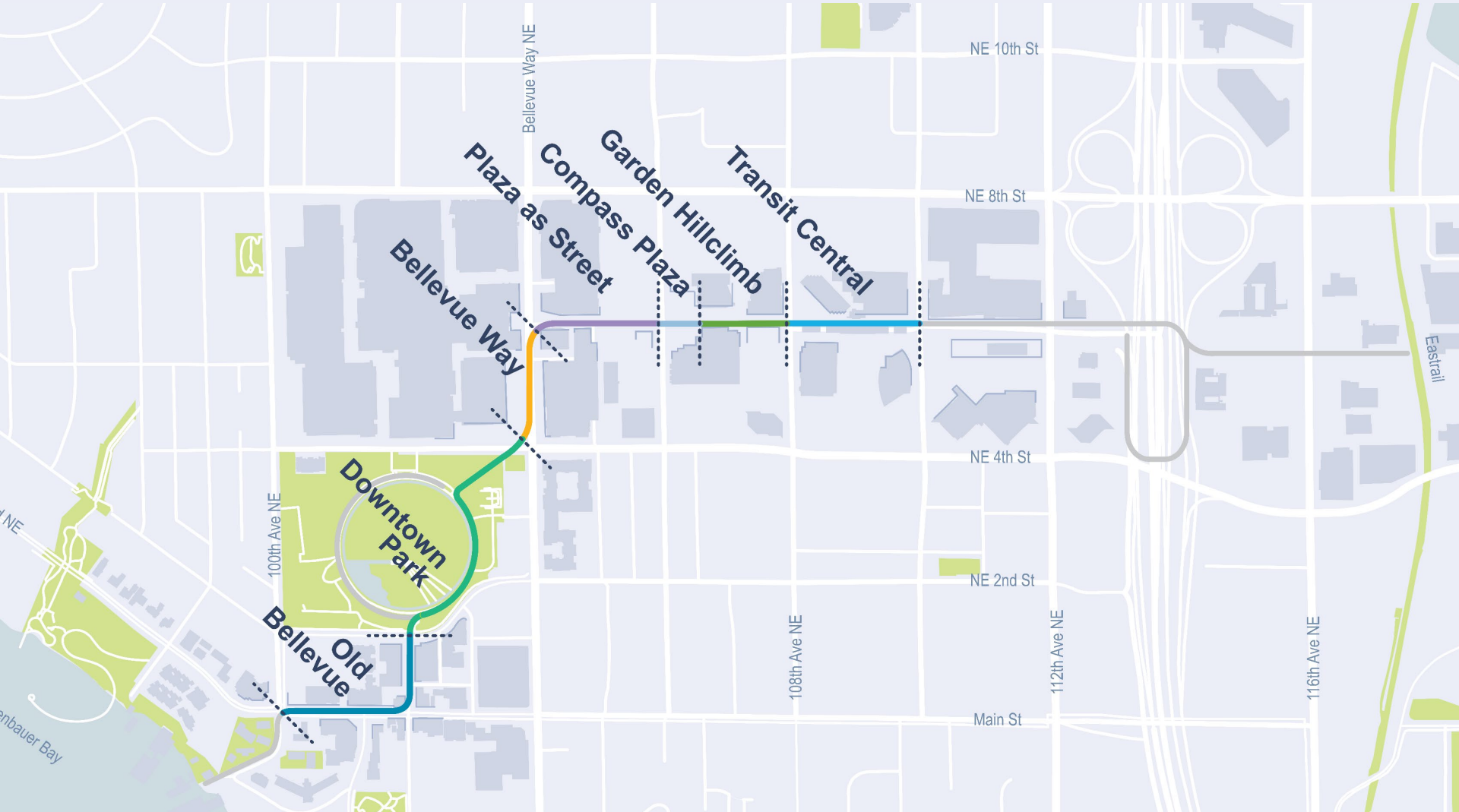
1. Artistic Elements
2. Ecological Framework
3. Fixtures
4. Paving
5. Primary Entries
6. Signature Color



E. Room Specific Guidance

1. Old Bellevue
2. Downtown Park
3. Bellevue Way
4. Plaza as Street
5. Compass Plaza
6. Garden Hillclimb
7. Transit Central

Sequence One Rooms



Conformance Amendments



- Amendments to effectively integrate the proposed LUC section 20.25A.175 and ensure consistency with the broader Downtown Code
- Amendments to the definitions
- Change of right-of-way designation for 102nd Avenue NE, between Main Street and NE 1st Street, from a “B” to an “A” for consistency with the Grand Connection LUCA
- General clean-ups for clarity and to correct cross-references

Study Session Comments



- Supporting opportunities for cultural expression and increased safety
- Supporting events/activation along the route will be shared with internal and external teams focused on ongoing or planned activation
- Ensuring ease-of-access to and along the Grand Connection



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