



# **2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

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## **Transportation**

### **East Bellevue Community Council**

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July 6, 2021





# Agenda

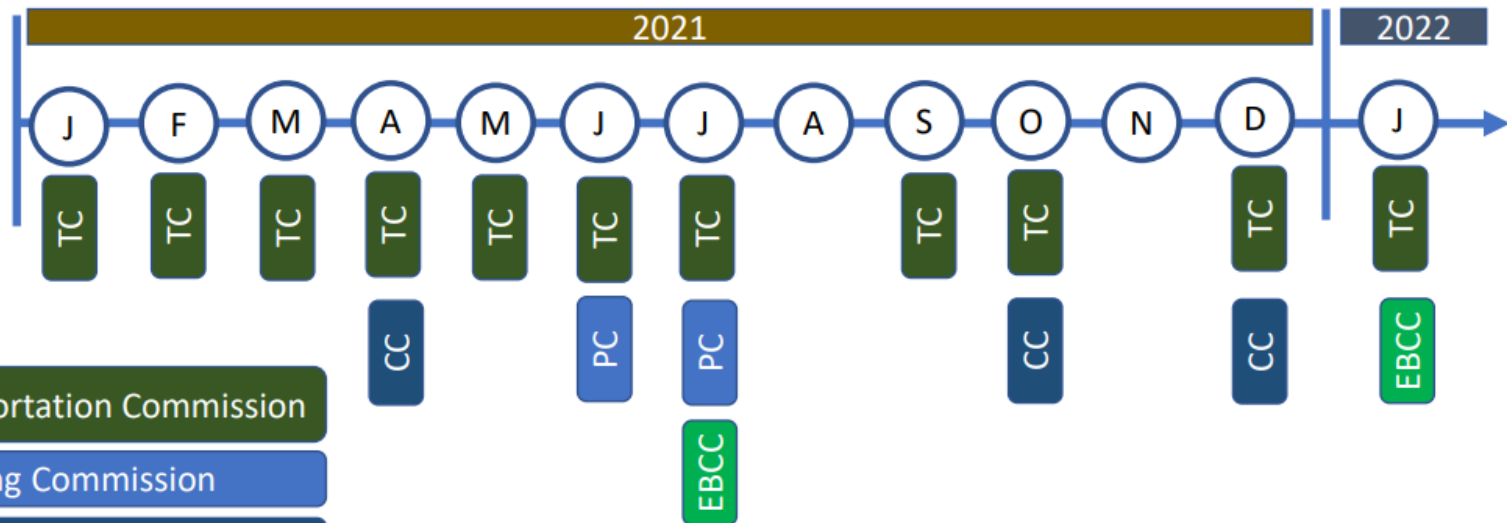
Council-initiated  
2021 Comprehensive Plan  
Amendments

- a) Multimodal Concurrency
- b) Comprehensive  
Transportation Project List





## Mobility Implementation Plan: Commission and Council Meetings Timeline



TC. Transportation Commission

PC. Planning Commission

CC. City Council

EBCC. East Bellevue Community Council





# Transportation Policy

## **Comprehensive Plan 1989**

Traveling on arterials should not be too inconvenient, time consuming, or unsafe

## **Comprehensive Plan 1993**

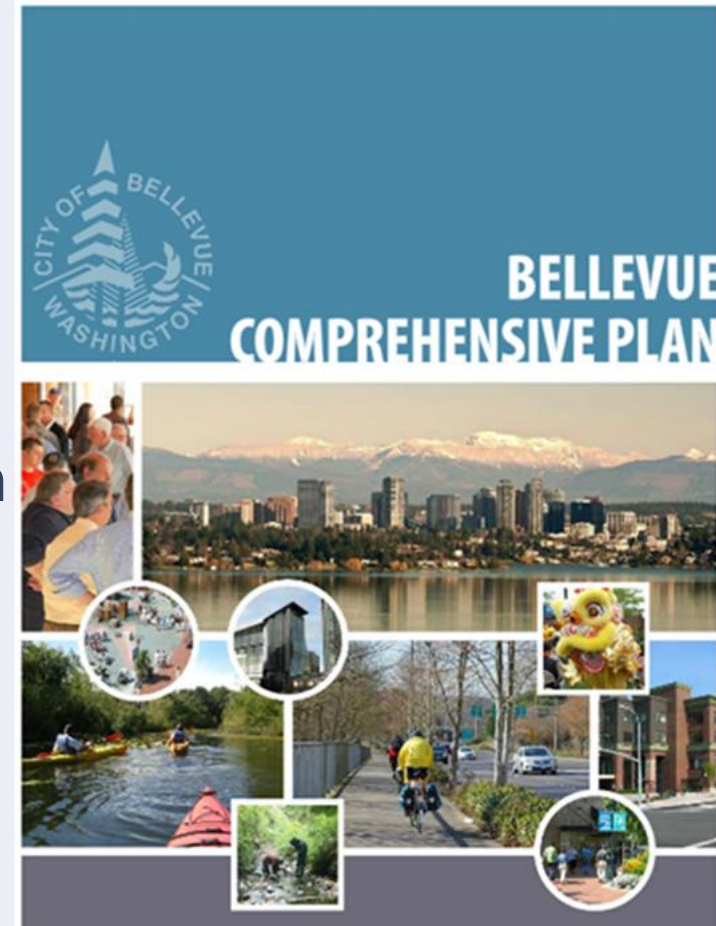
Establish (vehicle) LOS standards in each area of the city in light of growth management objectives

## **Comprehensive Plan 2015**

Establish Multimodal Level-of-Service measures, standards and targets

## **Comprehensive Plan 2021**

Establish Multimodal Concurrency





# Multimodal Level-of-Service

## Transportation Commission Report

- Multimodal Level-of-Service approach departs from decades-old practice in Bellevue
  - Vehicle focus has created a complete network for cars
  - Active transportation and transit facilities have gaps
- Each mode - vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, transit - has specific metrics
- Level-of-service for each mode varies according to land use
- Foundation for policy amendments



A Recommendation of the  
Bellevue Transportation  
Commission  
City of Bellevue, WA  
April 13, 2017



# Multimodal Concurrency

## Transportation Element Policies

- Council initiated a Comprehensive Plan Amendment on April 5, 2021
- Council directed Transportation Commission to recommend policy to broaden concurrency to include all modes
- Recommendation would amend, repeal or add policies in the Transportation Element to embed multimodal concurrency



**MULTIMODAL  
CONCURRENCY IN  
BELLEVUE**





# Multimodal Concurrency

## Transportation Concurrency

- Growth Management Act requires jurisdictions to ensure transportation infrastructure supports land use – concurrent with the land use demand
- If concurrency not met, jurisdiction must not approve new development
- Bellevue employs a vehicle approach
- Intersection standard varies between 14 Mobility Management Areas
- Concurrency addressed mostly with intersection capacity projects
- Multimodal approach more sustainable
- Policy amendments required

### WHAT IS TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY?

The Washington State Growth Management Act requires cities to ensure that transportation programs, projects and services needed to serve growth are regionally coordinated, and are in place either when new development occurs or within six years. This is done to make sure the city can provide the transportation improvements needed to maintain its adopted level of service standards and so that conditions do not degrade below the standards with the addition of the new households and workers.



# Transportation Element

## Vehicle-Only Approach

- Transportation analysis for new development calculates vehicle trips
- Level-of-Service calculated for vehicles only
- PM peak period intersection capacity is constrained
- Expensive to expand vehicle capacity and there are adverse impacts associated with wider roads and intersections

## Multimodal Approach

- Advances completing the system for all modes
- Performance Metrics and Performance Targets are established for all modes
- Land use context informs Performance Targets
- Equity & sustainability inform project prioritization

### WHAT IS MULTIMODAL MOBILITY?

A multimodal mobility strategy is designed to address more than one “mode” (or method) of transportation for people to get to/from and within Bellevue. The city’s multimodal mobility strategy incorporates policies for all mobility options, including walking, bicycling, riding transit, and driving.

Multimodal planning considers the modes of transportation and the context as inputs to design and investment decisions.



# Transportation Element

## Policy Development

- Transportation Commission reviewed existing policies in the Transportation Element
- Evaluated policy language with respect to Council direction on multimodal concurrency
- Determined whether to amend or repeal existing policy if the policy did not support a multimodal approach
- Determined if new policies are needed
- Policy wordsmithing





# Transportation Element

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The Commission held three study sessions with lively discussion and debate specific to policy

Community input and opinion - written and oral - ranged across the spectrum

Study sessions related to policy also included discussions about the Mobility Implementation Plan, including Performance Metrics and Performance Targets for each mode





# Transportation Element

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On June 10, the Transportation Commission approved policies we recommend to embed multimodal concurrency in the Transportation Element

We submit these policy recommendations as part of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2021

Our action responds to Council direction and is part of the larger task of preparing a new Mobility Implementation Plan





# Transportation Element

Policy	Transportation Commission Final Recommendation, June 10, 2021
New Goal	GOAL: To improve all mobility options so that everyone in Bellevue has a safe, comfortable, reliable, and efficient experience on their preferred mode, while encouraging and transitioning to more environmentally and fiscally sustainable modes.
TR-2	Improve the multimodal transportation system and the quality of the travel experience for all users.
TR-20	Scope, plan, design, implement, operate, and maintain a complete and multimodal transportation system in accordance with the Performance Metrics, Performance Targets and Performance Management Areas as established in the Mobility Implementation Plan.
TR-30	1. Monitor and document transportation system performance in accordance with the Performance Targets and Performance Management Areas established in the Mobility Implementation Plan. 2. Engage the community to evaluate and modify the Mobility Implementation Plan as needed, in concert with each update of the Comprehensive Plan, or as warranted by changed circumstances.
TR-34	Evaluate the performance of all modes and engage the community to identify projects, priorities, programs and resources to meet Complete Streets goals and the Performance Targets through updates to the Transportation Facilities Plan.
TR-73	Implement infrastructure and technology to support reliable transit arrival time and travel speed along the Frequent Transit Network between Activity Centers.
TR-132	Provide and prioritize transportation funding to meet Performance Targets for people walking, biking, riding transit, and travelling in a car.
New Policy A	Employ a citywide multimodal level-of-service concurrency standard that provides transportation facilities that meet the demand from new development.
New Policy B	Plan for transportation system projects to accommodate the forecast demand and to meet Performance Targets in each update of the Transportation Facilities Plan.

Refer to Attachment 1 in Agenda Memo for policy crosswalk



# Transportation Element

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Questions and Comments

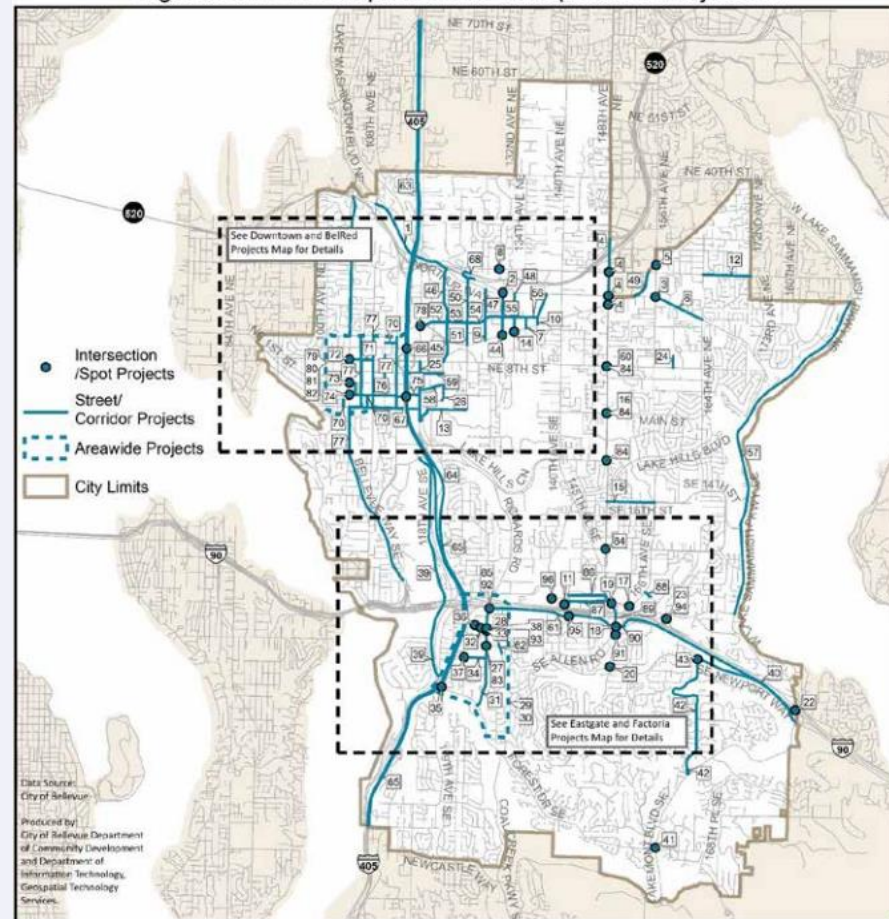


# Comprehensive Transportation Project List



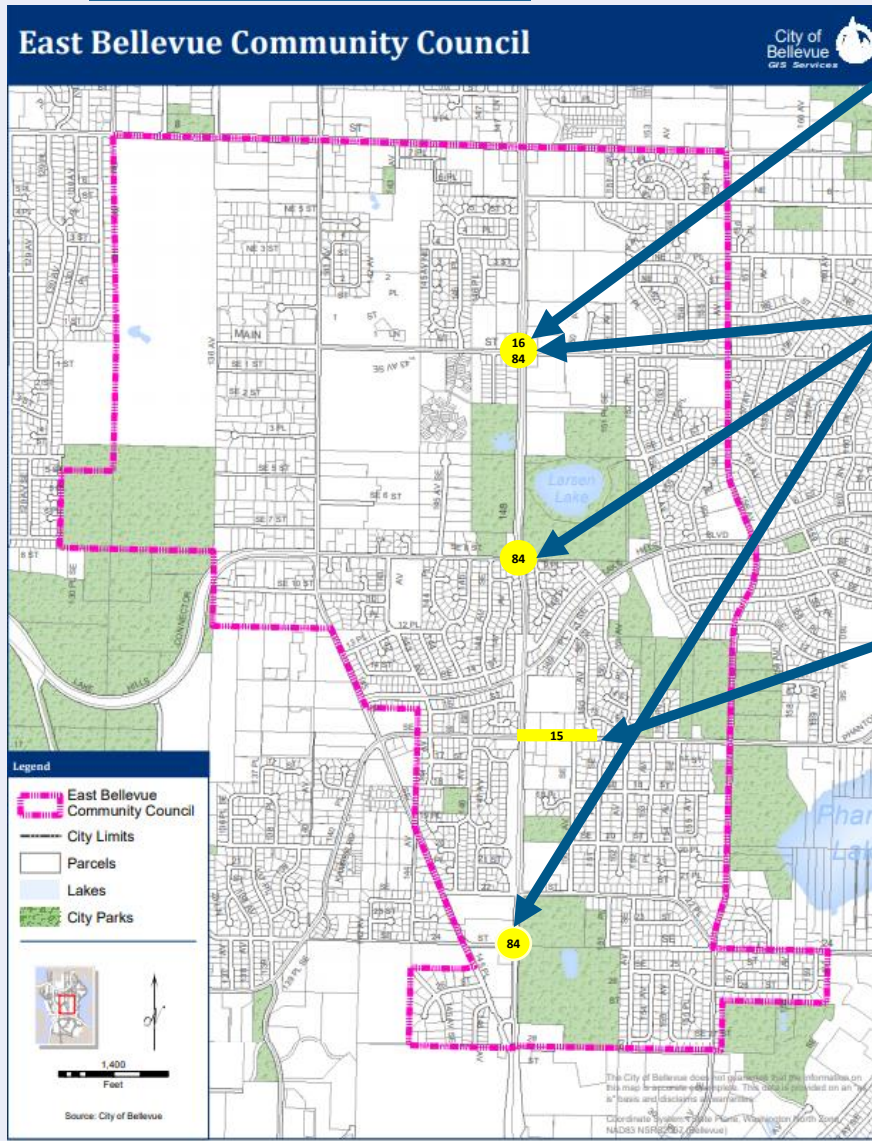
- Transportation Commission recommended the CTPL for the Comprehensive Plan in the 2015 major update to consolidate all transportation projects
- As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a CPA is required to change anything in the CTPL
- Staff recommends a CPA in 2021 to repeal the CTPL
- Project inventory is maintained in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Figure CTPL-1. Comprehensive Transportation Project List





# CTPL Projects in EBCC



**16.** Conduct a needs assessment to determine whether a westbound right turn lane should be added at 148th Ave / Main St.

**84.** Replace aging wiring and poles at three signalized intersections along the 148th Avenue corridor

**15.** Add 5-foot-wide bicycle lanes outside of 11-footwide vehicle lanes on both sides of SE 16th Street. The project will construct new curb, gutter, and 6-foot-wide sidewalk and 4-foot wide planter on the north side between 148th Avenue NE and 154th Avenue NE. This is a component of priority bicycle corridor EW-3: Lake to Lake Trail



# Transportation Improvement Program



- TIP is intended to be the only citywide inventory of transportation projects
- Council updates the TIP annually, with a recommendation from the Transportation Commission
- Projects planned through subarea plans or corridor plans are added to the TIP soon after the planning ends
- Projects are prioritized in updates to the Transportation Facilities Plan and fully funded in the Capital Investment Program Plan
- Projects in TIP eligible for grants!

City of Bellevue  
2022-2027

Transportation Improvement Program



Resolution 9932 - May 10, 2021





# Summary

- Transportation Commission recommends policy amendments to embed multimodal concurrency in the Transportation Element
- Transportation staff recommends repealing Comprehensive Transportation Project List from the Comprehensive Plan







# Thank You!

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