

**City of  
Bellevue**



# Transportation Commission Study Session

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**SUBJECT:** Mobility Implementation Plan – Questionnaire Results

## DIRECTION REQUESTED

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Between July 26 and August 16, Bellevue residents, workers and visitors viewed and replied to a questionnaire that asked about their views and aspirations for the transportation system.

At the September 9, 2021 Transportation Commission study session, staff will review the responses to the questionnaire and will engage the Commission in a discussion of what the information means for the Mobility Implementation Plan.

## INFORMATION

In the platform *Engaging Bellevue*, staff posted a questionnaire, the responses to which express the respondent's views and aspirations for the transportation system. Staff made information about the questionnaire available to the community through formal publications such as It's Your City and Neighborhood News, social media such as Twitter and Facebook, and outreach to community and neighborhood groups. The questionnaire was available for anyone to share with anyone else, so "word of mouth" likely accounted for some views and responses. Not being a statistically valid survey, the information contained in the response summaries to the questionnaire is just that – information. It is as valid as any written communication or oral communications to the Transportation Commission.

### Community Outreach

Marie Jensen, Community Relations Lead for the Transportation Department made an extraordinary effort to inform the community about the availability of the questionnaire. Following is a summary of the outreach to community-based organizations (CBOs)

- The Congregation for the Homeless program manager made hard copy surveys available to residents. Three (3) questionnaires were returned.
- The questionnaire announcement was shared in newsletters produced by Hopelink/Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative, Muslim Association of Puget Sound and Indian American Community Services.

- The questionnaire announcement was shared by city staff with members of the Bellevue Network on Aging and Youth Link as well as subscribers to the city's Environmental Stewardship Initiative.

Attachment 2 is the introductory email and public announcement sent to 12 CBOs that serve Bellevue.

#### Number of views/responses

In total 770 people viewed the questionnaire and 566 people provided responses

#### Where people responded from

People in all areas of the city responded to the questionnaire. Also, people responded from outside the city who may visit Bellevue for work, school, or other purpose.

#### Responses to specific questions

Responses to some of the questions are highlighted below. A full report is included as Attachment 1.

Q. In your day-to-day travel, how important is it for Bellevue to invest in the following types of projects? *Please rank the following with **1 being your highest priority and 5 being your lowest priority**:*

- Sidewalk projects that allow me to walk/roll safely and comfortably to where I want to go: **2.53**
- Transit projects that allow me to use transit to get where I want to go in the same amount of time as driving: **2.71**
- Bike lane and trail projects that allow me to ride a bike/scooter on a direct, dedicated route (for example, a bike lane or bike trail): **3.14**
- Roadway and intersection projects that allow me to drive at a predictable speed during the afternoon rush hour: **3.29**
- Street crossing, sidewalk, and bus stop projects that allow me to get to a bus stop and wait there comfortably and safely: **3.3**

Q. How should Bellevue's transportation system accommodate the growth of more people living, working and studying in the city—especially in the Downtown, BelRed and other neighborhoods? Information below is the percentage of all responses that are "strongly agree" and "agree" responses:

- Add more mid-block crossings: 62%
- Improve bus waiting areas: 65%
- Add or improve sidewalks: 83%
- Build more bike lanes and trails: 70%
- Build wider roads and intersections: 32%

- Build improvements to reduce travel times: 78%

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Information gleaned from the questionnaire will be incorporated into the Mobility Implementation Plan and will help inform project prioritization.

**ATTACHMENT 1.** Questionnaire Report Downloaded

**ATTACHMENT 2.** Outreach Message