



# Bellevue Planning Commission

## A Resolution of the Planning Commission

July 28, 2021

2021 Annual Final Review Comprehensive Plan Amendment Recommendation

### Transportation Element Policy Amendments – Multimodal Concurrency

AYE	NAY	ABSENT	
X			Mohammad Malakoutian, Chair
		X	Carolynn Ferris, Vice-chair
X			Vishal Bhargava
X			Karol Brown
X			Radhika Moolgavkar
X			Anne Morisseau
On the motion of: Anne Morisseau			
Seconded by: Radhika Moolgavkar			
The following resolution was adopted: Transportation Element Policy Amendments – Multimodal Concurrency Final_Review Recommendation			

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A.010 RCW, states that uncoordinated and unplanned growth, together with a lack of common goals expressing the public's interest in the conservation and the wise use of our lands, pose a threat to the environment, sustainable economic development, and the health, safety, and high quality of life enjoyed by residents of this state; and

WHEREAS it is in the public interest that citizens, communities, local governments, and the private sector cooperate and coordinate with one another in comprehensive land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.64.070 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC) establishes the powers and duties of the Planning Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council by holding public hearings and conducting studies, performing analyses, and preparing reports requested by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, BCC 3.64.070 also states that the Planning Commission shall review, advise and make recommendations to the City Council on the Comprehensive Plan and other planning documents of the City of Bellevue to determine if the City's plans, goals, policies and land use ordinances and regulations implement the state Growth Management Act and promote orderly and coordinated development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission received direction from the City Council to develop a Mobility Implementation Plan on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission received direction from the City Council on April 5, 2021 to prepare a policy recommendation to embed a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission held study sessions on the Mobility Implementation Plan on January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, and July 8 and 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission approved a recommendation on June 10, 2021 to amend the Transportation Element to embed a multimodal approach to transportation concurrency; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has conducted Final Review according to Chapter 20.30I of the Land Use Code (LUC) for the **Transportation Element Policy Amendments – Multimodal Concurrency** proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, and the Planning Commission held an information and review study session on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment with the Chair of the Transportation Commission and Transportation Department staff on June 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a Final Review public hearing on July 28, 2021, after the City published legally-required notice of the public hearing on July 1, 2021, and provided the staff recommendation and all materials submitted to the public record; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with all the Final Review Decision Criteria in LUC 20.30I.150.B.1-5:

**20.30I.150 Final Review Decision Criteria**

The Planning Commission may recommend, and the City Council may adopt or adopt with modifications an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan if:

- A. There exists obvious technical error in the pertinent Comprehensive Plan provision; or
- B. The following criteria have been met:
  - 1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other goals and policies of the City, the Countywide Planning Policies, the Growth Management Act, and other applicable law; and
  - 2. The proposed amendment addresses the interests and changed needs of the entire City as identified in its long-range planning and policy documents; and
  - 3. The proposed amendment addresses significantly changed conditions since the last time the pertinent Comprehensive Plan map or text was amended. See LUC 20.50.046 for the definition of “Significantly Changed Conditions;” and
  - 4. If a site-specific proposed amendment, the subject property is suitable for development in general conformance with adjacent land use and the surrounding development pattern, and with zoning standards under the potential zoning classifications; and
  - 5. The proposed amendment demonstrates a public benefit and enhances the public health, safety and welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council that it adopt the Transportation Element Policy Amendments – Multimodal Concurrency (21-107724 AC) amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and recommends that Council consider adding language that addresses congestion reduction intent.



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Mohammad Malakoutian, Chair

9-20-2021

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Thara Johnson, staff liaison

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