

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5483

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue, as required and adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act of 1990, as amended (chapter 36.70A RCW); adopting an amendment initiated in 2003 to Comprehensive Plan policies related to grade-separated pedestrian crossings in the Downtown; deleting policy S-DT-68 and creating a new policy in the Downtown Subarea Plan; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires jurisdictions to act no more than once per year to amend their Comprehensive Plans, except in the event of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain barriers to creating safe and accessible pedestrian connections at grade in certain portions of the Downtown; and

WHEREAS, these barriers to pedestrian mobility may impact businesses and services in the Downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain areas as appropriate for consideration of grade-separated pedestrian crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 10, 2003 with regard to the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act and the City Environmental Procedures Code; now therefore:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Policy S-DT-68 of the Downtown Subarea Plan of the Comprehensive Plan is hereby deleted.

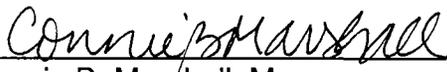
Section 2. A new Policy S-DT-68 is added to the Downtown Subarea Plan of the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

POLICY S-DT-68. Pedestrian crossings may be appropriate over the public right-of-way on Bellevue Way between NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street, and over NE 4th and NE 8th Streets between Bellevue Way and 110th Avenue NE, provided that there is a clear demonstration of public benefit and design criteria are fully met.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication. This ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of October, 2003, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20th day of October, 2003.

(SEAL)



Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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