



# **Downtown** Transportation Plan Update

## **Bellevue City Council Plan Update Principles**

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# Plan Update Principles

## Purpose

- Express Council intent for the plan update
- Direct staff and consultant resources toward intended scope
- Set community expectations for outcomes
- Guide Transportation Commission in project review and developing a final recommendation for Council to consider

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9 draft principles for Council consideration

## Key Points

- Multimodal transportation system
- Support Downtown growth and vision
- Engage community and regional partners
- Secure outside funding for implementation

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## **Plan for multiple modes of travel in Downtown Bellevue**

Develop a multimodal transportation strategy for Downtown that updates the existing Downtown Subarea Plan project list and considers and incorporates the emerging and anticipated needs of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and carpools/vanpools.

## **Accommodate the anticipated travel demands from the 2030 growth forecast**

Ensure that the planned transportation system will accommodate the 2030 forecast for Downtown residential and commercial growth.

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## **Advance the adopted vision for Downtown Bellevue**

Ensure that the Downtown transportation system advances the land use and urban design vision for Downtown Bellevue - articulated in the Downtown Subarea Plan as a vibrant, livable, accessible, and memorable mixed use Urban Center.

## **Recognize changes in the regional and local transportation environment**

Incorporate local and regional projects and plans that have been approved since the Downtown Subarea Plan was adopted in 2004 – including such changes as East Link, SR 520 expansion and tolling, and the adoption of the Mobility and Infrastructure Initiative and the Bel-Red Subarea Plan.

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## **Integrate City Council direction**

As future Downtown transportation alternatives are established, incorporate City Council direction on regional transportation facilities, such as the Downtown alignment for the Sound Transit East Link project and the I-405 Master Plan.

## **Provide for comprehensive public involvement**

Ensure that process to update the Downtown Transportation Plan includes broad and inclusive public outreach and involvement that engages the diverse Downtown commercial and residential community, nearby residential neighborhoods, and other community stakeholders.

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## Minimize traffic impacts on neighborhoods

Consider measures as needed to protect nearby residential neighborhood streets from Downtown cut-thru traffic and commuter parking spillover, and limit traffic impacts on Downtown residents.

## Involve regional transportation partners

Coordinate planning for the Downtown Bellevue transportation system with regional partner agencies, such as the Washington State Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, and King County Metro, and work to ensure that those partner agencies develop plans and projects to support mobility in the Downtown Bellevue regional growth center.

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Leverage funding from outside sources to implement projects

Identify transportation system projects that effectively leverage grant funding opportunities. These types of projects will achieve multiple mobility benefits and support economic vitality and Downtown Bellevue's regional status as a Metropolitan City and Urban Center.



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## Discussion

Plan update web site:

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm>