Regional Transportation Update

Bel-Red Steering Committee
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Bellevue Transportation Staff
Topics

• SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project
• Upcoming I-405 Projects:
  – NE 10th St. Crossing
  – 112th Ave SE to SE 8th St.
  – I-405 Northbound NE 8th St. to SR 520 Braids Project
• Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Right of Way
• RapidRide/Transit Now
SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

Draft Environmental Impact Statement complete

• Bellevue preferred alternative:
  – 6-lane: 2 general purpose and 1 HOV lane each direction
  – Pacific Interchange
  – Transit improvements:
    • Direct access at 108th Ave NE, Pacific Interchange, I-5 Express Lanes
    • Transit flyer stops at 92nd Ave NE and Evergreen Point Road
  – Tolls: balance demand and revenue
  – High capacity transit: construct to enable future provision

• Eastside cities joint interest statement:
  – Consensus among Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Kirkland, Medina, Redmond, Yarrow Point

• Corridor preferred alternative expected 11/15/06
Upcoming I-405 Projects

NE 10th St. Crossing
• Connect 112th Ave NE to 116th Ave NE
• Complete 2009

112th Ave SE to SE 8th St.
• Northbound: +1GP (112th Ave SE to SE 8th)
• Southbound: +1GP lane & +1 HOV lane (SE 8th to I-90)
• Complete 2009
I-405 Northbound NE 8th St. to SR 520 Braided Crossings Project

Downtown Bellevue Portion - Today
I-405 Northbound NE 8th St. to SR 520 Braided Crossings Project

Downtown Bellevue Portion

- Braided crossing separates I-405 and SR 520 weave
- NE 12th St. bridge rebuilt wider and with Pedestrian-bicycle facilities
- NE 10th St. ramp to SR 520
I-405 Northbound NE 8th St. to SR 520 Braided Crossings Project

Downtown Bellevue Portion

NE 10th Street On-Ramp
I-405 Northbound NE 8th St. to SR 520 Braided Crossings Project

SR 520 Portion

Braided crossing separates SR 520 & 124th Ave NE weave

Improved SR 520 to I-405 ramp geometry

Improved 124th Ave NE off-ramp

Project complete 2011
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

- BNSF abandoning operations between I-90 and SE 8th St.
  - Reduces complexity of I-405 112th to SE 8th project
- King Co. proposing to acquire entire 47 mile corridor for regional trail
  - Port of Seattle buys Boeing field from King Co., then King Co. acquires BNSF right of way
- Bellevue Pedestrian/Bicycle plan and City Council policy direction calls for regional trail
Transit Now: Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

Summary of Transit Now

- Increased Metro service: 620,000 added annual hours by 2016
- 1/10th cent sales tax increase
- 40-40-20 allocation policy
- Service partnerships

• RapidRide:
  - 10 minute frequencies
  - Faster (signals, queue jumps)
  - Improved shelters/facilities
  - “Branding” for unique look/feel
  - Five lines: Bellevue-Crossroads-Overlake-Redmond, Aurora N., W. Seattle, Ballard, Pac. Hwy S.