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## **Open House and Public Hearing set for Bel-Red Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**BELLEVUE** – Want to learn more about how the Bel-Red Corridor might look in 30 years? Have an opinion to share with the City of Bellevue about how transportation or land use should change in the Bel-Red area?

On Thursday, Feb. 15, the City of Bellevue will host an open house starting at 5 p.m. and public hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the Bel-Red Corridor Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Both events take place at Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.

The city issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project on Jan. 25, and the public hearing is one way people can comment on it. Copies of the DEIS are available from the City of Bellevue. Compact disks (free) and paper copies (\$10) may both be obtained from the Service First desk at City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue or by calling (425) 452-6800. The document may also be downloaded on-line at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bel-red\\_intro.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bel-red_intro.htm)

The DEIS for the Bel-Red Corridor Project analyzes four land use and transportation alternatives (three "action alternatives" and one "no action alternative") for the area, which stretches between State Route 520 and Bel-Red Road, from Interstate 405 to the city's border with Redmond at 148th Avenue Northeast. The DEIS assesses the impacts of the four alternate ways that the area could develop between now and 2030. Public input on the DEIS, and the document itself, will help a 15-member project steering committee develop a preferred alternative, anticipated this spring. The steering committee will make a recommendation to the Bellevue City Council later this spring or summer.

Public comment about the DEIS also may be submitted through March 12 via e-mail at [BelRed@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BelRed@bellevuewa.gov) or in writing to Carol Helland, City of Bellevue Department of Planning & Community Development, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012. Comments should be as specific as possible and may address either the adequacy of the document or the

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merits of the alternatives or both. Comments may be on the methodology, alternatives, elements of the environment, mitigation measures, probable significant impacts and potential conditions on any licenses or approvals to be considered by the city.

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