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SUBJECT: New Downtown Wayfinding Elements

The City of Bellevue has reached a milestone with the recent completion of its first phase of new downtown wayfinding elements. Staff from Planning & Community Development and Transportation have collaborated over the past several years to develop a comprehensive wayfinding design manual, secure funding for a first phase from Sound Transit, and implement new kiosks, directional signage and public access identifiers.

Staff will provide a presentation on the range of new elements, including the first set of new wayfinding kiosks located along the Pedestrian Corridor. Topping each of the kiosks is an art element titled *Topos* by local artists Maria Cristalli and Marc Brown. The art attaches to the kiosk as a tree-like canopy that is modern yet organic, “finding a middle ground between the surrounding built objects, street trees and plantings (Cristalli Brown).” *Topos* is the Public Art Program’s first new installation marking the Art Walk that will extend from City Hall to Meydenbauer Bay.

No action will be requested but staff will seek input regarding the location and design of future wayfinding installations. Please feel free to contact us prior to the July 8 meeting if you have any questions.