Bellevue Transit Master Plan

Transportation Commission

June 26, 2014

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Tonight's Agenda

BELLEVUE COLLEGE

June 24, 2014

City of Bellevue
Attn: Claudia Balducci, Mayor
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Mayor Balducci:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Bellevue College plays a collaborative role with City of Bellevue on the strategic development of transportation infrastructure for the mutual benefit of the community and its student population. Towards this end, we wholeheartedly support the adoption of the 2014 City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan.

The Bellevue College Connection Project, as presented in the Transit Master Plan, exemplifies the

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its students and their community.

We support the adoption of the Transit Master Plan as well as continued collaboration between the City of Bellevue and strategic transportation development related to Bellevue College and its students.

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Administrative Services
Bellevue College
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June 25, 2014

Bellevue Transportation Commission
450 110th Avenue Northeast

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transit service in your community. We hope that this draft plan and its approach to assessing and planning for transit will be an example for other communities to follow.

Sincerely,

Victor Obeso
Manager, Service Development
Metro Transit Division

Bellevue Transit Master Plan

Letters of Support

City of Bellevue
Transportation Commission
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Bellevue, WA 98009

SENT VIA EMAIL: kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov

RE: Bellevue Transit Master Plan Update

Dear Commissioners

On whole the Bellevue Transit Master Plan Update is a very well thought out plan that should serve the City well for the next 10 to 15 years. Thank you and the Transportation Department staff particularly Franz Loewenherz for the exceptional work in putting this plan together.

While I believe the overall plan is a good one there are couple of items that I believe will have negative impacts that will outweighs the potential good they may bring to the transit system. I respectfully request that you reconsider these items and remove them from this plan update. These are the conversion of church parking lots into Park n Ride lots, leased lots, and the conversion of one of the general purpose lanes on Main Street into a transit only lane.

The conversion of the church parking lots may work well in some areas but I don't believe it's a good solution for all. The churches that I have a concern with are the ones along SE Bellevue Way at roughly SE 10th. I understand the idea that people from the surrounding neighborhood will use these lots as a way to access the transit system. My concern is that these particular lots will become much like the overflowing South Bellevue Park n Ride and will attract traffic to our neighborhood that is not presently there. The traffic on Bellevue Way is already bad and is already using the neighborhood side streets to avoid the clogged arterial. Drawing people in I believe will simply lengthen the time that it's bad.

One comment I've heard is that the parking lots are there and why shouldn't we use the parking lot for parking cars. Well I think the answer is pretty obvious, these are church parking lots that generally have limited hours that they are busy and they are not heavily used every day of the week nor at all hours of the day. The particular churches that I have referenced are zoned R-4, a residential zone, and they are surrounded by single family homes. I don't believe that a Park n Ride lot and single family residential are uses that should be side by side.

I'm confident that we will hear some reassurance that some additional process will be required to convert these now quiet suburban church parking lots into Metro Park n Ride lots and there by obfuscating this Commission's role for this recommendation and to simply keep it in the plan and kick it down road. But if you elect to take it out none of this time and energy will be necessary. Lastly I believe the ridership gains from converting these church parking lots to Park n Ride lots will be modest at best. Please reconsider this aspect of the Transit plan.

Converting a general purpose lane on Main Street to a transit only lane will push more traffic on to the neighborhood side streets. As a resident of South East Bellevue that frequents Main Street to get home and to work every day I can tell you that the traffic on Main Street is nightmarish at times. It will only get worse in the near future when the development underway is completed. Every good side street to the south of Main has "neighborhood calming" devices which do little to persuade commuters to sit and idle on Main Street and Bellevue Way. Further reduction of the limited capacity of our arterial streets will only convince more drivers to look for alternatives to avoid this congestion.

During the presentation of the draft plan to City Council, the Commission commented that this particular change produced very small gains to the overall system. I request that the Commission reconsider the inclusion of this conversion a general purpose lane to a transit only lane.

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Leased Lots & Main St HOV

From: Renay Bennett [mailto:renaybennett@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 7:41 AM
To: 'floewenherz@belleveuwa.gov'; 'MIngram@bellevuewa.gov'
Subject: Comments on Draft Transit Plan from Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board
Importance: High

Hi Franz and Mike,

Thank you both for all your help in helping me figure out where to find information and providing me with additional information.

After careful review of the information you both have provided, the Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board opposes the proposed HOV lane on 112th and respectfully ask that it be removed from further review.

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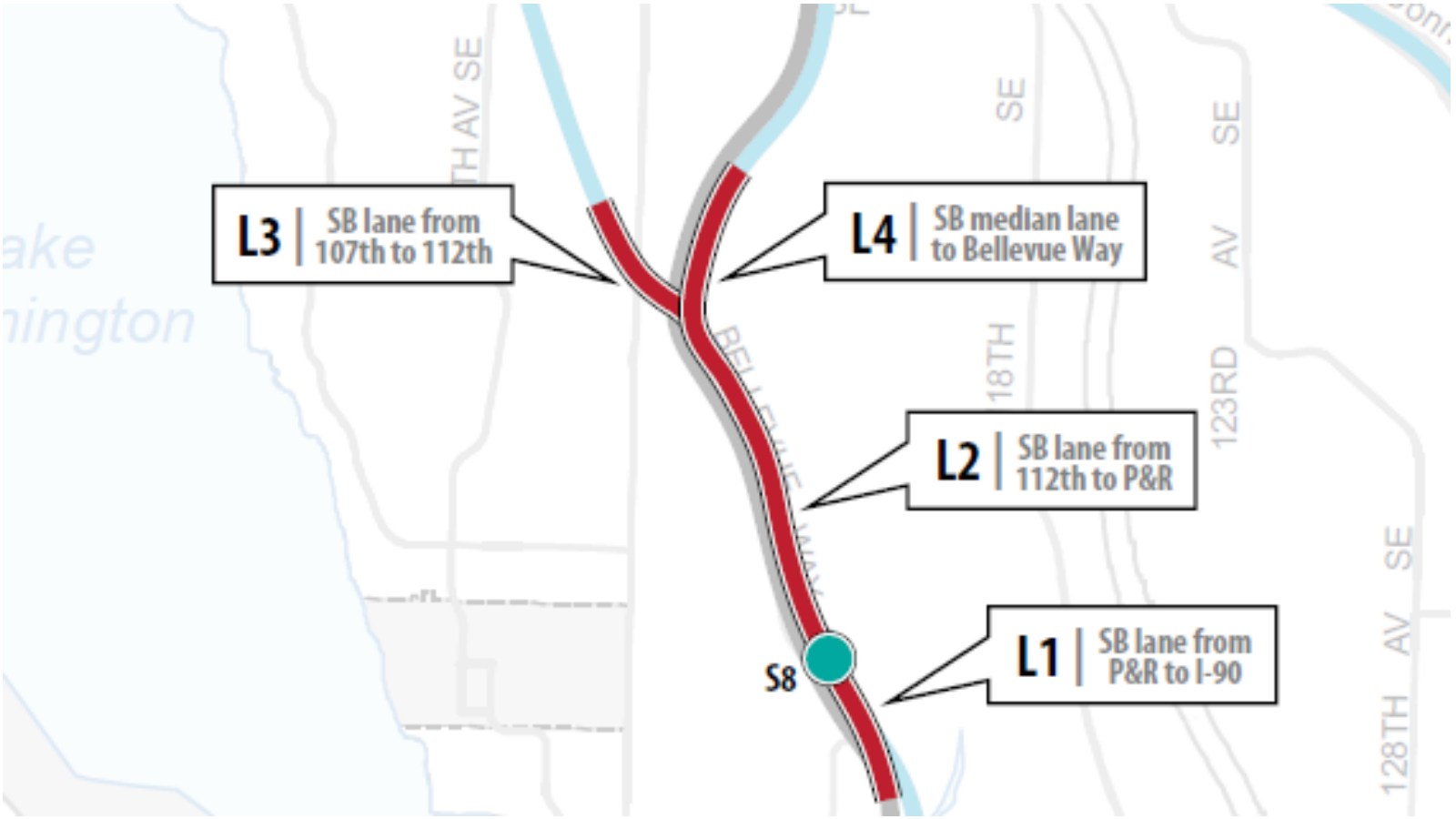
Thank you for your assistance,

The Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board
Renay Bennett, President
Allan Smith, Vice President
Heidi Drake, Secretary
Erin Powell Dilloo, Treasurer
Tricia Hardie
Kathy Krohn
Mark Landes
Nanette Lescher

"The median provides a graceful entrance to our city and a visual respite to everyone who enjoys this stretch of roadway. Removing the median will not only degrade the views of the wetland, but will remove the view of the median itself, as well as further allow more noise pollution into our neighborhood. Removing the tree canopy from this median undermines the consistent support to improve our environment that the city of Bellevue prides itself on."

ID	Project	Type	FTN Service		Project Description	Composite Scores		Project Need / Potential Issues
			Routes	Frequency (Peak/Base/Night)		Short-Term	Long-Term	
L4	112th Ave SE HOV Lane	Lane Construction	1	8 / 10-15 / 30	Construct a southbound median HOV Lane on 112th Ave SE from Bellevue Way SE to slightly beyond end of intersection queue.	13	19	Addresses operator feedback, 2030 LOS of E and 2030 queuing. See TFP-242. Property impacts on the west side of Bellevue Way SE at the intersection with 112th Ave SE.



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Project L4

Commission discussion/ action on Draft Transit Master Plan

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June 26, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Claudia Balducci
Members of the Bellevue City Council
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

RE: Transportation Commission Recommendation – Bellevue Transit Master Plan

Dear Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers:

It is with great pleasure that the Transportation Commission presents to the City Council the draft Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). Guided by Council's principles at the project outset and informed by public input, technical studies, and market analyses, the draft TMP represents the culmination of a planning effort initiated in July 2012. This document includes recommendations for improvements in public transit service to and within the City of Bellevue paired with capital improvements that support the recommended Frequent Transit Network.

Transportation Commission members are honored by your trust and confidence in selecting us to oversee the Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). We also appreciate the opportunity to have worked with our colleagues on the other Boards and Commissions on this project. Finally, we want to thank Councilmember Conrad Lee for serving in the role of Council liaison to our Commission and for his active participation at TMP workshops.

At its June 26, 2014 meeting, the Transportation Commission hosted a public hearing on the draft Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP). After which, the Commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the City Council adopt the TMP at its July 7, 2014 meeting. We hereby formally request that you adopt the TMP report and direct staff to transmit a copy of the Executive Summary to the County Executive, County Council, and Sound Transit Board of Directors informing them of Bellevue's transit priorities. We applaud the City Council's leadership and commitment to increasing transit service and capital investments essential to growing a strong economy for Bellevue's future.

Sincerely,

Ernie Simas Chair	Scott Lampe Vice-Chair	Victor Bishop Commissioner	Francois Larrivee Commissioner
Tom Tanaka Commissioner	Janice Zahn Commissioner	Dave Jokinen Commissioner	

Commission discussion/ action on Draft Transmittal Letter to Council

Bellevue Transit Master Plan

Transmittal Discussion/Action

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-transit-plan.htm

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Additional Information