



Downtown Transportation Plan Update

DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE MISCELLANEOUS CURBSIDE USES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUGUST 8, 2013

Discussion Outline

- Miscellaneous curbside uses identified
- Public input/comments through DTP and DLI outreach
- Policy addressing curbside uses
- Bellevue City Code provisions addressing curbside uses
- Review/Discuss preliminary staff recommendations for Transportation Commission consideration

Miscellaneous Curbside Uses

Loading Zones



Passenger Pick-Up/Drop-Off



Taxi Stands



Other Curbside Uses



Community Comments Summary

Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) and Downtown Livability Initiative (DLI) Comments

- **DTP:** Traffic flow is sometimes impeded when a **delivery or moving truck** takes up a travel lane and blocks traffic for an extended period of time.
- **DTP:** Lack of “**taxi stand**” locations may inhibit the use of taxis for short trips that are important for elderly and disabled residents, business visitors, and tourists
- **DTP:** Freight mobility within Downtown – including **deliveries large and small** – is sometimes problematic due to congestion and lack of on-street parking/loading zones.
- **DLI:** To have all loading and building servicing occur **on-site uses a lot of space** that could be better focused on providing pedestrian amenities. Yet these uses are essential to the function of the building, and sometimes the **loading function occurs in the street**.
- **DLI:** **Passenger pick-up/drop-off** locations are needed near office and residential towers.

Comprehensive Plan

Transportation Element

Policy TR-102. Require that new private development provide for freight loading and unloading on-site rather than on the public right-of-way.

Downtown Subarea Plan

None

Bellevue City Code

Right-of-Way Use Code

14.30.080 Right-of-way use permits

- Type D permits may be issued for use of right-of-way for activities for extended periods of time but which will not physically disturb the right-of-way
- Type D permits include Loading Zones, Sidewalk Cafes, Street Furniture, etc

Bellevue City Code

Land Use Code

20.20.590 Parking, circulation and walkway requirements.

Loading Space.

General. A property owner shall provide an off-street loading space which can access a public street. The number and size of loading spaces must be equal to the maximum number and size of vehicles which would be simultaneously loaded or unloaded in connection with the business conducted on the property

Waiver. If the property owner demonstrates that the development has and will have no loading needs, the Director of the Development Services Department may waive the requirements of paragraphs K.4.a through b of this section. Additionally, the Director of the Development Services Department may waive the requirements of paragraphs K.4.a through b if the applicant has obtained a **Right-Of-Way Use Permit** approving on-street loading.

Curbside Loading Zones



Designated Loading Zones



Improvised Loading Zones



Random Parcel Delivery

Curbside Passenger Pick-Up/Drop-Off



Designated Pick-up/
Drop-off Zones



Spontaneous Pick-up/
Drop-off

Casual Carpool



Curbside Taxi Stands



Designated Taxi Stand Zones



Spontaneous Taxi Pick-up/ Drop-off Activity

Other Curbside Uses

Park(ing)



Bike Corral



Bike Share Docking Station



Moving



Maintenance



Preliminary Staff Recommendations

Curbside Loading Zones



Recognize that most loading occurs on site, but some parcel delivery and other quick loading activity uses the public right-of-way. The latter is an enforcement issue rather than a policy or code issue.

- Providing for loading on-site
 - Transportation Element Policy TR-102
 - BCC 20.20.590 Parking, circulation and walkway requirements
 - BCC 14.30.080 Right-of-Way use permit for on-street loading
 - No additional policy support or code provisions needed
 - Encourage on-site loading through development review
- Providing curbside loading zone space in frontage improvements
 - BCC 20.20.590 Parking, circulation and walkway requirements
 - BCC 14.30.080 Right-of-Way use permit for on-street loading
 - No additional code provisions needed

Preliminary Staff Recommendations

Curbside Passenger Pick-Up/Drop-Off



Continue to designate curbside space as needed in the process of development review

- Encourage integrating 3-minute curbside pick-up/drop-off zones as frontage improvements for major development projects – “hand-off” to the Downtown Livability Initiative
- No additional policy support is needed for administrative development project review
- Monitor “casual carpool” activity
- No additional policy or code provisions are needed

Preliminary Staff Recommendations

Curbside Taxi Stands



- Establish policy support and location criteria for Downtown taxi stands
 - Locate proximate to significant generators of pedestrian traffic, such as a hotel, convention facility, shopping/dining destination, or light rail station
 - Designate taxi stand in the place of on-street parking spaces where on-street parking would otherwise be permitted (permanent parking spaces or off-peak spaces if any are designated)
- Code provisions:
 - BCC 11.23.026 For hire vehicle stopping, standing, parking
 - No additional code provisions needed

Preliminary Recommendations

Other Curbside Uses



- Allow temporary Park(ing) Day use of an on-street parking space on a case-by-case basis as requested by an adjacent business
 - R-O-W Use Permit required, Policy support may be helpful
- Allow for a permanent bicycle parking corral or bike-share docking station to be installed in a permanent on-street parking space on a case-by-case basis as requested by adjacent businesses
 - R-O-W Use Permit required, Policy support may be helpful
- Maintenance vehicles will temporarily park curbside as needed and where needed
 - No policy direction or code provisions needed
- Moving vans are covered by 14.30.080 Right-of-way use permits
 - No policy direction or code provisions needed

Preliminary Recommendations Summary

Curbside Loading Zones

- No policy or code changes needed

Curbside Passenger Pick-Up/Drop-Off

- No policy or code changes needed

Curbside Taxi Stands

- New policy support with location criteria

Park(ing) Day

- New policy helpful to support business applications

Permanent curbside bicycle parking

- New policy helpful to support business applications and bike-share docking stations

Maintenance vehicles

- No policy or code changes needed

Moving vans

- No policy or code changes needed



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Thank You!

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