

South Bellevue East Link Construction Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6-8 p.m., 1E-108, Bellevue City Hall

Parking Lot Topics

During the breakout session, some topics were discussed but not specifically related to the task at-hand: neighborhood traffic mitigation as a result of East Link construction along Bellevue Way SE and 112th Ave SE.

Traffic Mitigation Strategies

- Make 520 toll bridge free during Bellevue Way/112th construction 5-year period.
- 520 open and free during Bellevue Way Closure to deter traffic.
- Take tolls off of 520 to encourage movement North to get across Lake Washington.
- Close I-90 access point at Bellevue Way and I-90 (West and East accesses) - Close it.

Public Transportation

- Keep 550 and 560 buses
- Have more buses, more public transit options.
- 550 and P&R – parking when P&R is full or gone.
- Route 249 doesn't go close enough to a supermarket ... if it went to NE 4th I could eliminate some of my grocery shopping trips.
- Sound Transit 550 stop at S Bellevue P&R

Parking

- Parking – people in church parking lots.
- Where will construction people park?
- Parking – where are construction workers going to park during construction?
- Where will all the P&R vehicles be directed when P&R closes.

Construction

- No contractor yet for this large project.
- Noise and vibration along Mercer Slough [during construction]
- Winters House impact – vibration during construction. What is being done to mitigate?
- 1000's of yards of soil removal.

General Comments

- Temporary solution – what if they work? Can they become permanent – especially cut-through speeding?
- HOV coming in Enatai – What?!
- Tunnel is real solution through Mercer Slough.
- Seeing another attack – no one calls us back – makes us angry.
- Better process
- Bellevue Way closure: nightmare
- Tree removal along Mercer Slough



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- When Bellevue HS gets out traffic backs up
- Lots of home construction now. This is going to complicate everything. The city is still growing.
- Adds population to downtown Bellevue – This is insanity.
- What happens to the Slough portion that was sold?
- Main St current construction impacts:
 - Potential parking by P&R customers
 - Diverting traffic to 520
 - Ramp closure
 - Tunnel!
- Tunnel from Bellevue Way
- On 100th Ave, west of Killarney, risky for bikes and pedestrians if cars driving over. Press button for bikes going in to windy section which initiates a blinking warning light. Or RFID tipping off a blinking light.
- Noise
- Crime increased

