

Status Report on Downtown Projects – January 2011

This status report is intended to be a working document. It includes a review of projects and policy direction covering transportation, urban design, character, and parks & open space. It does not include I-405 or SR 520 freeway projects. Mobility and infrastructure investments such as the NE 4th extension, NE 6th extension, 120th Ave, and 124th Ave are covered in a separate document.

FROM DOWNTOWN SUBAREA PLAN

PROJECTS/POLICIES	DESCRIPTION	STATUS (January 2010)
ROADWAYS (DOWNTOWN)		
Project #201	110th Ave NE from NE 4th St to NE 9th St Widen this section from three lanes to four or five lanes, including traffic signal at NE 6th.	Roadway <u>partially complete</u> , only west side of segment between NE 6th and NE 8th is <u>incomplete</u> ; signal <u>complete</u> .
Project #202	112th Ave SE/NE from SE 8th St to NE 12th St Widen section to provide additional turn lanes at all intersections. Widening would provide the following: a) Left-turn lanes on 112th at SE 4th, SE 6th, NE 2nd, NE 6th and NE 10th. b) Dual left-turn lanes on 112th NE at NE 8th. c) Northbound to eastbound right-turn lanes on 112th NE at NE 4th.	a) SE 4th not complete (limited right-of-way); SE 6th not complete (signal installed, but limited right-of-way did not install left turn lane); NE 2nd <u>complete</u> ; NE 6th <u>complete</u> ; NE 10th <u>complete</u> b) NE 8th SB <u>complete</u> ; NE 8th NB not complete c) NE 4th <u>complete</u> Available right-of-way has limited turn lane improvements on 112th at several locations.
Project #203	103rd Ave NE/105th Ave NE/107th Ave NE/NE 11th St Reconstruct the following sections to meet city design standards (sidewalks, lane width, etc.): a) 103rd NE between Main and NE 1st. b) 105th NE between NE 2nd and NE 4th. c) 107th NE between Main and NE 2nd. d) NE 11th between 110th NE and 112th NE.	a) Not complete b) Not complete c) Not complete d) <u>Partially complete</u> (sidewalk needed south side between 111th and 112th) Sidewalk modifications anticipated to be completed with development along these roadway sections.
Project #204	Downtown Restrict left turns on major arterials to signalized intersections.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort.
Project #205	Downtown Ongoing optimization of traffic signals on major arterials.	<u>Partially complete</u> . Intelligent traffic signal systems installed on Bellevue Way, NE 8th St and NE 4th St.
Project #206	106th & 108th Ave NE Implement a one-way couplet (106th NE northbound and 108th NE southbound) between Main and NE 12th.	Additional analysis and review did not show the same benefit as previously modeled. Project put on hold.
Project #207	NE 8th St Add one westbound lane on NE 8th St between 105th NE and 108th NE (while preserving the large sequoia).	<u>Complete</u>
Project #207.5	NE 8th St / Bellevue Way Add new southbound to westbound right turn lane.	Additional lanes anticipated to be completed with development along these roadway sections.
Project #208	NE 4th St / Bellevue Way Provide dedicated southbound to westbound and westbound to northbound right turn lanes. Add new dual northbound to westbound left turn lanes on Bellevue Way.	Additional lanes anticipated to be completed with development along these roadway sections. Westbound to northbound right turn lane is incorporated into Lincoln Square expansion plans.
Project #209	NE 2nd St / Bellevue Way a) Add new southbound left-turn lane on westbound NE 2nd. b) Add new northbound to eastbound right turn lane on Bellevue Way. c) Add new southbound to eastbound dual left turn lanes on Bellevue Way.	a) <u>Complete</u> b) Not complete; would be done as part of private redevelopment c) Not complete; would be done as part of private redevelopment
Project #210	NE 10th St / 112th Ave NE Configure the intersection for one left-turn only, one thru-lane and one thru/ right-turn for each approach with the extension of NE 10th.	<u>Complete</u> with the following configuration: WB: 2 thru, 1 left, 1 right EB: 2 thru, 1 left

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Project #211	NE 2nd St Extend NE 2nd St from 112th NE across I-405 to 116th NE, including intersection improvements at 112th NE and 116th NE. Add new dual southbound to eastbound left turn lanes on 112th at NE 2nd.	Not complete – WSDOT funded.
Project #212	NE 10th St Extend NE 10th St from 112th NE across I-405 to 116th NE. Development related road & access improvements	<u>Complete</u>
Project #213	106th Ave NE from Main Street to NE 12th St Widen this section from 4 to 5 lanes.	Not complete. Evaluation of these corridors included in Great Streets.
Project #214	108th Ave NE from NE 8th St to NE 12th St Widen this section from 4 to 5 lanes.	
Project #215	108th Ave NE from Main Street to NE 4th St Widen this section from 4 to 5 lanes.	
Project #216	NE 2nd St from Bellevue Way to 112th Ave NE Widen this section from 3 or 4 to 5 lanes.	Design report and 30% design finished.
Project #217	Portions of the 103rd, 105th, and 107th Ave, and NE 5th and NE 7th St alignments Provide mid-block access corridors within a Downtown superblock which accommodates vehicle access to parking areas, loading/delivery access, and pedestrian circulation. Develop specific design concepts and implement them as development occurs in each superblock.	<u>Partially completed</u> . Multiple locations added (including at Lincoln Square, Bellevue Towers, Expedia Tower, Civica, City Hall, Avalon at 10th, Ashton, Belcarra, Bravern, and Elements).
TRANSIT		
Project #401	Downtown Construct the transit facilities within Downtown needed to support the projected level of transit service and ridership consistent with the Downtown Implementation Plan.	Ongoing city analysis of East Link environmental planning effort. Downtown Transportation Plan Update to include evaluation of future transit needs to accommodate growth.
Project #402	NE 6th St between 112th Ave NE and I-405 Construct a new transit center.	<u>Complete</u>
Project #403	Downtown Provide a transit circulator for access to restaurants, shopping, parking and places of employment throughout Downtown and possibly to adjacent activity areas.	Implementation plan developed with King County Metro.
Project #404	Region Construct new park-and-ride lots specifically aimed at providing transit service to Downtown Bellevue.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort – Eastgate Park & Ride example of built facility.
Project #405	Downtown Improve transit stop facilities and amenities for transit riders.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort.
Project #406	108th Ave NE Add a northbound contraflow curb lane for buses only between NE 4th and NE 8th.	Not complete. This was a component of the 106th-108th one-way couplet which was reviewed and put on hold.
Project #407	108th Ave NE Add a southbound curb lane for buses only between NE 10th and Main.	
PARKING		
Project #501	Downtown Allow on-site parking requirements for new buildings to be met by off-site parking facilities. Such facilities should be strategically located to reduce traffic congestion.	Implemented on a case-by-case basis.
Project #502	Downtown Facilitate the construction of garages for short-term parking (if, following study, such facilities are determined to be the most appropriate option to address short-term parking problems.	Not complete. Some investigation of this done by the city; no follow up.
Project #503	Downtown Implement a parking guidance system to more efficiently utilize the Downtown parking supply.	None developed by city. Privately-owned garages have been implemented (Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square).

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PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE FACILITIES		
Project #601	Downtown Improve pedestrian facilities by completing a network of sidewalks in Downtown where they are missing, providing connections from surrounding neighborhoods, enhancing pedestrian signals and crosswalks, and removing obstacles on sidewalks. The interim sidewalk width where they are currently missing should be at least 8 feet.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort. Update to Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation plan prioritized projects, including to and through downtown.
Project #602	Downtown Develop policies and standards which can be used to identify and evaluate appropriate locations for mid-block pedestrian crossings. Provide mid-block pedestrian crossings with a signal as a need arises.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort. Mid-block crossings constructed at NE 10th west of 110th, 108th at NE 2nd Place, and 108th at NE 11th Place. Second phase identified for implementation (unfunded).
Project #603	Downtown Designate bicycle routes through Downtown, as shown on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, and including routes on Main (as part of the Lake-to-Lake Trail), on or adjacent to NE 6th from Bellevue Way to 114th NE, 100th NE, 106th NE from Main to NE 10th, 108th NE, 112th NE, 114th NE south of NE 6th, and Bellevue Way north and south of Downtown.	Projects in downtown identified and prioritized as part of 2009 update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan (Main Street, NE 12th, 100th, 108th). Work to implement bicycle facilities on 108th Ave not funded in budget.
Project #604	Downtown Implement provisions to encourage the developers and owners of Downtown buildings to provide long-term bicycle parking and storage and showers/lockers for employees and short-term bicycle parking for visitors.	Policies strengthening these provisions were made as part of 2009 update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan. Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program. City has done three installations of bicycle racks along downtown sidewalks focused on short-term users: 30 in 2005, 20 in 2006, and 24 in 2009.
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE		
Project #701	Downtown Complete development of Downtown Park in accordance with adopted Master Plan.	2008 Levy Funds to be used at Downtown Park.
Project #702	Downtown Improve Ashwood Park with guidance from an updated master planning process when funding becomes available.	Ashwood Park Master Plan to be updated.
Project #703	Downtown Acquire land and develop a neighborhood park in the Northwest Village District.	No acquisitions to date.
Project #704	Downtown Acquire land and develop a neighborhood park in the East Main District.	Conceptual studies done for NE 2nd Park in conjunction with design of NE 2nd widening.
Project #705	Downtown Develop a graceful connection from Downtown to Meydenbauer Bay.	Meydenbauer Master Plan adopted by Council in December 2010.
Project #706	Downtown Acquire land and development a linear green buffer on the south side of Main Street between 112th SE and 110th SE.	No acquisitions have occurred. Potential opportunity with East Link project.
GATEWAYS & WAYFINDING		
Project #801	Downtown Implement a phased Downtown wayfinding system for pedestrians, bicycles, and automobiles that reinforce city identity as well as unique characteristics of Downtown neighborhoods as appropriate.	<u>Partially complete</u> ; ongoing effort. First and second phases of wayfinding kiosks and signage installed throughout downtown. Combination of city and grant funding.
Project #802	Downtown Develop gateways into Downtown at identified locations through private development and public investment.	Conceptual planning done for Main/Bellevue Way location.
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS		
Project #901	Downtown Relocate civic functions to a Downtown campus.	<u>Complete</u>

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ADDITIONAL POLICY DIRECTION (not covered in list of projects)		
GENERAL		
POLICY S-DT-12.	Expand the convention center as a resource for convention and community uses, and explore opportunities for complementary uses.	July 2004 feasibility study.
HISTORIC RESOURCES		
POLICY S-DT-21.	Work with local heritage groups to: 1. Collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit items that document the history of Downtown Bellevue; 2. Use plaques and interpretive markers to identify existing and past sites; 3. Develop contingency plan and prioritization for Downtown's historic resources.	To be accomplished. Not part of 2011-2012 work program.
POLICY S-DT-22.	Provide voluntary incentives for the replication or protection of historic façades or other significant design features when redevelopment occurs.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-23.	Develop a voluntary mechanism to allow air rights to be transferred from historic properties to other Downtown property.	
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT		
POLICY S-DT-27.	Explore the use of tax incentives to encourage additional work-force housing within the Downtown Subarea.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-28.	Work with regional housing organizations such as ARCH and DASH to develop additional Downtown residential projects.	Have not worked with these agencies on specific downtown projects. Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) has been working with staff for development of housing at 204-111th Ave NE.
PUBLIC SAFETY		
POLICY S-DT-29.	Provide adequate fire and life safety services for the Downtown Subarea as population and employment increase over time.	Preliminary study completed by Fire Department in 2008. Partial funding for new facility in adopted CIP.
HIERARCHY OF STREETS		
POLICY S-DT-40.	Enhance the appearance of all types of streets and adjoining sidewalks with street trees, landscaping, water features, pedestrian-scaled lighting, street furniture, paving treatments, medians, or other softening treatments as appropriate.	Great Streets work has furthered these concepts. Integration into development regulations would be part of future Downtown Livability work program.
SIGNATURE STREETS		
POLICY S-DT-42.	Reinforce the emerging identity of 108th Ave NE as the Eastside's business address. Provide incentives for private development and utilize public funds to create a dense office environment with supporting transit service and retail uses.	Concepts laid out for 108th Ave NE as potential project to implement Great Streets, with multi-modal aspects, bike lanes, separation of pedestrians and vehicles to enhance to/from transit center experience.
POLICY S-DT-43.	Encourage new development on Main Street in Old Bellevue to embrace the character of the small-scale, pedestrian-friendly street frontage that has developed there over time.	Much of this is already happening. Refinements potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-44.	Provide incentives for 106th Ave NE to develop as Downtown's <i>Entertainment Ave</i> . This area will include a concentration of shops, cafés, restaurants, and clubs that provide for an active pedestrian environment during the day and after-hours venues for residents and workers by night.	Themed street concepts laid out for 106th with Great Streets. Incentives potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-45.	Continue to encourage the NE 6th St Pedestrian Corridor as a major unifying feature for Downtown Bellevue.	Funding to advance the vision of the Pedestrian Corridor included in CIP with planned 2012 kick-off (following decision on downtown light rail alignment).
POLICY S-DT-46.	Provide incentives for Bellevue Way to realize its vision as a <i>Grand Shopping Street</i> , with an exciting mix of retail shops, restaurants, hotels, offices and residential units.	Themed street concepts laid out for Bellevue Way with Great Streets. Incentives would potentially be part of future Downtown Livability work program.

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GATEWAYS		
POLICY S-DT-49.	Enhance the attractiveness of the I-405 right-of-way in accordance with its role as a gateway to the City of Bellevue and the Downtown Subarea.	Partially complete. Context Sensitive Design Solutions developed by the state. Implementation occurred at 10th bridge; occurring at 12th bridge.
UNIFYING URBAN DESIGN FEATURE		
POLICY S-DT-51.	Develop a strategy on how to link Downtown together through the use of literal and/or symbolic major design features that vary by district.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-52.	Provide incentives to assist developers in implementing a major unifying design feature.	
POLICY S-DT-53.	Incorporate the unifying design feature in public projects whenever possible.	
DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS		
POLICY S-DT-54.	Provide incentives to reinforce unique characteristics of Downtown Districts to create pedestrian-scaled, diverse, and unique urban lifestyle experiences and options.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-55.	Utilize design guidelines to help differentiate development within each of the Downtown Districts as they evolve over time.	
POLICY S-DT-56.	Differentiate Downtown Districts through streetscape improvements such as wayfinding elements, gateways, mid-block pedestrian crossings, public art, landscaping and street trees, lighting, and street furniture.	Great Streets concepts incorporated district identity into distinct features for specific landscaping treatments, street lighting, furniture, etc. Integration into development regulations would be part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-57.	Create pedestrian linkages within and between the Downtown Districts as well as to surrounding residential areas outside Downtown.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICIES S-DT-58 through S-DT-98	Additional policy direction for the seven identified downtown districts is contained in policies S-DT-58 through S-DT-98.	Implementation strategies potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
PARKING		
POLICY S-DT-61.	Examine additional opportunities for on-street parking in the (Northwest Village) district.	Some investigation of this done as part of 2002-2003 "park once" work; no follow up. Periodic refinements done to downtown on-street parking, primarily on a case-by-case basis.
POLICY S-DT-71.	Examine additional opportunities for on-street parking in the (Ashwood) district.	
POLICY S-DT-62.	Explore opportunities for shared parking, or a park-once district concept for short term parking (in the Northwest Village district).	Work was done on this in 2002-2003, including a Downtown parking survey. Based on feedback from Downtown interests and parking operators, no implementation activities have occurred.
POLICY S-DT-89.	Explore opportunities for shared parking, or a park-once district concept, to improve the availability of the short-term parking supply for retail and service users (Old Bellevue).	
PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR		
POLICY S-DT-79.	Provide incentives to develop the intersection of 106th Ave NE and NE 6th St as a central location for public gatherings.	Great Streets concepts include additional pedestrian/public space at 106th and NE 6th. Funding to advance the vision of the Pedestrian Corridor included in CIP with 2012 kick-off (following decision on downtown light rail alignment).
POLICY S-DT-81.	Develop the NE 6th Pedestrian Corridor as a unifying feature for Downtown Bellevue by siting buildings and encouraging uses that add to pedestrian movement and activity.	
PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE		
POLICY S-DT-100.	Encourage active and passive recreational activities to locate throughout Downtown.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-102.	Analyze alternative locations and explore potential partnerships to provide community center space and functions for the Downtown Subarea and surrounding neighborhoods.	Would be explored as part of Ashwood Park Master Planning process.

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POLICY S-DT-103.	Encourage developers to provide open space amenities accessible to the public such as mini-parks, plazas, rooftop gardens, and courtyards in private developments. Such amenities must be clearly identified and maintained for public use.	1020 Plaza completed in 2009. City has worked to install better signage that identifies existing & new public spaces. Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-104.	Require developer contributions for a coordinated system of major and minor public open spaces along the pedestrian corridor and at designated intersections. These could include areas for seating, fountains, courtyards, gardens, places to eat, and public art.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-106.	Encourage new residential development to include open space and recreation amenities targeted to growing Downtown population.	
POLICY S-DT-109.	Provide an east-west connection through the Downtown Subarea for the Lake-to-Lake Trail system.	Main and NE 2nd Street Design Report noted Lake-to-Lake Trail connections through corridors, providing enhanced pedestrian facilities. Included in 2009 update to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.
POLICY S-DT-110.	Continue to preserve significant older trees within the Downtown Subarea.	Great Streets corridors identified significant older trees for preservation. Integration into development regulations potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION		
POLICY S-DT-152.	Evaluate the parking requirements in the Land Use Code and regularly monitor the transportation management program, employee population, parking utilization, parking costs paid by commuters and the percentage of those who directly pay for parking. If monitoring indicates that the use of transit and carpool is not approaching the forecast level assumed for this Plan, revise existing parking and transportation management requirements as needed to achieve forecast mode split targets found in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.	Ongoing monitoring. Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-153.	Permit short-term on-street parking on Downtown streets if such action does not create significant traffic problems.	Some investigation of this done as part of 2002-2003 "park once" work; no follow up. Periodic refinements done to downtown on-street parking, primarily on a case-by-case basis.
POLICY S-DT-154.	Initiate a public/private comprehensive examination of short-term parking problems Downtown, and develop a work plan to implement solutions.	Work was done on a downtown "park once" concept in 2002-2003, including a downtown parking survey. Based on feedback from downtown interests, parking operators, no implementation activities on this
POLICY S-DT-155.	Utilize quantitative measures to analyze the short-term parking supply for neighborhood-scale retail and services, and implement parking management strategies or increase the parking supply as appropriate, and as resources allow.	Potentially part of future Downtown Livability work program.
POLICY S-DT-156.	Investigate allowing Downtown developers to pay a fee into a "pool" in lieu of providing parking on-site. Pooled funds would be used to provide short-term public parking where it is in shortest supply. Land Use Code amendments would be required to provide for the collection and administration of a fee in lieu of parking program.	