

Questions and Comments

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Bellevue Way SE Southbound HOV Lane Design Alternative Analysis

Project Background

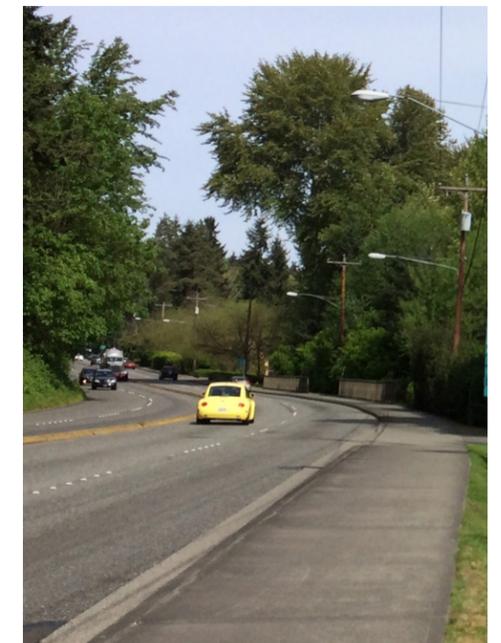
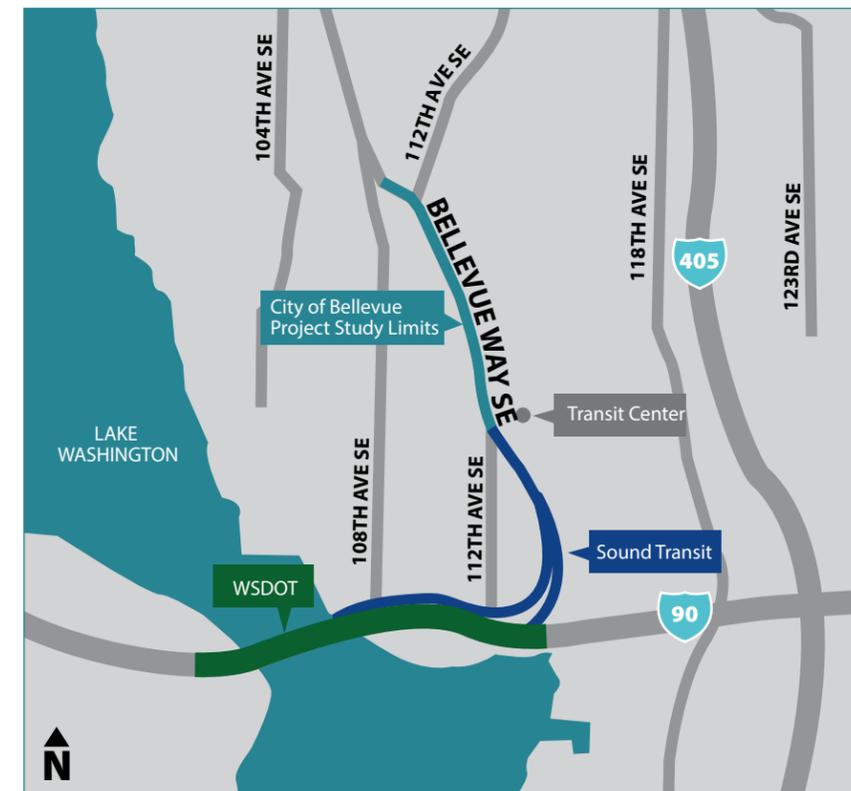
As Bellevue has grown, traffic has increased along Bellevue Way SE. The City of Bellevue is exploring options to build a new southbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to increase capacity for traffic leaving downtown and to improve transit speed and reliability.

Location and Overview

This project proposes to widen the road from the Bellevue Way SE/ 112th Avenue SE "Y" to the main entrance of the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride. The Bellevue Way HOV Project is part of larger system improvements happening in conjunction with Sound Transit's East Link light rail project. Sound Transit will implement a separate project to extend the HOV lane south from the main park-and-ride entrance to the I-90 on-ramps. At I-90, the lane will connect with the Two-Way Transit and HOV Project that the Washington State Department of Transportation is currently constructing.

What will the project look like?

The city is exploring concepts to widen Bellevue Way SE by approximately 20 feet on the west side in order to add a new southbound HOV lane to the inside lane of the expanded roadway. The project will consider adding either an outside shoulder or sidewalk on the west side of Bellevue Way SE for the length of the project.



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The city wants your involvement on design analysis for a new southbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on Bellevue Way SE.

Learn more inside.

www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-way-hov-lane.htm

How To Get Involved

The city wants your help to evaluate multiple project design options. The city will analyze design alternatives in coordination with the community to determine the location and appearance of design features such as HOV lane, a shoulder or sidewalk, retaining walls, lighting and landscaping concepts.

Community and Stakeholder Briefings

Do you have an interest in this project or belong to a local business, organization or community group that may be affected by this project? While larger community open houses are planned this spring and fall, we will provide in-person or telephone briefings to local stakeholders this winter. Individual briefings provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share their unique perspectives on the issues and the potential solutions that they would like to see considered. These briefings will include an overview of the project and time for questions and answers.

Please contact Tresa Berg at 425-452-4638 or tberg@bellevuewa.gov to schedule a briefing. Learn more at www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-way-hov-lane.htm

Project Preliminary Schedule



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT is an important aspect of this project. The city will inform and involve the community throughout the design analysis.



Traffic on southbound Bellevue Way SE during a typical evening commute

If you live or own property on the west side of Bellevue Way SE you may be contacted...

If you live or own property on the west side of Bellevue Way SE you may be contacted by City of Bellevue staff requesting a temporary Right of Entry. The Right of Entry allows the project engineers, environmental scientists and/or surveyors to enter private property.

Sound Transit's East Link project may have contacted you for some of this same information. The City of Bellevue will gather data that supplements Sound Transit's data. The new data will be used to evaluate alternatives and prepare preliminary engineering plans for constructing the HOV lane.

Temporary Right of Entry requests may vary by property, but often include permission to:

- Walk on private property to observe vegetation, trees, and habitat, and to verify the absence of wetlands and streams.
- Perform topographic survey of the steep slope between Bellevue Way and residences.
- Perform soil investigations that may require soil borings (no large equipment will be used). Right of Entry requests will explain the work, timing, duration, and proper restoration of the area.

