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### **OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS**

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 07-123138-AC

Project Name/Address: 2008 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan – Initiated by City Council action – Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Update Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA)

Planner: Franz Loewenherz  
Phone Number: 425-452-4077

#### **Minimum Comment Period Ends:**

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Plans
- Other:

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

9/9/08

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call Development Services (425-452-6800) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Property Owner: Does not apply.

Proponent: City of Bellevue, Department of Transportation

Contact Person: Franz Loewenherz, Senior Planner  
(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: Department of Transportation  
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Proposal Title: Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Update 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposal Location: Citywide.

(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available.

Please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site.

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description:

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan (PBTP) Update proposes amendments to existing policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. There are also proposed amendments to existing policies and the addition of new policies in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Facility Plan of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the plan update responds to current transportation needs. Additional amendments are proposed to existing figures and tables in both the Transportation Element and Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Facility Plan of the Comprehensive Plan. Finally, several amendments are proposed to policies in the Urban Design and Parks, Open Space and Recreation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Acreage of site: Does not apply.

3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: Does not apply.

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: Does not apply.

5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: Does not apply.

6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: Does not apply.

7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): Does not apply.

8. Proposed land use: Does not apply.

9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials: Does not apply.

10. Other: Does not apply.

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

*The City Council is scheduled to consider the proposed amendments for adoption at a Council meeting in January 2009.*

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

*The PBTP Update will be reviewed and updated every five (5) years in conjunction with the Transportation Element.*

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

- (1) In June 1999, the Comprehensive Plan revisions and Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan received a Determination of Non-Significance.*
- (2) In November 1992, the Comprehensive Plan revisions and Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan received a Determination of Non-Significance.*
- (3) The Comprehensive Plan itself is subject to environmental review during period updates.*
- (4) The Transportation Department's 12-year Transportation Facility Plan also is subject to environmental review.*
- (5) Separate environmental review will occur on a project-specific basis.*

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

*The proposed PBTP Update are being reviewed by WA Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED). The Bellevue Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 12, 2008 before submitting a recommendation to the Bellevue City Council for final approval. No other pending applications for approval are known, but as pedestrian and bicycle projects identified in the functional plan are designed and made ready for construction, there may be approvals required from various government agencies.*

*Several of the projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Update are the subject of parallel governmental processes. The Port of Seattle and King County are responsible for the environmental analysis, design, and development of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) trail system. WSDOT is responsible for the environmental analysis, design, and development of the SR-520 trail system.*

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

*Approval of funding sources for individual projects. On a case-by-case basis projects may require permits.*

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal.  
(Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal): *Does not apply.*

- Land Use Reclassification (rezone) Map of existing and proposed zoning
- Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development  
Preliminary plat map
- Clearing & Grading Permit  
Plan of existing and proposed grading  
Development plans
- Building Permit (or Design Review)  
Site plan  
Clearing & grading plan
- Shoreline Management Permit

Site plan

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site: Flat, Rolling, Hilly, Steep slopes, Mountains, Other

*Bellevue has varied topographic conditions. Portions of Bellevue are flat while others are characterized by steep slopes. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

*Areas of varied slopes exist within Bellevue. However, this is a non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- c. What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

*Areas of varied soils exist within Bellevue. However, this is a non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

*Areas of unstable soil exist within Bellevue. However, this is a non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Specific information will available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

*The PBTP Update and identified pedestrian and bicycle improvements will not result in substantial soil erosion, siltation, or loss of topsoil. Compliance with the regulations and standards for erosion and sediment control will reduce the amount of construction site erosion and minimize water quality degradation by providing stabilization and protection of disturbed areas, and by controlling the runoff of sediment and other pollutants during the course of construction. Specific information will available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action.*

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action.*

2. AIR

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. It is assumed that Plan adoption constitutes a beneficial impact as it will improve air quality by contributing to mobility enhancement.*

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. It is assumed that Plan adoption constitutes a beneficial impact as it will improve air quality by contributing to mobility enhancement.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. It is assumed that Plan adoption constitutes a beneficial impact as it will improve air quality by contributing to mobility enhancement.*

### 3. WATER

#### a. Surface

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans.

*Future development at the site-specific project sites could require clearing, grubbing, grading, and excavation of land surfaces to accommodate the pedestrian and bicycle improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutters, walkways, off-street paths, etc.). Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

*Future development at the site-specific project sites could require clearing, grubbing, grading, and excavation of land surfaces to accommodate the pedestrian and bicycle improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutters, walkways, off-street paths, etc.). Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis. Minimizing project location in wetlands will minimize potential water impacts to the greatest extent possible.*

- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

*The type of improvements identified in the PBTP Update within floodplains are sidewalks or pathways and trail crossings. The placement of these improvements would not raise base flood elevation levels or impede the flow of floodwaters. The majority of site-specific project topographic conditions would permit the sidewalks or walkways to be placed at the same or very similar level as existing roadways. Trail crossings would not be constructed to impede flows and would not alter base flows. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

- (6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe

the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

*The PBTP Update and identified pedestrian and bicycle improvements will not create or contribute runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm-water drainage systems. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

b. Ground

- (1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.

*The projects referenced in the PBTP Update will not rely on groundwater supplies and will not substantially interfere with groundwater recharge.*

- (2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

*None. Non-applicable.*

c. Water Runoff (Including storm water)

- (1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Project implementation could create runoff from impervious surfaces. For projects on streets, runoff would drain to street systems. For off-street projects, runoff would be controlled on site. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

- (2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

*No.*

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Project implementation could create runoff from impervious surfaces. For projects on streets, runoff would drain to street systems. For off-street projects, runoff would be controlled on site. Compliance with Development Standards, Land Use Code requirements, and runoff standards, as well as other sensitive environmental issues will be addressed on a project-specific basis.*

4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: *alder, maple, aspen, other*
- evergreen tree: *fir, cedar, pine, other*
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- wet soil plants: *cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other*
- water plants: *water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other*
- other types of vegetation

*Various types of vegetation are found in Bellevue. Specific information will be available at the time specific*

projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

*The PBTP Update will not cause any direct plant impacts. When specific projects are proposed, native vegetation will be retained to the extent possible. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*None known.*

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. The PBTP Update identifies landscaping strips – including the use of native plants – as a desirable feature in the design of sidewalk facilities. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

## 5. ANIMALS

- a. Check or circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to wildlife impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

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- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to wildlife impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

## 6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

*Not applicable.*

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable.*

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

*Not applicable.*

## 7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

*Not applicable.*

- (1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

*Not applicable.*

- (2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

*Not applicable.*

### b. Noise

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

*Not applicable.*

- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

*Noise from construction activities would increase the noise environment in the immediate area of the particular improvement project. Construction activities would be temporary in nature, typically occurring during normal working hours. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- (3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

*Adherence to the Noise Ordinance.*

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

*Land uses vary in the City of Bellevue. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

*Portions of Bellevue have been used for agriculture. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

*Not applicable since this is a non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

*Various zoning classifications exist in the City of Bellevue. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

*Various comprehensive plan designations exist in the City of Bellevue. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

*Various shoreline master program designations exist in the City of Bellevue. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

*Portions of Bellevue have been classified as environmentally sensitive areas. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

*Not applicable to this non-project action.*

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

*Not applicable to this non-project action.*

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

*Not applicable to this non-project action.*

- i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

*Not applicable to this non-project action.*

## 9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*None.*

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*None.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

*Not applicable.*

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

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- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to aesthetic impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to light or glare impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to light or glare impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to light or glare impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway*

improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to light or glare impacts. Specific information on potential impacts will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.

## 12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

*The pedestrian and bicycle improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are proximate to all of the parks and recreational facilities in the City of Bellevue. The Plan proposes to link up designated and informal recreational opportunities and areas in Bellevue, as well as provide a means for making trail systems recreational themselves.*

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

*The PBTP Update supports increased linkages to recreational opportunities and areas in Bellevue, and as such is a beneficial recreational impact.*

## 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

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- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

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- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

*The pedestrian and bicycle project improvements referenced in the PBTP Update are widespread throughout the City. These projects tend to be small in scale and would typically be constructed as a feature of roadway improvement projects or as frontage improvements for various development projects. They would serve existing and projected areas of population. By themselves, the pedestrian and bicycle improvements do not contribute to impacts to historic and cultural preservation. Policies in the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan protect historic properties from potential impact. Future site specific analysis will consider the environment in which the pedestrian and bicycle project is proposed.*

## 14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street

system. Show on site plans, if any.

*Project components in the PBTP Update include the addition of sidewalks, asphalt walkways, bike lanes, and on-street bike routes along numerous existing public roads throughout the City of Bellevue. Several of the project recommendations are proximate to the state highway system (SR-520, I-405, and I-90).*

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

*Bus routes are one of the highest generators of pedestrian traffic. Project components in the PBTP Update emphasize pedestrian and bicycle facilities along sections of roadway where pedestrian demand is currently or could be high, based on adjacent land uses and transit activity.*

- c. How many parking spaces would be completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

*The adoption of the PBTP Update and subsequent construction of the pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects would not result in impacts to parking capacity.*

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

*Project components in the PBTP Update include the addition of sidewalks, asphalt walkways, bike lanes, and on-street bike routes along numerous existing public roads throughout the City of Bellevue. One of the PBTP Update project recommendations, associated with the Bel-Red Subarea Plan, includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the design of a new roadway along NE 15 and NE 16.*

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

*Project components in the PBTP Update include the addition of sidewalks, asphalt walkways, bike lanes, and on-street bike routes along numerous existing public roads throughout the City of Bellevue. Some of these project recommendations may occur in the immediate vicinity of a Sound Transit East Link light rail corridor. Sound Transit is responsible for the environmental analysis, design, development and operation of a light rail system and they are currently preparing a DEIS that analyzes project specific environmental impacts of several alternative alignments for a proposed system in Bellevue.*

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

*The adoption of the PBTP Update and subsequent construction of the pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects would not increase peak hour vehicle trips.*

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

*During construction, impacts to traffic flow as well as other non-motorized circulation are anticipated, much like those experienced with other public works projects. Typical disruptions could cause minor traffic delays and inconvenience to those traveling in these areas. The application of Bellevue standard construction specifications would minimize these impacts and inconveniences experienced during project construction.*

*It is assumed that Plan adoption constitutes a beneficial impact as it will improve air quality by providing mobility options to the automobile. Local traffic congestion will continue to occur unless alternatives to the automobile are made available and utilized. In most cases, the car must be replaced wherever possible or trips diverted to other modes to alleviate local traffic congestion and to lower air and noise pollution levels. This implies designing a transportation system that provides for and encourages carpools, bicycling, pedestrians and mass transit as well as accommodating the automobile in individual use.*

## 15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

*The PBTP Update will not cause any direct increased need in public services. Services such as police*

*protection for patrol and surveillance would be extended to cover areas served or constructed under Plan implementation. Maintenance services would be increased.*

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

*Costs, additions, or reallocations would be associated with increased services and operational issues.*

**16. Utilities**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

*Not applicable to this non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

*Not applicable to this non-project action. Specific information will be available at the time specific projects go through the environmental review process prior to construction.*

**Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature.....

Date Submitted.....

**SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTION**  
Continuation of the Environmental Checklist

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Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment (see Environmental Checklist, B. Environmental Elements). When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services reviewer in the Permit Center (425-452-6800) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

*The proposal will allow for decreases in such discharges, emissions, releases, and/or production (as these are related to planning for increases in motorized transportation) because it provides for system-wide alternative choices to motorized vehicles.*

*The proposal will benefit air quality because it provides for planned alternatives to Single Occupant Vehicles (SOV) as a means for people travel about the City and region.*

*The proposal will benefit air quality because one of the Plan's priorities is non-motorized connections to the transit system which could reduce the number of vehicle cold starts.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

*More specific environmental review would be done for any project in wetland and other Sensitive Areas.*

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

*The Plan's emphasis on non-motorized systems means less pollution will be generated by using alternative modes of transportation. As Functional Plan elements are implemented, they may disturb habitat.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

*More specific environmental review would be done for any project in wetland and other Sensitive Areas.*

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

*Material resources would be used in construction of trails, paths, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. This would be proportionally less than the use of those material resources to construct roads for motorized vehicles.*

*The proposal would allow for less depletion of other resources. It provides transportation alternatives to the use of fossil fuels for engine combustion.*

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection—such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

*The Plan will not directly impact environmentally sensitive areas. However, as these areas are identified in Bellevue, the proposal allows for less intrusive means to provide access to those areas identified above than if vehicle access were considered.*

*There will be impacts to sensitive areas as a result of widening road cross sections whether the road is widened for bicycle or pedestrian paths, or for additional vehicle lanes. However, vehicle lane width and bicycle or pedestrian path width improvements create different beneficial effects. Vehicle lane width provides additional capacity, itself a form of mitigation driven by congestion impacts. Widening for bicycle or pedestrian path improvements has a different benefit in that it provides for flexibility in meeting transportation demand without negatively impacting air or water quality.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

*More specific environmental review would be done for any project in wetland and other Sensitive Areas.*

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

*The proposal directly enhances mobility for people in the places that they live, work, and play. It provides for increased flexibility in access and in views. It is supportive of planning for increased public waterfront access.*

*Implementation of projects within the plan would result in people traveling along corridors where previous access did not exist. This may create issues of perceived impacts to privacy. Screening elements should be considered to mitigate this where it has been identified as an issue.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

*Compliance with land use regulations and design standards for physical improvements.*

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

*The Plan itself will not directly increase demand on transportation or public services and utilities. As links in the various pedestrian and bicycle system plans are constructed, it will create a demand for other paths and linkages to complete the system. Planned projects when completed would require maintenance and repair to provide a functioning pedestrian and bicycle system.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

*Planning and programming through various Transportation Department programs including the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), and Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP).*

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

*No conflicts are anticipated.*