City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Element maps, figures and tables

Purpose

At the April 10, 2014 meeting, staff will review the maps, figures and tables of the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and discuss consistency with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) certification requirements.

Background

Bellevue is undergoing an update to the Comprehensive Plan that last updated in 2004. The update addresses changes and new opportunities as the City has grown over the last 10 years. At previous Transportation Commission meetings, staff has reviewed proposed amendments and policy updates for the Transportation Element.

The maps, tables and figures in Transportation Element (pages 163-182) (Click here for link) provide additional data to support the policies discussed previously. The Transportation Element must be consistent with the requirements of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in order for the Element to be certified. Certification of the Transportation Element is essential for grant programs that are supported by PSRC. PSRC assesses the consistency of policies and plans with VISION 2040 and the relevant planning provisions in the State Growth Management Act.

PSRC has developed a set of reporting tools to assist jurisdictions as they work on updates and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The reporting tools provide information that PRSC uses to assess the consistency of polices and plans as noted above. The reporting tools incorporate a checklist that aids in highlighting key provisions that should be addressed in the preparation of plan and policy updates and amendments. The attached table (TABLE 1) highlights a section of the checklist and where the Transportation Element maps, tables and figures meet PSRC consistency requirements.

TABLE 2 summarizes the maps and tables from the Comprehensive Plan of 2004 and outlines some of the amendments needed to support the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element update; gaps in the table indicate where the update or replacement map or table has not yet been clearly defined. Transportation staff will continue to work with staff from other

departments including information Technology's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to ensure consistency and clarity of the maps.

Next Steps (if any)

Staff will continue working to outline updates and amendments to maps and will present a more detailed and complete list of amendments to the Transportation Commission at a later date.

TABLE 1

PSRC Reporting Tool: Local Comprehensive Plans Transportation Checklist			
Growth Management Act Requirements			
Land Use Assumptions & Forecast of Travel Demand	Do we have? Yes/No	Figure #	Format
Demonstrate that travel demand forecasts and transportation needs assessments are always based on land use assumptions that correspond with the most recently adopted growth targets; ensure that population and employment assumptions are consistent throughout the comprehensive plan (i.e. land use element, transportation element, housing element)	Yes	Transportation Element fig. TR.1, TR.2	Map
Service & Facility Needs - including Level of Service Standards & Concurrency			
Include inventories for each transportation system, including:			
Roadways	Yes	Transportation Element fig. TR.3, TR.13	Map Table
Transit	Yes	TR.5, TR.6, TR.7, TR.8, TR.10 Table TR.1-A	Map Table
Cycling	Yes	fig. TR-12	Map
Walking	Yes	fig. TR-11	Map
Freight	No		
Airports	No, N/A		
Ferries	No, N/A		
Establish level-of-service standards that promote optimal movement of people across multiple transportation modes	No		
Include state facilities and reflect related level-of-service standards	Yes	fig. TR.13 Highways of Statewide Significance Table TR.3	Map Table
Address multiple transportation modes in concurrency programs			
Tailor concurrency programs, especially for centers, to encourage development that can be supported by transit			

TABLE 2

Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element 2004			Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Update	
Figure	Name	Format	Update?	Notes
TR.1	Mobility Management Areas (MMAs)	Map	yes	Update City boundary to include areas annexed since 2004, changes to Mobility Management Areas (MMA)
TR.2	2020 Travel Demand Forecasts	Map	yes	Update City boundary, changes to Mobility Management Areas (MMA) - Travel demand forecast year needs to be updated to 2035
TR.3	Existing Arterials and freeways with classifications	Map	yes	Update City boundary, new arterials in Bel-Red subarea, resolve and update any differences between City and State street classifications
TR.4	Long Range Transportation Facility improvements	Map	?	?
TR.5	Existing transit facilities	Map	Yes	Replace with data and maps from the Transit Master Plan
TR.6	Transit passenger volumes	Map	no	
TR.7	Bellevue Transit Priority Corridor Designations	Map	Yes	
TR.8	10 Year Transit Vision	Diagram	no	
TR.10	Sound Transit Long Range Plan 2005	Map	no	no
TR.11	Pedestrian network	Map	yes	Update City boundary, use Pedestrian Network data from 2009 Pedestrian & Bicycle Transportation Plan
TR.12	Bicycle network	Map	yes	Update City boundary, use Bicycle Network data from 2009 Pedestrian & Bicycle Transportation Plan
TR.13	Highways of statewide significance	Map	yes	Update City boundary Update State Level of Service Standard
Table TR.1	Area Mobility Targets	Table	?	?
Table TR.1-A	Transit Mobility Targets	Table	?	Replace with data from Transit Master Plan
Table TR.1-B	Pedestrian & Bicycle Mobility Targets	Table	?	Information outdated - Pedestrian and Bicycle Progress Report (2012) outlines facilities constructed but does not contain targets
Table TR.2	Average Intersection LOS Definitions	Table	?	?
Table TR.3	Traffic Inventory of State Highway Facilities	Table	?	?
Table TR.4	Trip types on State-Owned Highways	Table	?	?