



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2012

TO: Transportation Commission

FROM: Kristi Oosterveen, Program Administrator, 425-452-4496

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Sidewalk Program

Purpose

The primary intention of the September 13th Study Session is to review the cost estimates of the projects selected at the July 12th meeting and to share comments received from citizens through the various forms of public outreach. Staff is also seeking your consensus on a project priority ranking of the Neighborhood Sidewalk project list. Ultimately, we are working toward an updated Transportation Commission list of neighborhood sidewalk priorities for implementation in 2013 and beyond.

Background

In 2007, a Neighborhood Sidewalk Program was established by funding three projects from an initial list of 29 frequently requested neighborhood sidewalk locations. A neighborhood sidewalk is defined as pedestrian facilities connecting neighborhood residents to neighborhood destinations including housing, parks, schools, shopping and activity centers, employment and the transit and school bus systems. Staff worked to identify and prioritize a citywide list of sidewalk projects, each with a history of support by neighborhood interests. Each project was also previously determined to be too large or expensive (without segmentation) to be included as a proposed project through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) and/or the Pedestrian Access Improvement Program (PW-W/B-56). The Commission also worked with staff to establish a set of policy-based prioritization criteria, which was used to create a list of recommendations for City Council consideration. The program received an initial allocation of \$3,000,000, which funded sidewalk projects at SE 26th Street - SE 24th Street to West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Somerset Avenue SE - SE Somerset Boulevard to 136th Place SE and 128th Avenue SE - SE 25th to SE 32nd Streets.

Neighborhood Sidewalk Needs: Prioritization

The current 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) includes the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program (PW-W/B-76) with a funding allocation of \$1,553,000. A proposal has also been submitted to the City's Budget One process to increase and continue the program's funding allocation. This prioritization process will help determine the project locations and improvements to recommend to the City Council for the next phase of implementation.

At the July 12th meeting, a preliminary scored-ranked list of 37 sidewalk projects was presented for review and discussion. You identified 17 of the top scoring projects for detailed cost estimating by staff. Attached to this memo you will find the score-ranked project list, updated

with the new cost information, and the project map (Attachments 1 and 2). You also approved a public outreach plan on July 12 that included information about the program on the City's internet, an article in the monthly Neighborhood News and an entry in the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) blog. Attachment 3 includes public comments, in support of various projects, that have been received through the various public outreach opportunities.

Next Steps: Recommendation

After you determine your Neighborhood Sidewalk project priority ranking, you can begin formulating an implementation recommendation for staff that will use the existing 2011-2017 CIP funds. The Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, along with the other CIP priorities for the 2013-2019 CIP, will be presented to the City Council as a package in early October.

If you have questions or need additional information prior to the meeting, please contact Kristi Oosterveen, 425-452-4496 (koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov).

Attachments

1. Score-ranked project list, updated with new cost information
2. Neighborhood Sidewalk Program projects map
3. Public Outreach Comments

Neighborhood Sidewalk Project List Score-ranked with Cost Estimates

Map #	Project Name/Location	Project Description (Existing Facilities)	Total Points Max. 100 pts	Cost Estimate (\$000s)*	Project Length (Feet)	Cost per Foot (\$)	COMMENTS
WD-1	123 rd Avenue SE - SE 20 th to SE 26 th Streets	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk, place curb 14' from center of the roadway on the east side of the street. Parking bays where feasible. Wrap sidewalk around corner on NE 20th to connect to school.	61	1,196	1,550	772	
WB-1	SE 16th Street - 104th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on one side, the side to be determined in the initial design process which will include community outreach/involvement facilitation.	59	548	1,075	510	
WB-6	SE 6th Street - 100th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way SE	Construct curb, gutter and a five foot sidewalk on the north side of SE 6th Street where not complete	57	899	920	977	Overlay program may be willing to put \$ in on this job-TB.
WT-4	128th Avenue NE/SE - NE 2nd Street to SE 7th Place	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk, where missing, on the west side of the street (excluding park frontage)	56	1,776	3,175	559	
S/ELH-1	158th Place SE - Main Street to SE 6th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on east side of the street.	54	1,285	2,000	643	
WHL-1	Lake Hills Boulevard - 148th Avenue SE west to 143rd Avenue SE	Construct new curb & gutter, 6' sidewalk and planter strip on north side of the street from 148th Avenue SE west to 143rd Avenue SE consistent with new section to the east. Remove remaining European White Birch trees in poor health and reconstruct fence as necessary. (Existing curb, gutter and asphalt sidewalk on both sides)	54	1,057	1,205	877	
NW-1	100th Avenue NE - NE 14th to NE 24th Streets	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk with planter strip on the east side of the street. (Existing curb, gutter and sidewalk on west side)	54	2,871	3,421	839	
WB-5	105th Avenue SE - SE Cliff Place to Wolverine Way	Construct curb, gutter and five foot sidewalk on the east side of 105th Avenue SE where not complete	54	381	750	508	
WB-2	107th Avenue SE - Bellevue Way to SE 20th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk on the west side of the street.	52	570	940	606	
NP-1	116th Avenue SE - SE 61st Pl to Newcastle Way	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the east side of the street where missing. Curb 14' from center of roadway.	51	1,044	1,450	720	
E/CM-4	Newport Way from 150th Avenue SE to 152nd Avenue SE	Construct curb, gutter and six foot sidewalk on the south side of Newport Way from 150th Avenue SE to 152nd Avenue SE. Completes missing link of sidewalk in front of Eastgate Elementary School.	51	998	1,300	768	Listed in King County Transportation Needs Report 2012
NE-2	173rd Avenue NE - Northup Way to City limits	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on east side where missing; accommodate future bike lane.	51	1,353	2,475	547	Lots of kids use this street to walk to bus stops that take them to school.
NW-3	108th Avenue NE - NE 19th Place to NE 24th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the east side of the street.	49	1,235	1,480	834	No cut street
WHL-2	SE 16th Street - 148th Avenue SE to 154th Avenue SE	Construct new curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on north side; accommodate bike lane. (Existing asphalt walkway behind extruded curb)	49	1,847	2,175	849	New power poles being installed by PSE in 2013; Preliminary design complete.
NE-1	Northup Way - 168th Avenue NE to NE 10th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the north side of the street. (Existing asphalt walkway or curb, gutter and sidewalk on south side)	49	2,271	2,750	826	Overlay planned for 2013
WT-5	SE 7th Place - Lake Hills Connector to cul-de-sacs	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on one side, the side to be determined in the initial design process which will include community outreach/involvement facilitation.	48				No cut street
WB-7	SE 30th Street - 105th Avenue SE to 106th Avenue SE	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk on the north side of the street. (Connect to Beaux Arts sidewalk)	48				
NP-2	123rd Avenue SE - SE 60th Street to SE 64th Place	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on west side where missing between SE 60th Street and SE 64th Place; sign bike route.	46				No cut street
WT-1	132nd Avenue NE - NE 8th Street to Bel-Red Road	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on one side, the side to be determined in the initial design process which will include community outreach/involvement facilitation.	44				
FT-1	130th Avenue SE - SE 46th Street to SE 47th Place	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk, where missing, on the east side of the street.	44				
WB-4	112th Avenue SE - SE 30th to SE 31st Street	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the west side of the street.	44				
WT-2	NE 2nd Street - 124th to 128th Avenues NE	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk on the south side of the street.	43				
E/CM-1	150th/151st Avenues SE - SE 46th Way to SE 48th Drive	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the east side of the street.	41	944	1,415	667	Overlay planned for 2014
WB-3	106th Avenue SE - SE 30th Street to SE 34th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk on the east side of the street.	41				No cut street
NW-2	NE 24th Street - Bellevue Way to 108th Avenue NE	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the south side of the street. (Existing separated asphalt walkway on north side)	41				
E/CM-2	150th/151st Avenues SE from SE 46th Street to SE 49th Street (Tamara Hills Annexation)	Construct curb, gutter and a six foot sidewalk on the west side from 150th Avenue SE from SE 46th Street to SE 49th Street	41	1,565	2,225	703	Overlay planned for 2014
BT-1	NE 40th Street - 140th Avenue NE to 14500 block	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on north side of NE 40th Street from 140th Avenue NE to east of the 14500 block. Wide curb lanes. Planter strip where feasible.	39				
NW-4	NE 18th Street from 98th to 100th Avenue NE	Construct curb, gutter and a five foot wide sidewalk on the north side of NE 18th Street from 98th to 100th Avenues NE	39				
WT-3	118th Avenue SE/Main Street (Botanical Garden frontage)	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on east side of the street. (Existing curb, gutter and separated sidewalk on west side)	39				No cut street
NP-4	119th Avenue SE from Newport Heights Elementary to SE 56th St	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk on the west side from the Newport Height Elementary driveway to SE 56th Street	37				
SO-2	148th Avenue SE - SE 44th Street to SE 46th Street	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk, 14' (15' uphill) travel lane on the west side of street. Connect to existing sidewalk north of SE 44th St (within King county) to existing sidewalk south of SE 46th St.	36				No cut street
BT-2	140th Avenue NE - NE 24th to NE 40th Streets	Install separated 6' walkway on the west side of the street. Planter strip where feasible. (Existing asphalt walkway on east side)	34				
NP-3	120th Avenue SE - Lake Washington Blvd to 122nd Avenue SE	Construct curb, gutter and 5' sidewalk on the east side of the street.	31				
NW-5	98th Avenue NE from NE 20th to NE 18th St	Construct curb, gutter and a five foot wide sidewalk on the east side of 98th Avenue NE from NE 20th to NE 18th Streets	29				
NP-5	SE 54th Place from 119th to Newport Heights Elementary driveway	Construct curb, gutter and a six foot sidewalk on the west side from SE 54th Place from Newport Height Elementary driveway to 119th Avenue SE	28				
E/CM-3	138th Avenue SE from SE 40th to Allen Road adjacent to Tyee Middle School (Eastgate Annexation)	Construct curb, gutter and a six foot sidewalk with a two foot planter strip (if feasible) on the west side of 138th Avenue SE from SE 40th Street to Allen Road adjacent to Tyee Middle School.	25				
NE-3	Northup Way - NE 8th Street to West Lake Sammamish Parkway	Construct curb, gutter and a six foot sidewalk and four foot planter strip on the east side of Northup Way.	24				

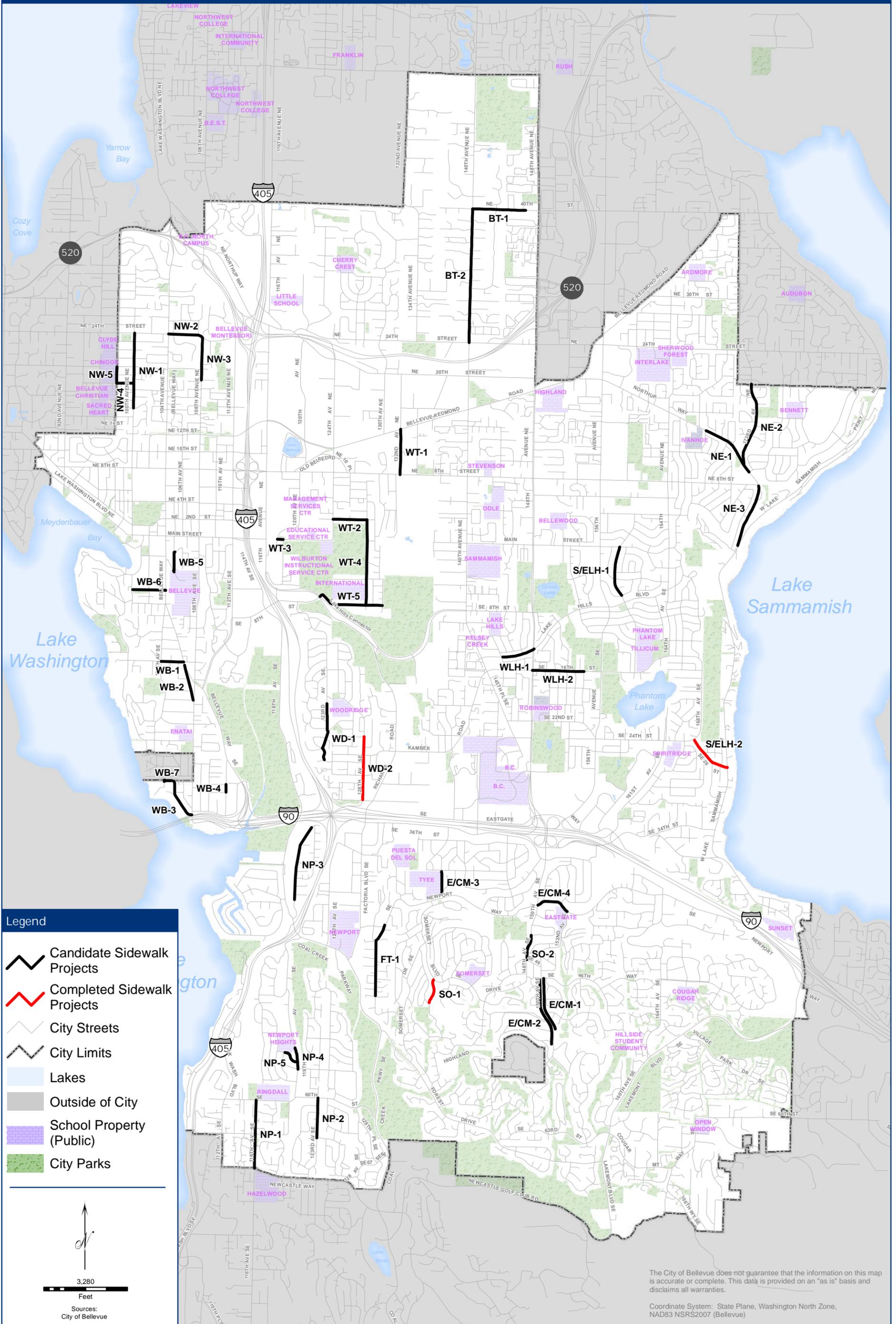
Map # Legend

- BT - Bridle Trails
- E/CM - Eastgate/Cougar Mountain
- FT - Factoria
- NE - Northeast Bellevue
- NP - Newport
- NW - Northwest Bellevue
- S/ELH - Sammamish/East Lake Hills
- SO - Somerset
- WB - West Bellevue
- WD - Woodridge
- WHL - West Lake Hills
- WT - Wilburton

Current project cost estimates per Commission direction

Projects not selected for further cost estimating

Neighborhood Sidewalk Projects



The City of Bellevue does not guarantee that the information on this map is accurate or complete. This data is provided on an "as is" basis and disclaims all warranties.
Coordinate System: State Plane, Washington North Zone, NAD83 NSRS2007 (Bellevue)

Neighborhood Sidewalk Program
Public Outreach Comments received through August 28, 2012

WB-1: SE 16th Street – 104th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am happy to see project WB-1 still on the list and am hopeful that one day it will make the final cut. I believe this project to be very worthy.....not just because it is in my neighborhood.....but because the current situation is a serious safety hazard for our residents. SE 16th is a major walking feed to Bellevue Way and its bus stop on the N.W. corner of Bellevue Way and SE 16th. My biggest concern is the steep hill starting at 106th eastward to Bellevue Way. There is very limited sight distance on approaching this hill from the West. A partial sidewalk extends a few feet up the south side from Bellevue Way.....it would be logical and prudent to extend this sidewalk to 106th.....at a minimum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman
1657 105th Ave SE
Bellevue

SO-2: 148th Avenue SE – SE 44th Street to SE 46th Street

Comment: There is so much traffic in this area that a sidewalk here would be a huge safety belt.
Project : SO-2 148th Avenue SE - SE 44th Street to SE 46th Street

Time: Tuesday August 21, 2012 at 8:06 am
Comment received from feedback left on the SAFE blog

WT-4: 128th Avenue NE/SE - NE 2nd Street to SE 7th Place

Comment: If I'm reading the map correctly, this segment coincides with the one piece of missing trail/sidewalk between Kelsey Creek Farm and Wilberton Park. I would love to see this built. Currently, pedestrians must use the shoulder to get from SE 4th Pl to the trailhead. It makes me nervous to walk side-by-side in that area. My daughter is in the Kids Connection day camp at Kelsey Creek, and that group walks over to Wilberton Park once a week with their counselors.
Project : WT-4 128th Avenue NE/SE - NE 2nd Street to SE 7th Place

Time: Monday August 20, 2012 at 6:38 pm
Comment received from feedback left on the SAFE blog

NW-2: NE 24th Street – Bellevue Way to 108th Avenue NE

I am hopeful that this project is approved. NE 24th has become a VERY busy street. The "sidewalk" area on the north side of the street is typically used as a parking area for cars which makes walking there difficult and sometimes dangerous if you have to walk on the outside of vehicles. Our Apple Valley neighborhood that is north of 24th has not ONE single sidewalk – this would be a good start! Thank you for your consideration

Kathleen Bullock
Apple Valley Neighborhood Association

c/o 10548 NE 25th Street, 98004

WLH-1: Lake Hills Boulevard – 148th Avenue SE west to 143rd Avenue SE

Dear Transportation Commission,

I would like to recommend WLH-1 as an important sidewalk segment to complete in the West Lake Hills neighborhood.

This project along Lake Hills Blvd. is part of one of the highest rated sidewalk projects recommended in 2002 by the West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee on which I served. It is the last remaining segment to complete the Lake Hills Blvd. pedestrian/bicycle corridor.

I encourage you to complete this final section on Lake Hills Blvd., which is the namesake east-west corridor in the Lake Hills area of the city, receiving substantial pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic. It is also an important part of our character as a neighborhood.

Thank you,

Lindy Bruce, Secretary
Sunset Community Assn.
and member of the 2002 West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee

Transportation CIP:

I was a member of the 2002 West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee for 18 months. One of the major activities that this committee took on was the recommendations of road improvements in the West Lake Hills neighborhood. As a member of that committee, I would like to applaud the Bellevue City Council for their follow through and completion of our major recommended road improvements in the West Lake Hills neighborhood.

The Lake Hills Blvd Sidewalk improvements was also a part of committee recommendations. I noticed that WLH-1 addresses this needed improvement and I would like to highly recommend it's approval and funding. The Lake Hills Blvd is one of the major corridors in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom E. Conover (a member of the 2002 West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee)

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Thank you for your consideration.

RW Morris (Member of the 2002 West Lake Hills Citizen Advisory Committee)

Comment: This is just based on proximity to where I think I could walk, what might get a lot of foot traffic from public transportation, density, and accessibility to popular destinations.

Name: Cameron Zapata

Project : WLH-1 Lake Hills Boulevard - 148th Avenue SE west to 143rd Avenue SE

Time: Monday August 27, 2012 at 12:01 pm

FT-1: 130th Avenue SE – SE 46th Street to SE 47th Place

Hello,

I would like to submit my support for extending the sidewalk on the east side of 130th Ave SE from SE 46th Street to SE 47th Place (Map # FT-1 on the Neighborhood Sidewalk Project Candidates List).

Our neighborhood feels that there's a real need for a sidewalk extension on 130th Ave SE as there's a substantial amount of foot traffic on that street even though a suitable place to walk is sorely missing. Speaking as a parent, I would all feel a lot better about my kids walking to their school bus stop on a sidewalk rather than on the shoulder of a street that is the main access road for our neighborhood. Walking on that road is particularly unnerving since the vegetation along it often grows into the shoulder to the point where you need to walk in the roadway to get around the bushes and blackberries.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Byers

I support this project...with all the added traffic on 130th due to the new neighborhoods popping up, I support the sidewalk be put in place.

FT-1	130th Avenue SE - SE 46th Street to SE 47th Place	Construct curb, gutter and 6' sidewalk, where missing, on the east side of the street.
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debbiebrandt

12908 SE 48th Place
98006

130th Avenue SE sidewalk project

I would like to request this be a priority to continue the revitalization of this original Bellevue neighborhood.

Thank you,

John Hilscher/home owner

Subject: 130th Ave Sidewalk----FT-1

The recent extension of the sidewalk on 130th Ave South from about 44th to 46th has greatly improved the safety in the area. The sidewalk on 130th should be extended south on 130th until it connects with the existing sidewalk. For the safety of our young and especially the elder that walk 130th, that would be an improvement long overdue. Please cast my vote for the FT-1 130th Ave S.E. sidewalk project.

Thank You,
Woody Haizlip

4540 130th Ave S.E.

We are residents in this neighborhood and were made aware of the city's request for sidewalk improvement feedback. This sidewalk is heavily used by pedestrians (ourselves included....) as a means to get to the park or the main vein of people who walk home from the transit line off Newport way. It's also a major car pathway acting as the main vein connecting many arterial drives and streets in the lower somerset area. Aside from the improvements already made, once the sidewalks end there's no place for family to walk without having to be on constant car alert. We would like to put a plug into the city for consideration of extending this sidewalk as noted under FT-1.

Thanks for your consideration

Bryan, Nathalie et Remi Boeholt
12903 SE 45th Lane
Bellevue, WA 98006

We frequently walk along 130th Avenue SE in the area covered by Project FT-1. Because that section only has a striped shoulder rather than a sidewalk, we often find cars parked in the walkway so that we have to walk in the road to go around them. It's also not unusual for cars to cross into the walkway to avoid the speed bumps. 130th Avenue SE is a walking route for students from both Tye Middle School and Newport High School. Many elderly people use it to walk to Factoria Marketplace Mall, and there are dog-walkers and others at all times of the day. We believe that adding a sidewalk to the proposed stretch of the street would increase safety for pedestrians and create a more walkable neighborhood.

Thanks,
Charles and Michele Royalty
4605 130th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98006
425-643-0935

Other Sidewalk Project Comments for projects not on the current list

With reference to the Neighborhood News August 2012 edition:

'The current 2011-17 CIP includes an additional allocation of just over \$1.5 million. On July 12, staff presented the Transportation Commission with an updated list that includes the remaining 26 candidate projects from 2007 along with 11 new projects that residents have requested frequently.'

I am E-mailing comments and recommendations to: TransportationCIP@bellevuewa.gov. and addressing my Questions about the program or the project prioritization process to Kristi Oosterveen (koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4496.

I live on the corner of SE Newport Way and 150th Ave SE, Bellevue and 7 minutes away walking distance to the South Bellevue Community Center. When the center was built in 2005, the sidewalks were made and stopped short on Newport Way heading east!

When I inquired about why they had not completed all the way to 150th Ave crossing, I received the response that this area was not part of City of Bellevue! (We were then in the unincorporated King Co area). Now that we are officially part of City of Bellevue, my neighbors and I who frequently walk this path going to SBCC and the SE Newport Way Library would highly appreciate your looking into adding the sidewalks on Newport Way SE in your next budget plan.

Farida Hakim

4202 150th Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98006

425-643-8603

In past years, I have proposed a sidewalk connecting the Somerset entrance on Newport Way to both the Newport Library and the South Bellevue Community Center. I was told that this project was indeed a critical matter of pedestrian safety but would have to wait until Eastgate was annexed to the City so that the necessary property could be obtained to place the walkway. In fact, I was told that preliminary plans suggested a wooden structure (similar to that on 156th Ave. NE) along the steep hillside to the south of the road was thought to be the better solution as the downward slope on the north side was too steep and might present a fall hazard.

Now I see that there is no listing at all for such a sidewalk despite the almost total absence of even a shoulder on that road for pedestrians to walk without at least a foot on the driving pavement. While I do not know the relative hazards of not completing the other sidewalk projects on your list, I cannot imagine that all are more safety-critical than this Newport Way project. I would hate to think that a fatality on this not well-lit stretch would call attention to this fact.

Darrell M. Scattergood

4519 - 137th Ave. SE

Bellevue, WA 98006