



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2013

To: Transportation Commission

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Subject: Residential Permit Parking Zone Program

Purpose

To share with Transportation Commissioners the history of the City's Residential Permit Parking Zone Program and upcoming challenges we may face as a result of continued development, East Link and Station Area Planning. This is for information only and no action is needed.

Background

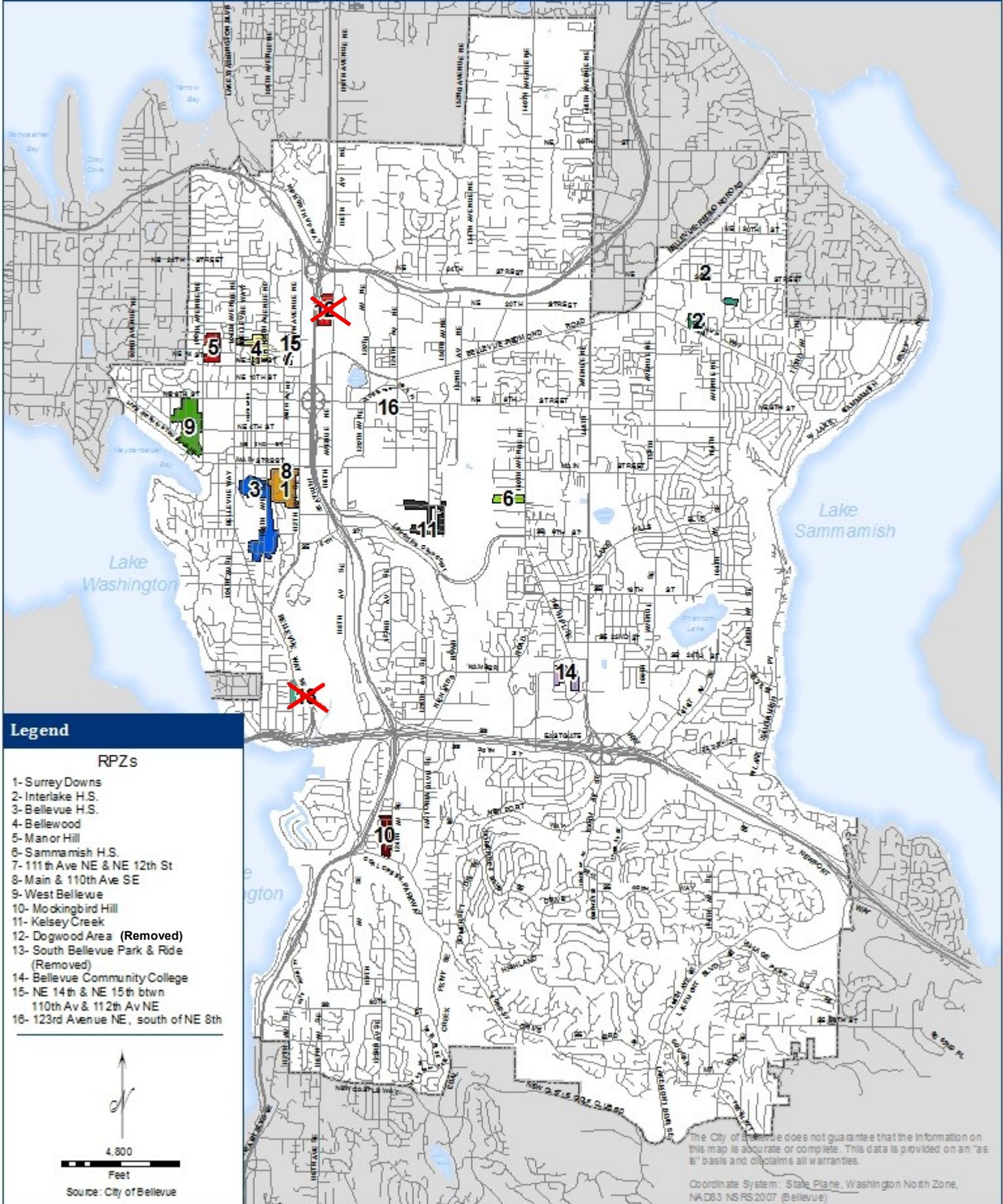
In 1985 the City developed the Residential Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) Program to address spillover parking and complement the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. The RPZ Program addresses residents' concerns regarding the increasing use of on-street neighborhood parking spaces by motorists working at nearby businesses, or visiting local parks, high schools and/or other public facilities. In RPZ zones, parking is reserved for residents or their guests during a portion of the day.

A neighborhood is eligible for this program if spillover parking is occurring three or more days a week for a minimum of two hours a day, between 7am and 5pm. At least 25% of vehicles parking on the street must be non-resident. RPZs can only be established if the majority of residents in the area support the program. Each zone is established through City Council approval by Ordinance. Once established, residents living in a zone and their guests are exempt from the parking restrictions, providing they display a valid permit in their vehicles. The City currently issues these permits at no cost to residents who show proof of residence in a zone.

Upcoming Challenges

The RPZ Program has been extremely effective at reducing spillover parking. Today, 14 zones are active (see enclosed map) and the program's popularity is increasing. Additional residential areas will likely request parking zones in response to increased travel demands, construction in the Bel-Red and along the East-link line and continued growth in the Downtown and other public facilities. Some of the challenges as a result of these projects include competing policies in the City's Comprehensive Plan with regards to promoting alternative transportation modes, while protecting neighborhoods from adverse transportation impacts. The other challenge will be staff resources to efficiently manage this program and provide the needed enforcement to continue its effectiveness.

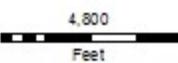
Residential Parking Zones



Legend

RPZs

- 1- Surrey Downs
- 2- Interlake H.S.
- 3- Bellevue H.S.
- 4- Bellewood
- 5- Manor Hill
- 6- Sammamish H.S.
- 7- 111th Ave NE & NE 12th St
- 8- Main & 110th Ave SE
- 9- West Bellevue
- 10- Mockingbird Hill
- 11- Kelsey Creek
- 12- Dogwood Area (Removed)
- 13- South Bellevue Park & Ride (Removed)
- 14- Bellevue Community College
- 15- NE 14th & NE 15th btwn 110th Av & 112th Av NE
- 16- 123rd Avenue NE, south of NE 8th



Source: City of Bellevue

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Coordinate System: State Plane, Washington North Zone, NAD83 NSRS2007 (Bellevue)