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**GRAND CONNECTION
CHARRETTE**

April 7 - April 9, 2016



LOUIS KAHN
THE POWER OF ARCHITECTURE

Grand Connection Visioning Charrette
Thursday, April 7 – Saturday, April 9, 2016

In conjunction with the exhibition [Louis Kahn: The Power of Architecture](#) Bellevue Arts Museum and the City of Bellevue invite you to participate in the Grand Connection Visioning Charrette.

The Grand Connection begins at the waterfront of Lake Washington at Meydenbauer Bay Park, extending through Bellevue's dynamic downtown and ultimately connecting with the regional Eastside Rail Corridor in the Wilburton commercial area. (See [Grand Connection map >](#)). The charrette presents the opportunity to envision the future of the Grand Connection, complimenting existing and potential uses. Ultimately the Grand Connection will define the experience of downtown Bellevue and influence the land use patterns of the Wilburton neighborhood by improving connectivity and creating a landmark piece of infrastructure.

Your ingenuity and experience will allow the City of Bellevue and Bellevue Arts Museum to explore new ideas in placemaking that will make Bellevue a more walkable and vibrant city. We invite you to share this invitation with your colleagues and ask that you RSVP by February 27th to be a part of this visionary and groundbreaking planning session.

Thursday, April 7 Kick off event

6pm: @Bellevue Arts Museum
food and beverage provided

Friday, April 8 Charrette

9am – 5pm: @Resonance at SOMA Towers
lunch provided

Saturday, April 9 Charrette

9am – 1pm: + Roundtable discussions with Charles Montgomery
@Resonance at SOMA Towers
lunch provided

4 – 7pm: Open House

Keynote address by [Charles Montgomery](#), author of *Happy City, Transforming Our Lives Through Urban Design*
@Bellevue Arts Museum
food and beverage provided

LOCATIONS

Resonance at SOMA Towers

288 106th Ave NE Suite 203
Bellevue, WA 98004

Bellevue Arts Museum

510 Bellevue Way NE

Bellevue, WA 98004

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

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About the keynote speaker: Charles Montgomery



Charles Montgomery is an award-winning author, urbanist and leader of a consultancy building more happiness into cities. His award-winning book, *Happy City*, examines the intersection between urban design and the emerging science of happiness. Collaborating with the Guggenheim Museum, Futurewise, the Government of Mexico City and other entities, Montgomery has created experiments and design methods that help participants alter their relationships with their cities, and with each other. He has mapped the emotional effects of public space, and tested the relationship between architecture and human kindness. Montgomery and his team have advised and lectured planners, students, and decision-makers in Canada, the USA, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the UK. Montgomery's writings on urban planning, psychology, culture and history have appeared in magazines and journals on three continents. Among his numerous awards is a Citation of Merit from the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society for outstanding contribution towards understanding

of climate change science. He lives in Vancouver and Mexico City. Learn more at www.thehappycity.com.