Transportation Commission Briefing
May 8, 2014

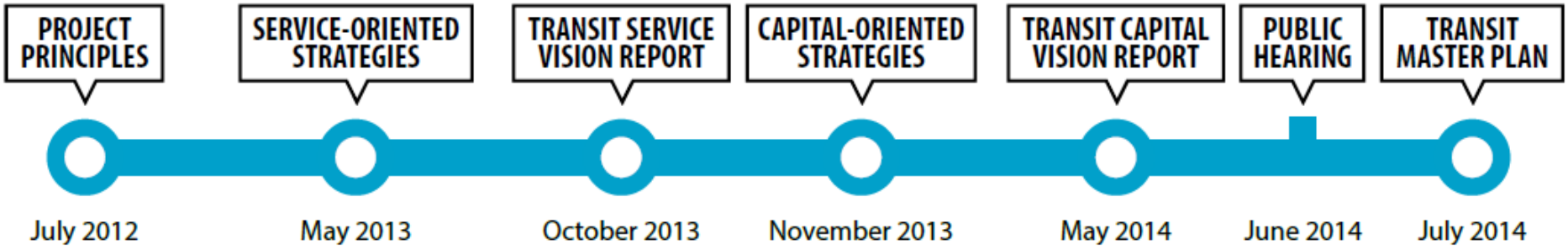
1. Project Timeline
2. Draft Transit Capital Vision Report
3. Draft Transit Master Plan
4. Next Steps

Tonight's Agenda

1. Staff seeks approval of the Draft Transit Capital Vision Report.

2. Staff seeks input on the Draft Transit Master Plan.

Tonight's Discussion



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR
450 110th Ave NE
BELLEVUE, WA 98009-9012

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

PROPONENT: City of Bellevue, Transportation Department

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: City-Wide

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan. The Transit Master Plan (TMP) identifies the types of policies, services, and facilities required to meet Bellevue's transit needs through 2030. Specifically, the TMP identifies Frequent Transit Network corridors that warrant speed and reliability treatments, non-motorized infrastructure enhancements, and bus stop and commuter parking investments that support efficient and effective transit operations.

FILE NUMBERS: 14-126790-LM **PLANNER:** Drew Folsom

The Environmental Coordinator of the City of Bellevue has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This decision was made after the Bellevue Environmental Coordinator reviewed the completed environmental checklist and information filed with the Land Use Division of the Development Services Department. This information is available to the public on request.

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This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so as to have significant adverse environmental impacts; if there is significant new information indicating a proposals probable significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

Environmental Coordinator _____ Date **5/8/2014**

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Bellevue completed an environmental review of the proposed Transit Master Plan under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and determined that the proposal is not likely to have significant adverse impacts on the environment. As a result, we issued a ***Determination of Non-significance (DNS)*** *on May 8, 2014. This decision was made after reviewing the proposal's potential impacts on several elements of the environment, summarized in this* ***SEPA environmental checklist*** *(see project page).*

SEPA Determination

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April 16, 2014

Bellevue City Council
450 110th Ave. NE
P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue WA 98004

Dear Mayor Claudia Balducci and Honorable Councilmembers,

Bellevue College has been pleased to participate in the City of Bellevue Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project and the Transit Master Plan. Over the course of these two projects, we have participated at forums, field investigations, commission meetings, and met directly with City staff and consultants. From these two planning initiatives, the Bellevue College Connection project has emerged as a significant opportunity to improve vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement. This project will benefit campus, the surrounding corridors and neighborhoods, the Eastgate Transit Center, and the potential transit-oriented development site.

The College is greatly interested in the opportunity to enhance pedestrian safety and walkability, create a bicycle connection to the Mountains to Sound Greenway, and facilitate frequent local and regional transit with fewer areas of conflict. This project will support and expand our recent growth in transit commuting, which nearly one in three students cite as their primary mode of transportation. It will also support low impact choices like walking and biking. The benefits of reduced auto congestion combined with new trail and transit connections will support both the College and the surrounding community.

Bellevue College will be an active partner in advancing the Connection project. We anticipate collaborating with the City and relevant partners such as Sound Transit, King County Metro, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Mountains to Sound Greenway to realize the full potential of the Connection project. While state funding allocations have become constrained and remain competitive between colleges and other state agencies, we anticipate opportunities to provide limited matching funds. We understand the preliminary design/engineering phase of the concept specifically may be an important phase for contributions from local partners.

We appreciate the initiative the City of Bellevue has shown in undertaking these planning processes and improving transportation and land-use in the Eastgate I-90 area. We look forward to collaborating in the realization of the vision outlined in these projects and specifically the Bellevue College Connection.

Best Regards,

Ray White
VP of Administrative Services
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Become Exceptional

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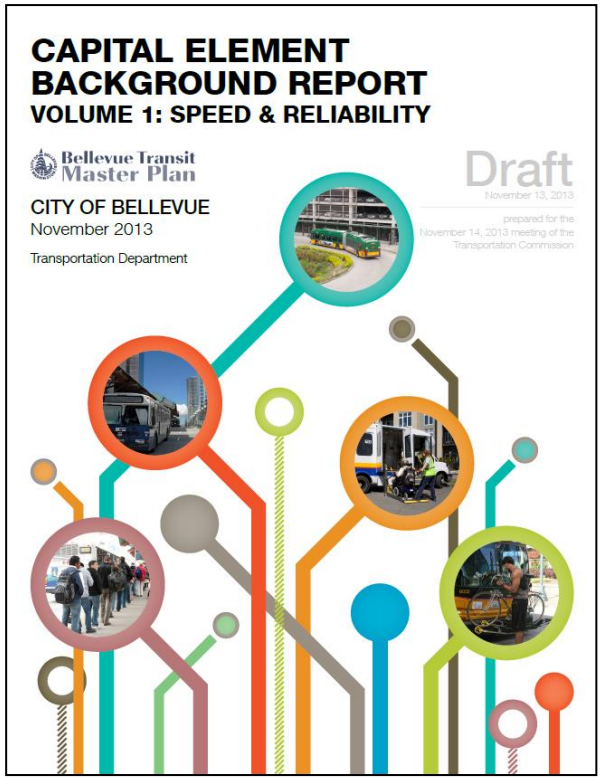

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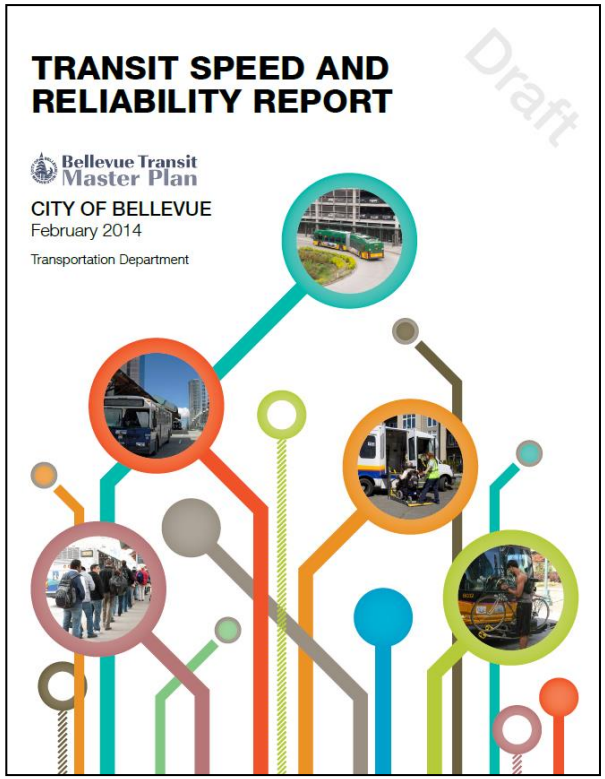

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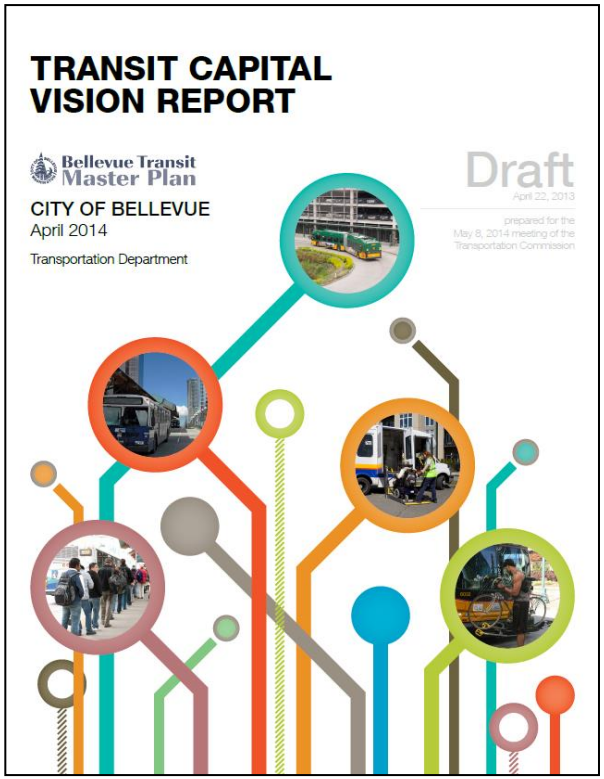

Even after plan adoption, all of these projects remain conceptual, and the final details of design will be developed as the projects proceed further along in the implementation process.

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Robinson	How does the idea of Main Street as a “retail corridor” - that emphasizes ped/bike mobility - align with the Draft Capital Vision Report's recommendation (L11): Convert one eastbound general purpose lane to a PM peak-only HOV lane on Main St from Bellevue Way NE to 112th Ave NE?	Both the Transit Master Plan (TMP) and Downtown Transportation Plan (DTP) identify Main Street as a component of Bellevue's Frequent Transit Network where transit speed and reliability projects are anticipated. Main Street is also identified as an important east-west non-motorized connection; as such, sidewalks and bicycle facilities are planned. The TMP candidate project for Main Street (L11) would allow for on-street parking or additional general purpose capacity in the off-peak hours. These details will be determined following a corridor study associated with the Downtown Transportation Implementation Plan; proposed for funding in the 2015-16 budget cycle.

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Wallace	What are the implications of plan adoption on parcels adjacent to recommended projects?	A developer whose street frontage is adjacent to a Transit Master Plan candidate project that is not associated with an adopted Bellevue CIP or TFP would not be required to make any construction, right-of-way, or easement provisions to accommodate the future transit project.

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Robertson	Will the TMP influence Commission's TFP/CIP discussions; when will the TMP projects come forward for Council consideration (current or future budget cycle)?	The Transit Master Plan (TMP) reaffirms the City's commitment to the following transit-supportive roadway projects referenced in Bellevue's TFP/CIP: ▪ **Projects L1, L2, L4**: Bellevue Way HOV (TFP-242); ▪ **Project L5**: 108th Ave NE (TFP-230); ▪ **Project R18**: NE 4th St and Bellevue Way (TFP-222); ▪ **Project L19**: NE 6th St Extension (TFP-211, CIP R-162); ▪ **Project L20**: 124th Av NE bet Bel-Red Rd and NE 14th St (TFP-213, CIP R-169); ▪ **Project L25**: 148th Av NE bet Bel-Red Rd and SR-520 (TFP-250); and, ▪ **Project L27**: 142nd Pl SE and Snoqualmie River Rd (TFP-252). These and other improvements identified in the TMP will be implemented incrementally over time through Bellevue's CIP, coordinated with transit service and facility improvement efforts by King County Metro and Sound Transit, and/or submitted for future grant funding opportunities.

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Robertson	Which transit projects involve repurposing general purpose travel lanes?	▪ **Project L5:** Convert existing lanes along 108th Ave NE into Business Access Transit (BAT) lanes and/or implement other speed and reliability treatments as identified by the Downtown Transportation Plan from NE 10th St to Main St. [High Priority] ▪ **Project L11:** Convert one eastbound general purpose lane to a PM peak-only HOV lane on Main St from Bellevue Way NE to 112th Ave NE. [Low Priority] ▪ **Project L13:** Convert one eastbound general purpose lane to a PM peak-only HOV lane on NE 10th St from Bellevue Way NE to 112th Ave NE. ▪ **Project L14:** Modify the channelization to allow BAT lanes between NE 12th St and Northup Way when approaching intersections and/or implement other speed and reliability treatments. ▪ **Project L26:** Modify channelization to allow BAT lanes on 148th Ave NE between NE 24th St and NE 20th St.

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Robertson	Did staff consider the implications of repurposing existing travel lanes on general purpose traffic?	Bellevue staff leveraged a variety of travel demand modeling tools to consider how High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Business Access Transit (BAT) lane projects would affect transit and automobile travel time along Frequent Transit Network (FTN) corridors. From a system-wide impacts perspective, implementing the HOV and BAT lane projects result in an overall improvement in citywide vehicle delay (see Appendix D12: 2030 Citywide Level of Service Analysis in Draft Transit Capital Vision Report). Finally, staff undertook a detailed assessment of eastbound PM peak-only HOV lanes on Main St (**Project L11**) and NE 10th St (**Project L13**). This assessment determined that the projects were not fatally flawed—in fact, the projects would provide a small benefit from a person throughput perspective—but the degree of improvement was quite minor compared with that expected from other similar projects (see Appendix D5: Downtown Bellevue Micro-Simulation Analysis).

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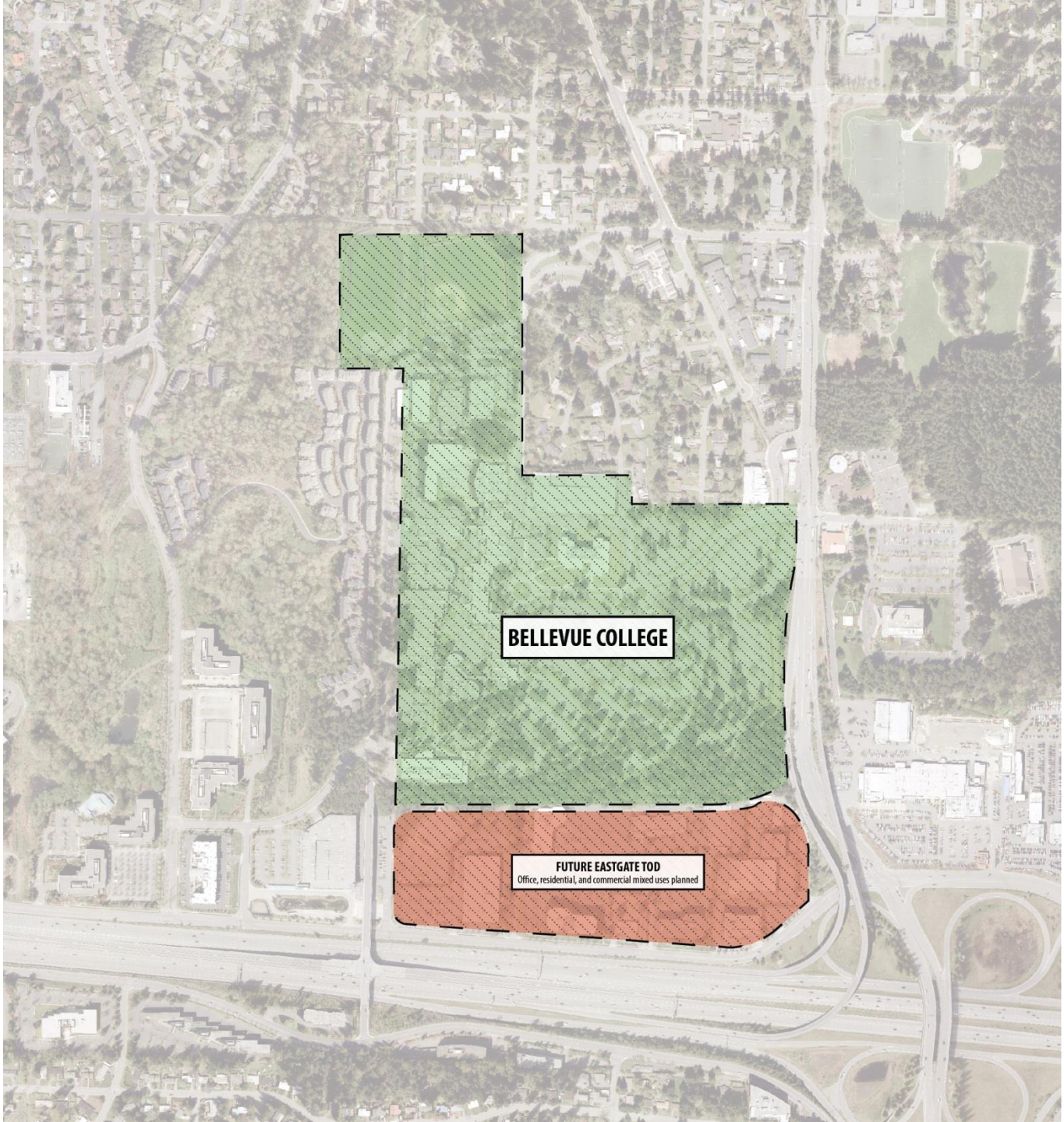
Lee	How does the service vision align with the capital vision – specifically, how do the various pieces connect from neighborhoods to activity centers and between activity centers and region?	A graphic will be shared at staff's May 19 briefing to Council that responds to this request for information.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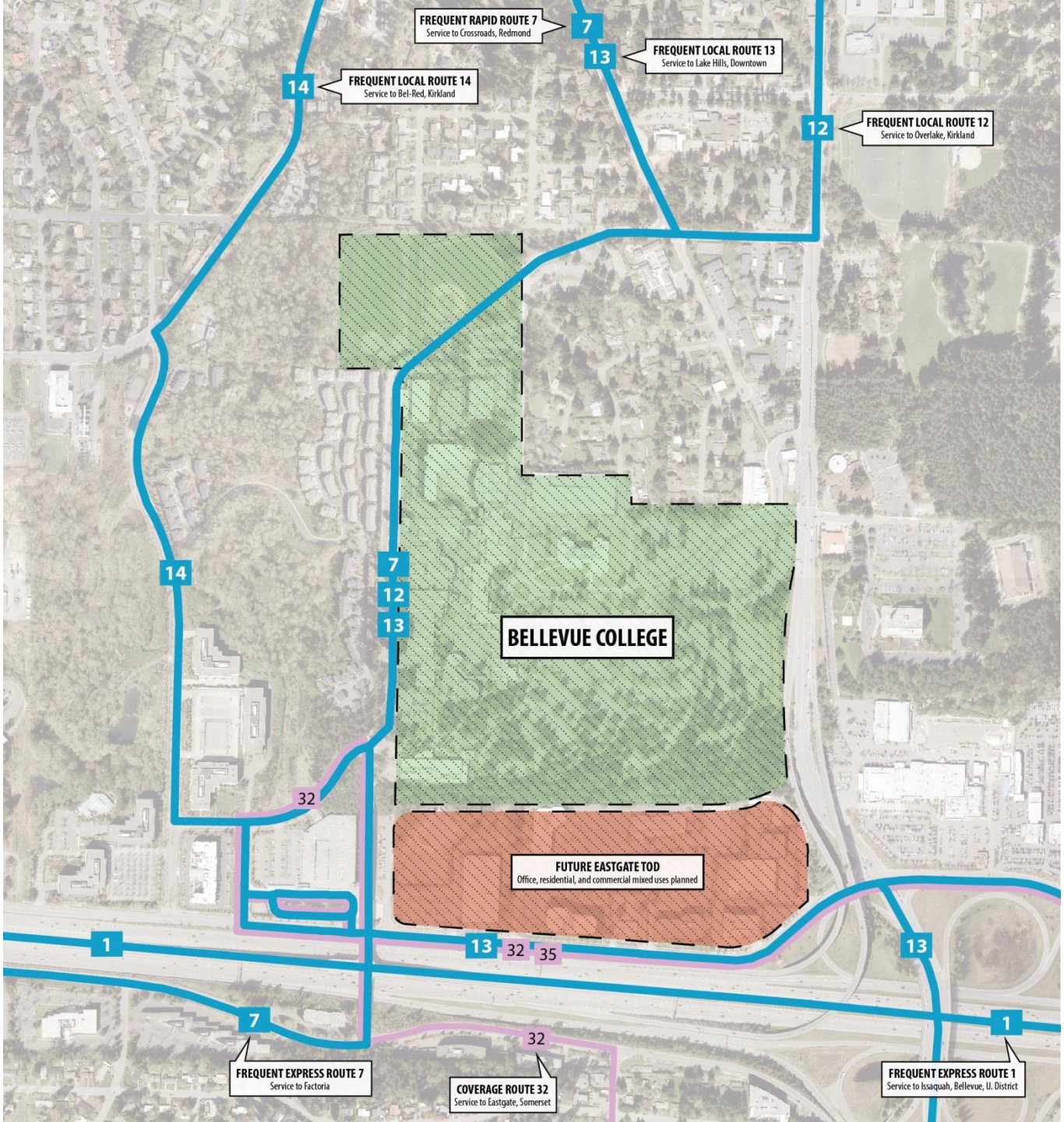
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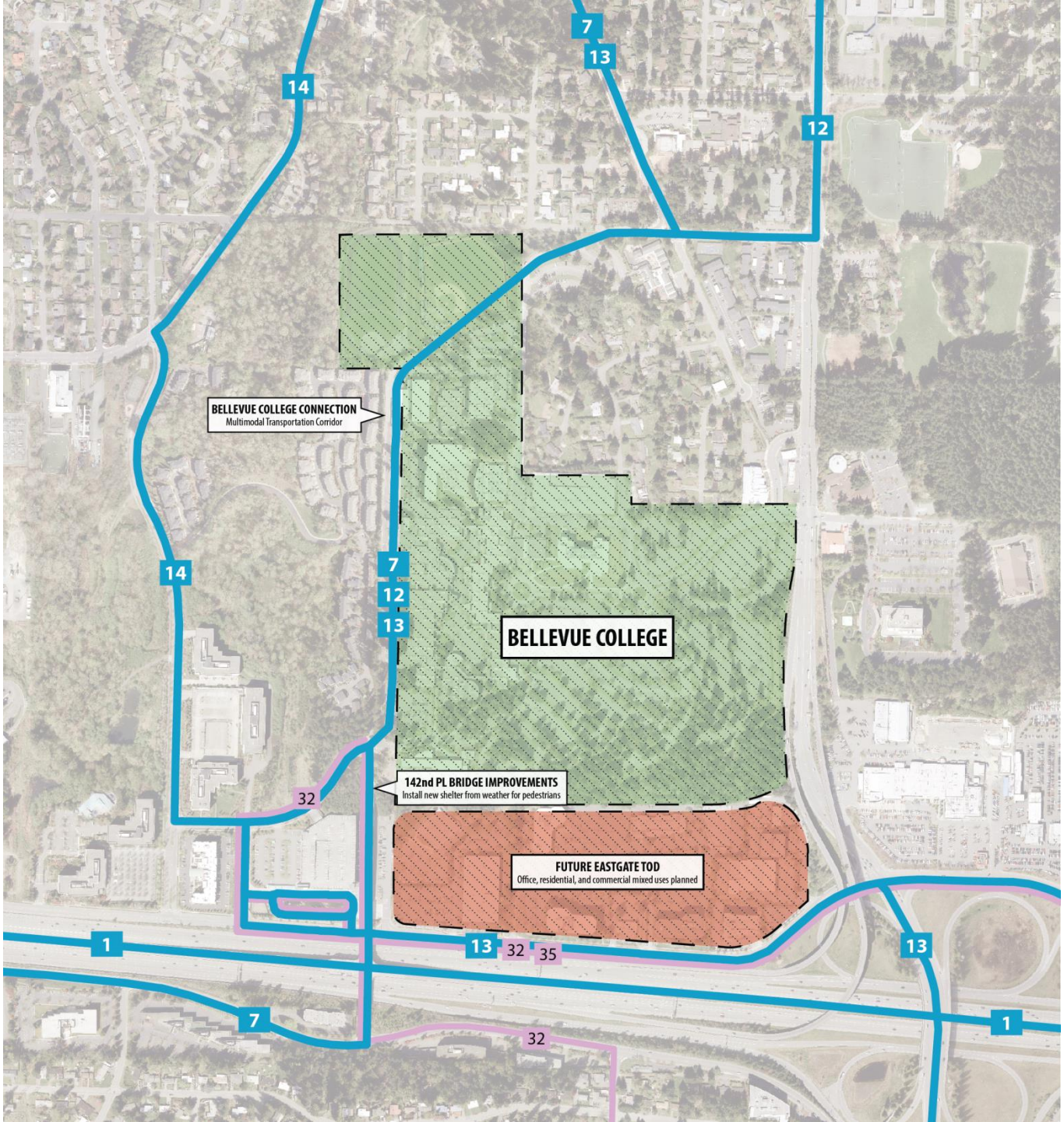
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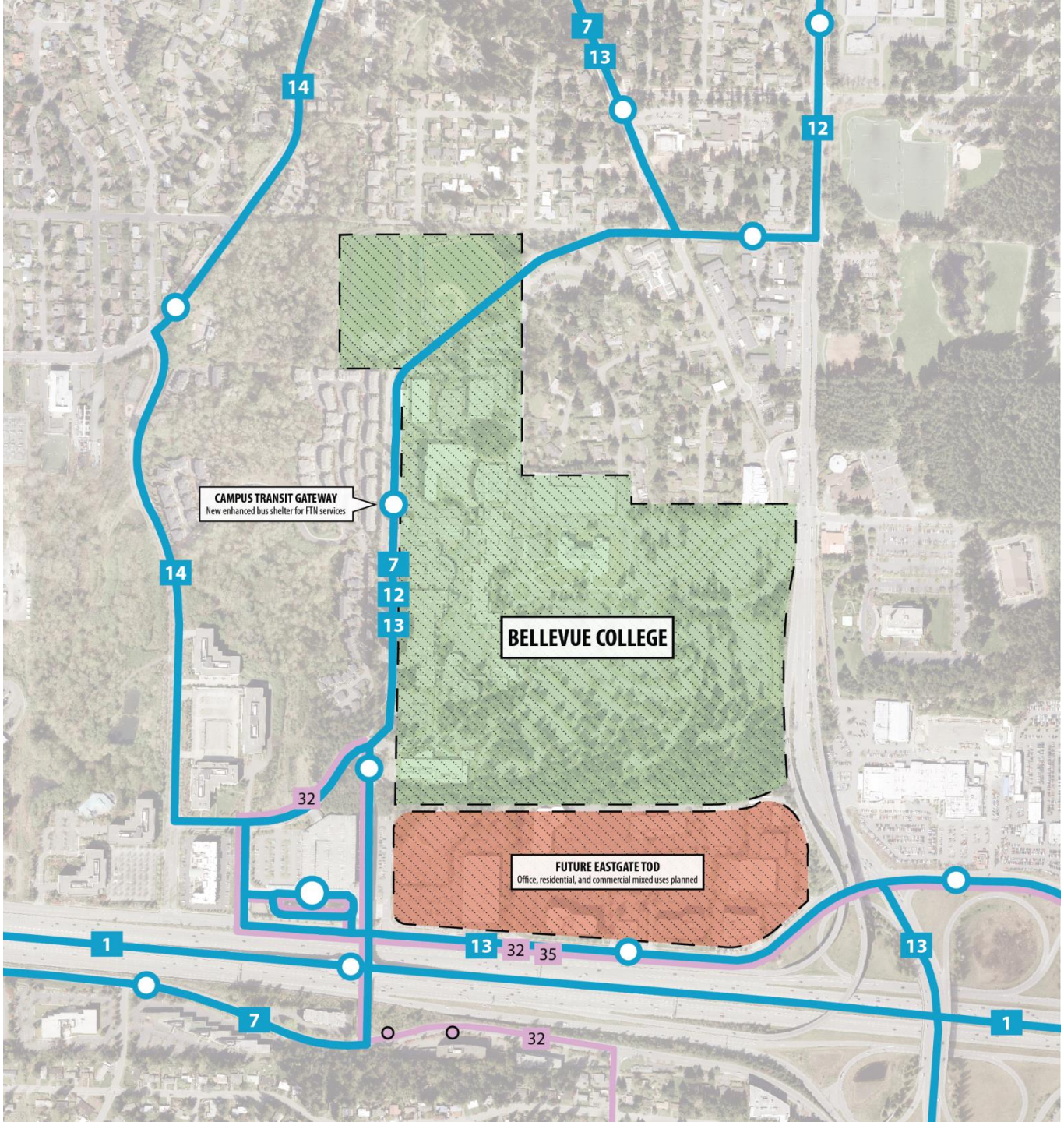
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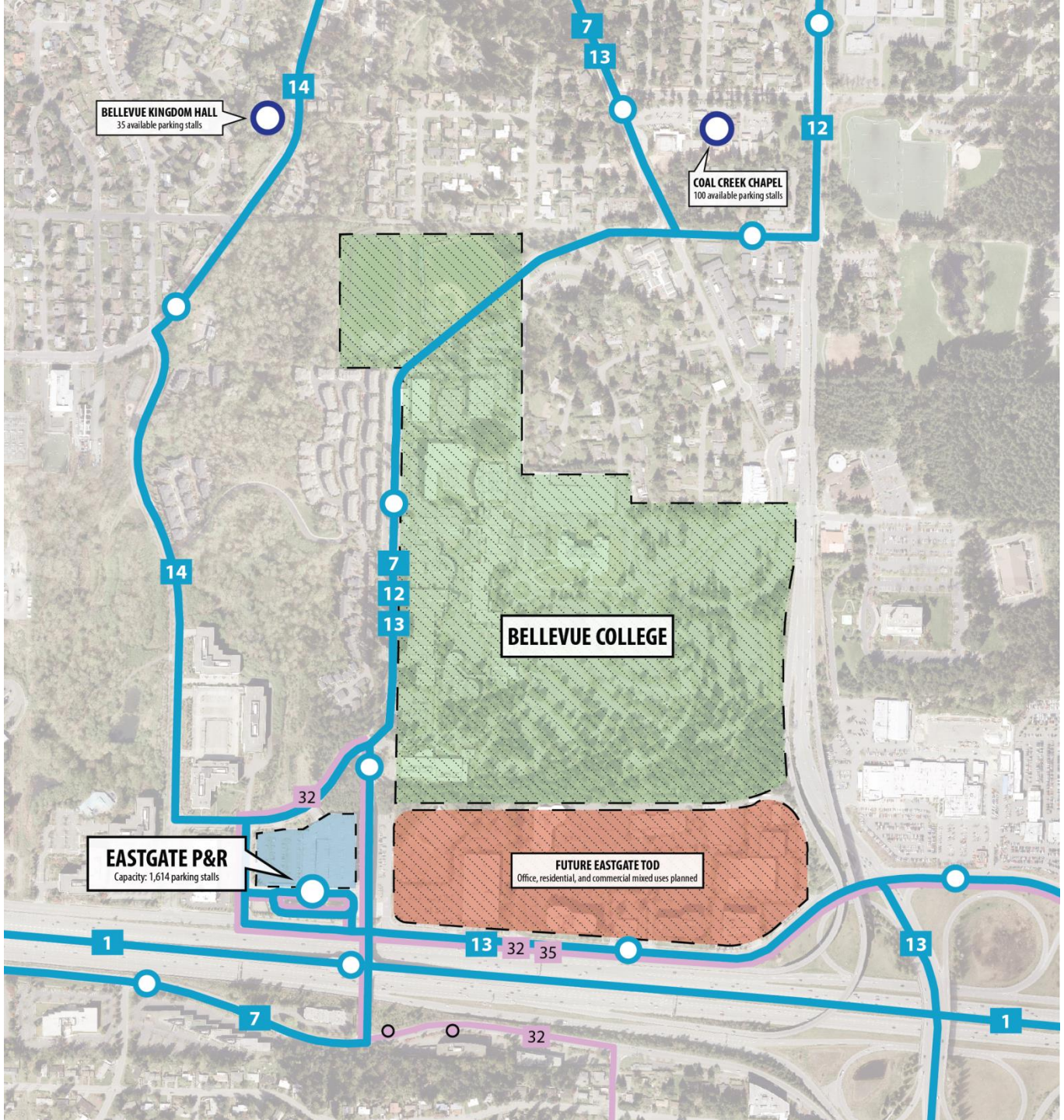
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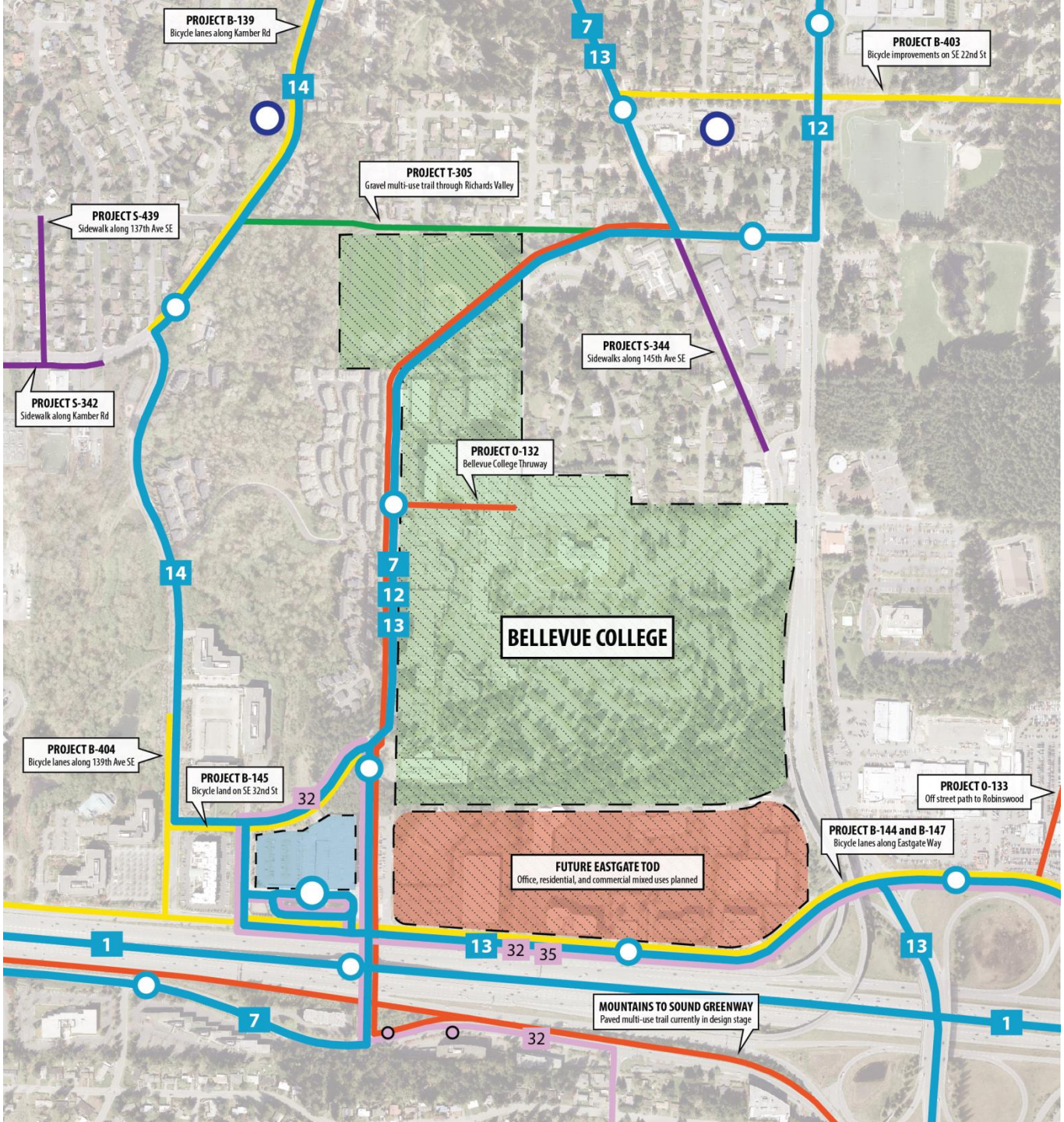
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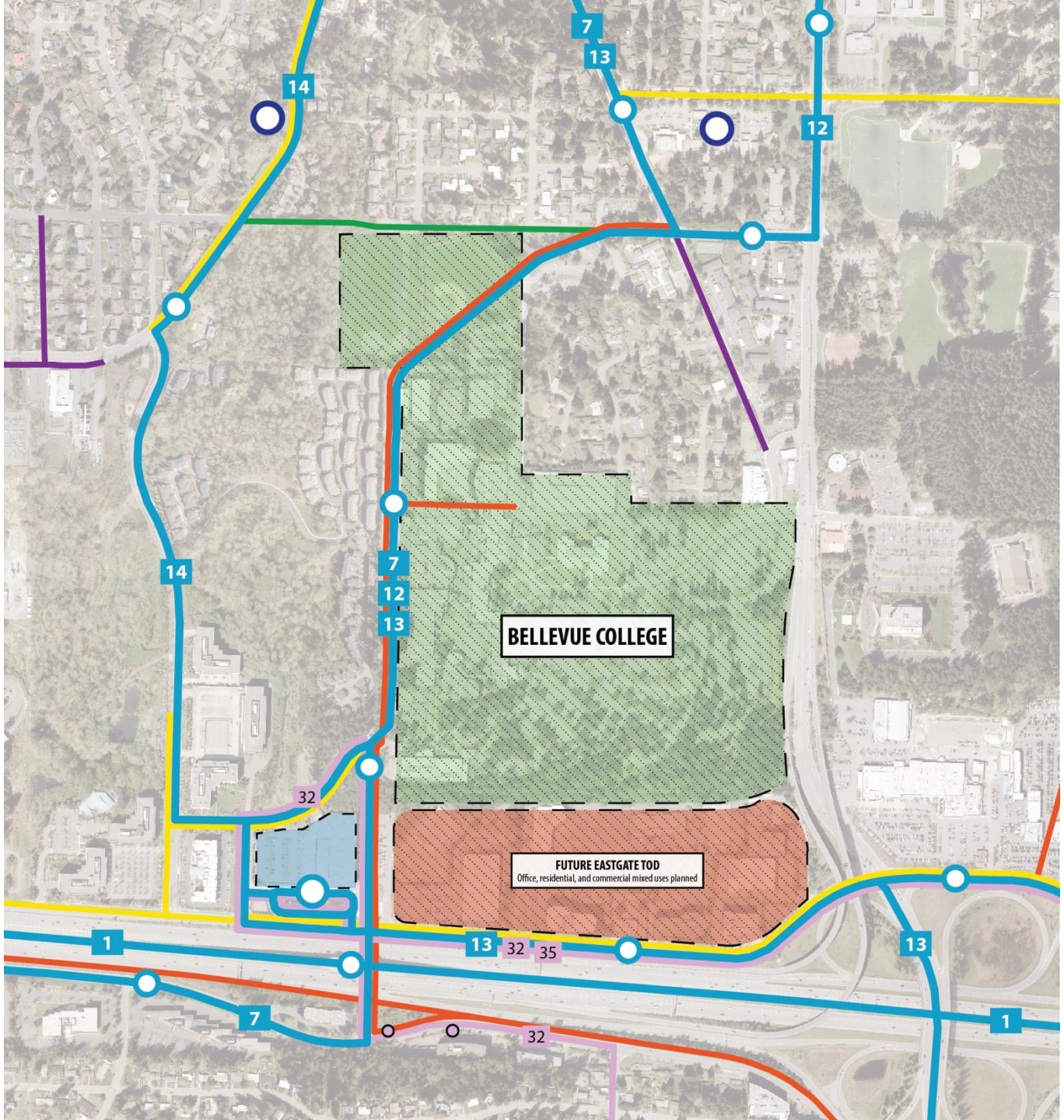
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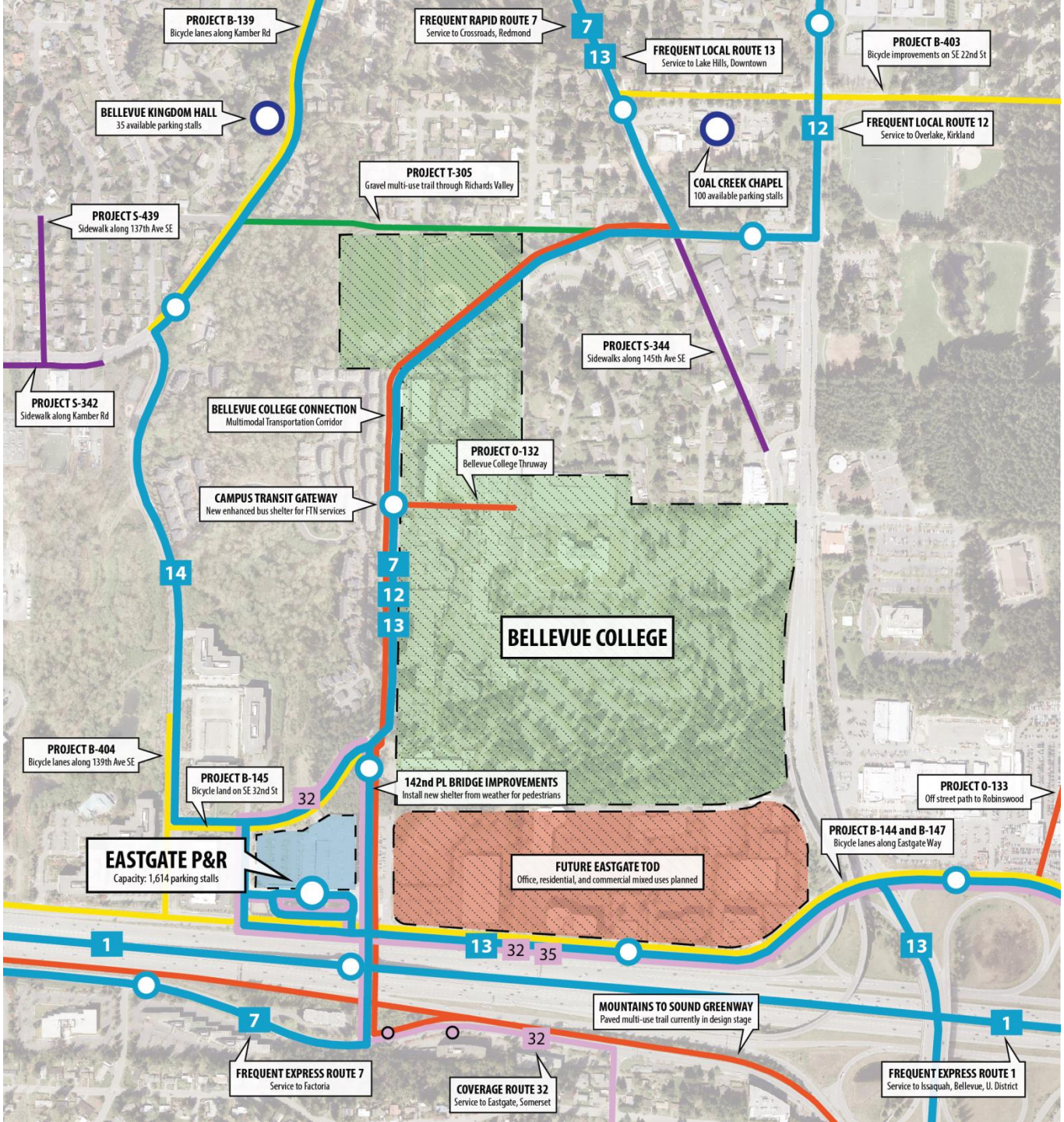
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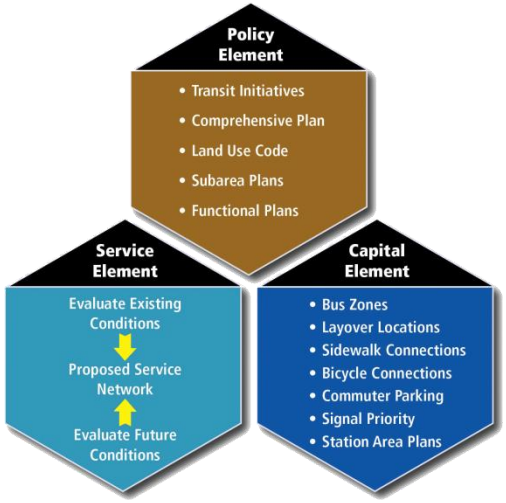

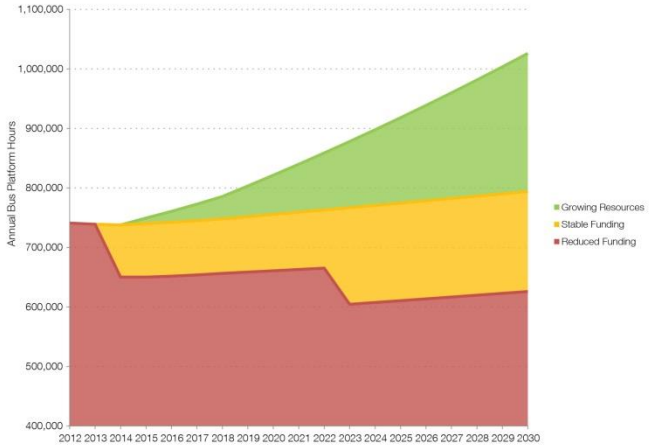

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2. **Why update the 2003 Transit Plan?**
3. **What does the TMP tell us?**
4. **What does "Abundant Access Mean?**
5. **What are the service oriented strategies?**
6. **What are the capital oriented strategies?**

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10. Capital Workshop

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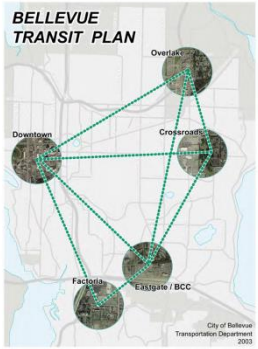

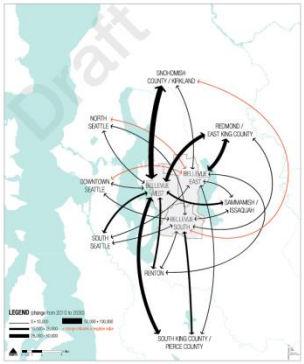

Bellevue Transit Center (2003) - $16 million

Downtown Bellevue HOV Access (2005) - $144 million

RapidRide B Line (2011) - $10 million

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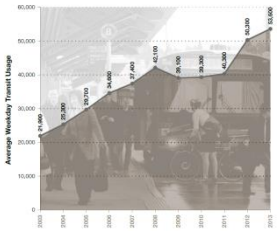

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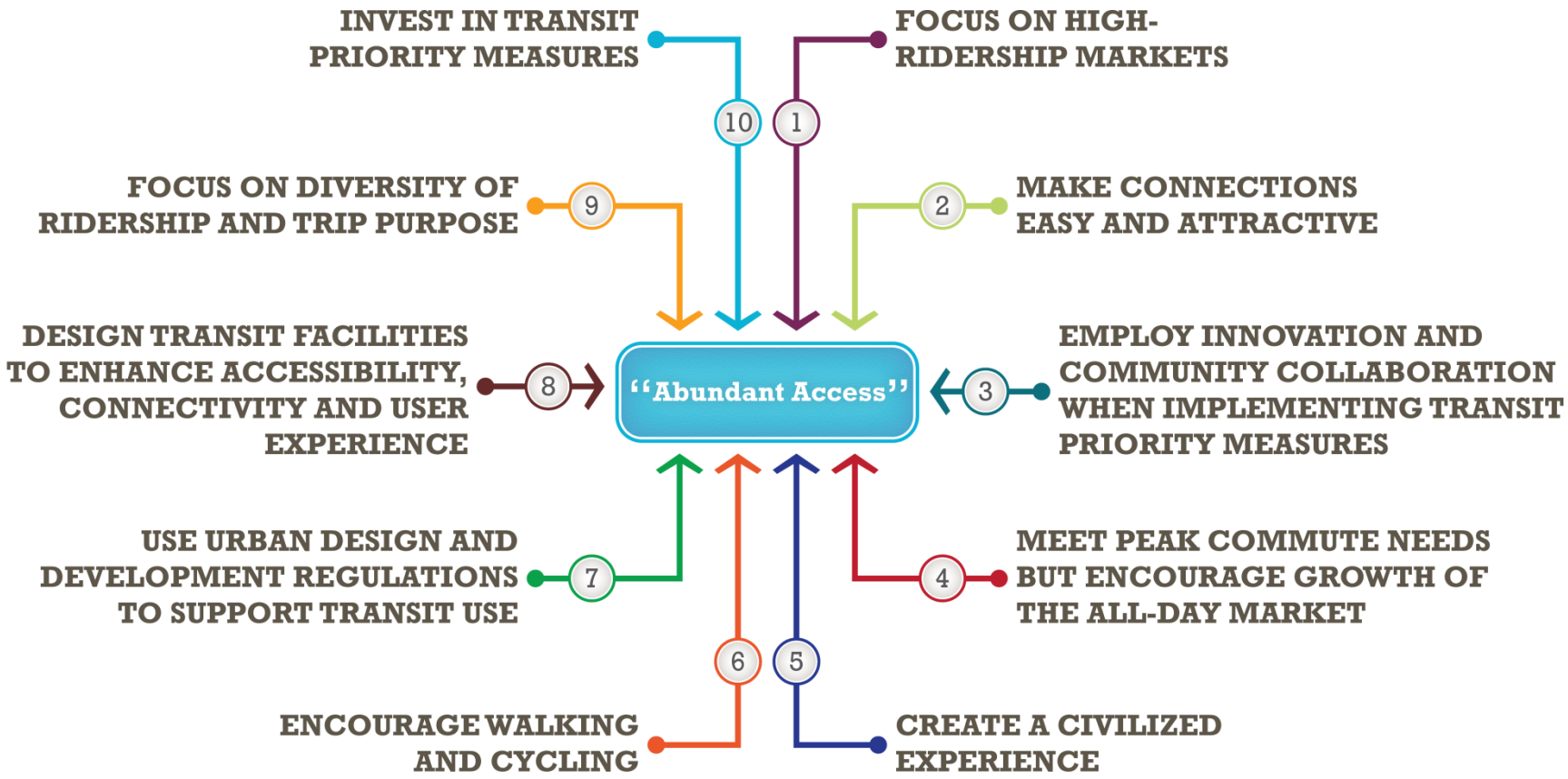
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USE URBAN DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO SUPPORT TRANSIT USE
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4
MEET PEAK COMMUTE NEEDS BUT ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF THE ALL-DAY MARKET
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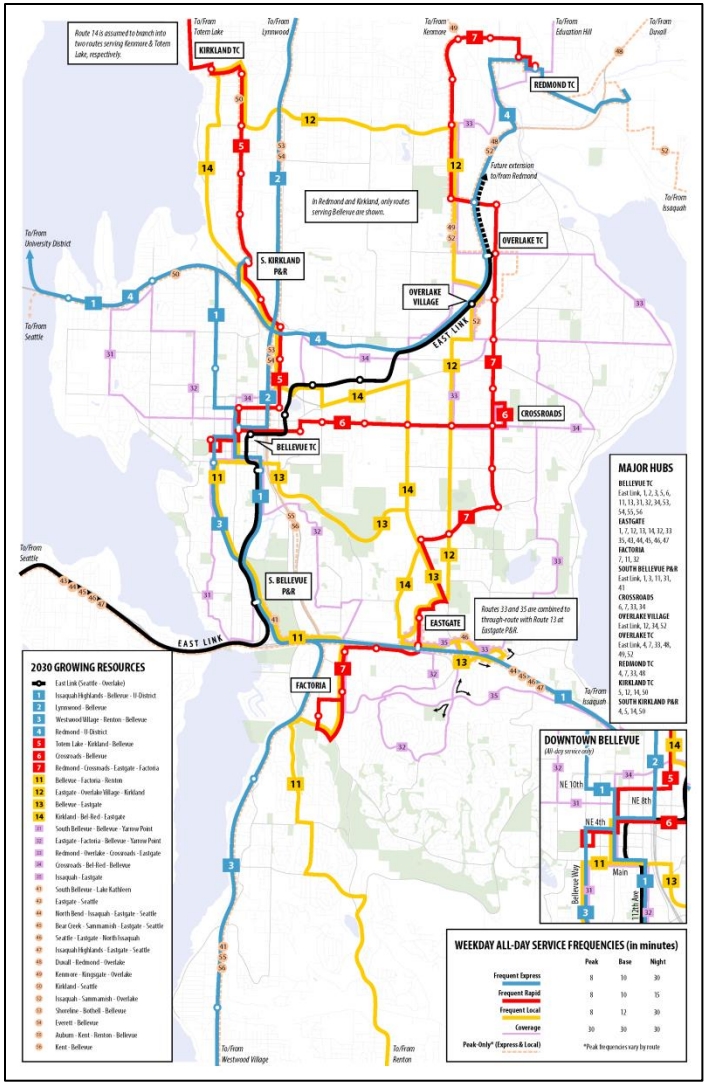
5
ENCOURAGE WALKING AND CYCLING
CREATE A CIVILIZED EXPERIENCE

2030 Growing Resources



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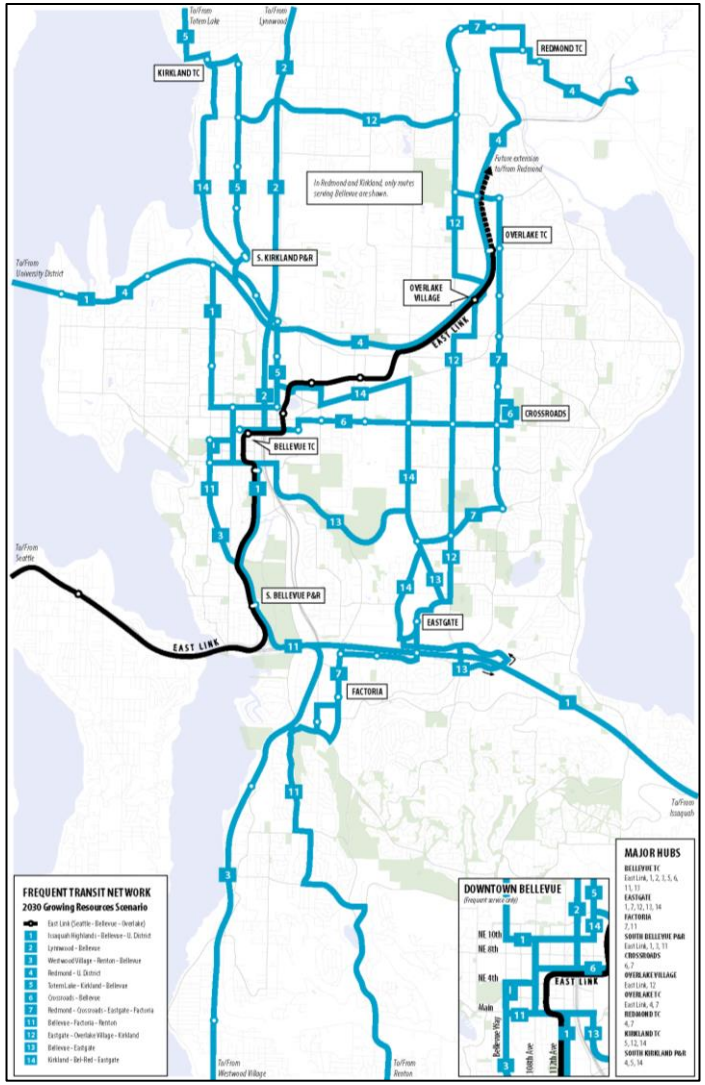

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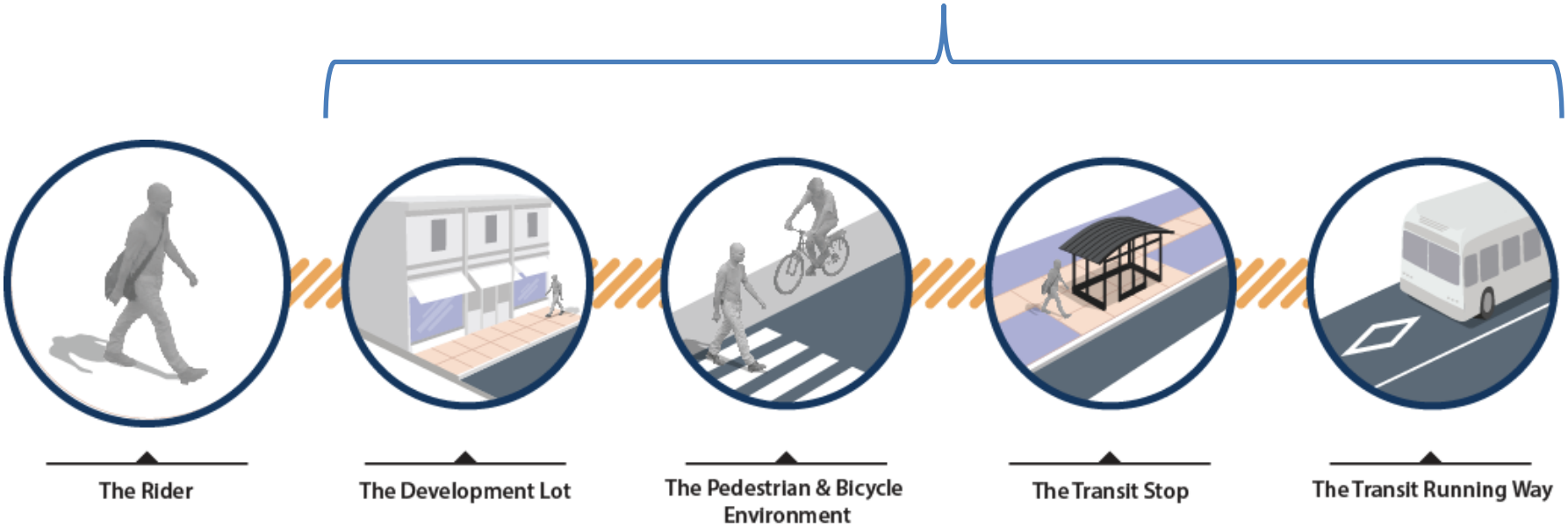
Service Element

City of Bellevue Influence



Next Steps

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1. Chair Simas and staff will present Council with the Commission's Draft Transit Master Plan.

2. No Council action is sought at this time.

1. A public hearing will be held on the Draft Transit Master Plan at the beginning of the regular meeting.

2. During the regular meeting, staff will seek input on the Transmittal Letter to Council.

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