

## **Bel-Red Corridor Adoption and Implementation Process**

### **Charge to Commissions**

As directed by the City Council October 1, 2007

#### **Preface**

In 2005, the City Council initiated a process to re-think the future of the Bel-Red area. The Council developed a set of principles to guide planning for the area's future, and appointed a steering committee to oversee this planning effort. Composed of a variety of stakeholders, with representation from several city boards and commissions, and co-chaired by two former mayors, the steering committee delivered a final set of recommendations to the Council on September 6, 2007. The Council recognizes the work of the steering committee in adopting an ambitious vision for the future of Bel-Red, and finds the committee recommendations to be consistent with the Council's guiding principles. The focus of the Bel-Red work now moves from vision to implementation, and the Council is requesting five city boards and commissions to consider how best to implement the committee recommendations.

The specific roles and charges set forth below are intended to help each commission focus on a key set of implementation issues, to ensure a minimum of gaps in the commission work, and to clarify for the public the role that each commission will play in guiding the implementation of the steering committee recommendations.

#### **Commission Roles**

The **Transportation Commission's** role is to recommend transportation policies, and long range city transportation investments and priorities for the corridor, for consideration in Bellevue's Transportation Facilities Plan. It is recognized that the transportation improvements in the corridor will address a range of modes, including cars, pedestrians, bicycles and transit.

The **Parks and Community Services Board's** role is to recommend parks and recreation policies, and long range parks investments and priorities for the corridor. Parks and recreation facilities, such as sports fields, and open space improvements in the corridor are anticipated to include small sites integrated with development, larger sites serving the entire corridor, and resources that serve the broader community. The Parks Board is not expected to identify precise parcel locations for parks and open space, but rather areas of opportunity and need. The siting of facilities that serve the entire Bellevue community, such as a city-wide recreational/aquatic facility or playfield complex, is a larger issue that the Bel-Red project is not intended to resolve and will be addressed in a separate process.

The **Environmental Services Commission's** role is to recommend policies and long range environmental management investments and priorities related to surface water management, water quality, stream restoration and low impact development (natural drainage) techniques.

The **Arts Commission's** role is to consider opportunities for public art and culture throughout the corridor, including an analysis of the arts/cultural district concept included in the plan and opportunities associated with implementation of Sound Transit's art program. While the commission's work will influence the development of Subarea policies, development of public art will be an ongoing work item that may be addressed over the course of future Bel-Red public and private investment decisions.

The **Planning Commission's** role is to develop Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code recommendations. Since the Comprehensive Plan is home to the integrated set of policies guiding the area's future, each of the other commissions will provide recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, in its statutory role, will hold a public hearing on the consolidated amendments and make a formal recommendation to the City Council.

**All of the commissions** are encouraged to collaborate in recognition of the inter-related dimensions of the Bel-Red corridor plan, especially on the overarching theme of environmental sustainability, which touches on land use, transportation, open space, natural drainage, and stream restoration components of the corridor.

The commissions are not asked to conduct review of the financial strategy for implementation, or the inter-jurisdictional issues with the City of Redmond's Overlake Neighborhood Plan. This will occur directly with the City Council.