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Neighborhood Leadership Gathering Transportation: The Road Ahead Meeting Summary February 22, 2016

On February 22nd, the Neighborhood Outreach team hosted a Neighborhood Leadership Gathering, "Transportation: The Road Ahead" which assembled over 114 neighborhood leaders. Councilmember Slatter as well as EBCC members Kasner and Hughes, were in attendance. Transportation director, Dave Berg, affirmed that transportation challenges are a priority as they affect the quality of our lives on a daily basis. He provided an overview of Bellevue's growth and traffic challenges and facilitated an interactive audience response polling, about questions regarding car commuting, biking, walking and neighborhood protection. There was also a time for Q and A with transportation staff. After the meeting, residents could participate with further comments for Bellevue's Pedestrian Bike Implementation Initiative, share commuter stories with What the Flux – Station 91.3 with Bellevue College, as well as, learn about resources that could assist commuting with Choose Your Way, Bellevue.

In general, neighborhood leaders expressed concerns about cut-through traffic and the need to reduce speeds in neighborhood streets. Leaders affirmed the priority for local sidewalk and trail improvements to local parks and schools, and connections to the future Eastside Rail Corridor. Residents expressed a desire for increases for bus/transit service, as well as, additional Park & Ride capacity. Neighborhoods close to Sound Transit wanted to learn more about how construction will impact their ability to get in and out of their neighborhoods. And there was anxiety about how Bellevue plans for growth – given that congestion is already a concern.

The polling of neighborhood leaders provided some interesting insight – the following is a sample of a few of the questions:

What do you love most about your neighborhood? 42% Answered: Natural Beauty and Parks and Trails

Over the past year, has it taken you longer to drive to work, school, store, etc. in Bellevue?

79% Answered: Yes, definitely! Or Yes, a bit longer

Has congestion changed your commute?

50% Answered: No

Has congestion changed the time of your commute?

49% Answered: No

What would be the best ways to reduce traffic congestion?

23% Answered: Expand freeway

23% Answered: Add bus routes/bus frequency 19% Answered: Build new street connections 17% Answered: Widen major city roadways

Do you feel safe biking in Bellevue?

44% Answered: No

21% Answered: Not applicable

What kind of bike trips would you want to take?

69% Answered: Shorter trips (school, local park) & recreational biking around neighborhood

Do you feel safe from traffic when walking in your neighborhood?

45% Answered: Yes

What would help you feel safer when walking around in your neighborhood?

27% Answered: More sidewalks, trails, etc.

16% Answered: Lower speeds

Which type of walkway would you prefer for your neighborhood?

44% Answered: Tier 2: Raised Asphalt Walkway/At-grade separated path with curb

27% Answered: Tier 3: Sidewalks

Compared with sidewalks, how important is installing/improving crosswalks?

84% Answered: More important or Just as important

Is speeding an issue in your neighborhood?

68% Answered: Yes

Do you think cut-through traffic is a problem in your neighborhood?

63% Answered: Yes

Would you support installation of speed humps in your neighborhood?

52% Answered: No

Would you support a speed hump with a sign in front of your house?

60% Answered: No

For complete polling questions and answers, see: Leadership Gathering Polling Results.pdf
Neighborhood leaders were also asked to provide specific written comments on what transportation
improvements would improve their neighborhoods, and what they identified as their top neighborhood
transportation priorities. Detailed written comments are in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

Neighborhoods Represented: Bellecrest, Bridle Trails, College Hill, Downtown, Eastgate, Factoria, Foxbourough, Lake Heights, Lake Hills, Lake Lanes, Lakemont, Meydenbauer, Newport Hills, Newport Shores, Northtowne, Old Bellevue, Old Main, Sammamish, Sherwood Forest, Somerset West, Sunset Community Association, Surrey Downs, Tam O'Shanter, Vuecrest, Wilburton, Woodridge, Beaux Arts Village, Issaquah, Renton

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"What transportation improvements would you like to see in your neighborhood?"

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Attachment #1
Neighborhood Leadership Gathering
Transportation: The Road Ahead
February 22, 2016

"What transportation improvements would you like to see in your neighborhood?"

BRIDLE TRAILS

- Stripe a crosswalk that connects the entrances of North Creek and Winchester Estates neighborhoods (in the middle of NE 40th St between 140th Ave NE and 148th Ave NE).
- Bike lane all the length of 140th, both north and south
- All crosswalks to have striped and also add blinkies to major crosswalks always with striped cross lanes.
- Delayed green turn walkers get to walk safely 1st then cars.
- Eliminate turn on red folks barely stop.
- More permeable sidewalks/trails vs. gold standard.

NW BELLEVUE

- Improve the safety of the crossing of 100th Ave from the east entrance of Vuecrest towards 10th Street (near QFC)
- Improve crosswalk on NE 8th Street near the entrance to Vuecrest. The traffic doesn't even slow down let alone stop for pedestrians.
- Traffic calming on Bellevue Way (D/T to 520)
- Speed enforcement on Bellevue Way
- Crosswalks on Bellevue Way
- Traffic Lights at crossings on Bellevue Way
- Slower speed on N Bellevue Way
- Safer crosswalk on N Bellevue Way
- More crosswalks on N Bellevue Way
- Bellevue Way from NE 12 to 520 needs safe crossings. Especially @ Northtowne Shopping Center

DOWNTOWN

- Pedestrian Safety improvements and enforcement
- Traffic on Main Street and parking (x 10)
- I live in Zone 2. I've noticed over the past several years the increased running of red lights. The walk sign is lit and cars are still going thru the red light. Improvement: Have police enforcement or red light cameras. I saw someone get hit in a crosswalk several months ago.
- It was indicated that the biggest growth is in Downtown, but not much focus on Downtown problems and solutions.
- Why do we not have a "Circulator" bus service, rather than very expensive (sound transit etc.)? Have businesses work in partnership to reduce costs via Advertising, etc.....
- A housing plan where people live and work downtown. The census shows less than 3% of the people who work downtown live in their census tract. Likewise, less than 3% of the people who live downtown work in their census tract.
- One way streets! They are safer and move traffic faster, except for NE 8th and Bellevue Way make them one way. Lights will be shorter times.

DOWNTOWN cont.

- Pedestrian over pass in Downtown. These should be required for any developer who is building over 200 feet in height.
- Add bike lanes by requiring additional setbacks for developers so that the bike lanes don't increase traffic congestion.
- For blocks in D/T that are not already fully developed, split the lots with smaller roads, bike paths and pedestrian paths.
- I would like to see EXCELLENT connections between the Eastside Trail/Recreational trail and downtown and the neighborhoods. This will decrease car traffic. This will provide viable bike and walking options. This should be a high priority, probably the highest. It is a new transportation option we can't build our way out of traffic congestion by widening roads and making major roadways.
- Speed up traffic through Old Bellevue.
- More parking (public) to stop traffic from circling around neighborhood looking for parking spaces.
- Flashing lights on 2 mid-block crosswalks on Old Main street between Bellevue Way and NE 100th. Hard to see pedestrians, especially at night.
- Reduce impact during transportation
- How will increased daytime population and traffic be managed?
- Significant increases in business and residential units will increase traffic no new roads are being built, how will the increased traffic be managed?
- I would like to see the city's plan for Old Main street as it relates to the development of Downtown Park. Where may I go to get the most current copy?
- No more "Band aid" repairs to sidewalks with black top. Eyesores and hazards as it breaks apart within months of application.
- More parking available for the public.
- Better regulation on cab/taxis stopping and parking in "No parking" areas (i.e. 110th near 2nd place by Marriot)

BEL-RED

- Completion of sidewalk on the north side of NE 14th Street from 143rd Place to 144th Ave NE. (Enforcement of 'no parking at any time' in this same location).
- Eliminate planned short segment of Spring Blvd that will run from 120th Ave NE to NE 12th.

WILBURTON

- Return of dedicated left turn light Northbound @ NE 8th Street and 124th Ave NE.
- Discussion related to traffic management on NE 4th street between 120th Ave and 124th Ave
- Signal management NB 116th Ave left turn on Main
- More SCAT system intersections.
- Help BSD405 put in NE 1st street to the new Wilburton Elementary. There is a plan in place, it is well thought out and debated by citizens and staff.

CROSSROADS & NE BELLEVUE

- A flashing light at crosswalk on Northrup Avenue and 160th Avenue NE. It's a route students take from Crossroads to Interlake High School.
- Increase van service from neighborhoods to downtown (not buses). Vans which can be flexible and have a small group.

CROSSROADS & NE BELLEVUE cont.

- Install a sidewalk from Northrup to Crossroads Park which high school students and neighborhood residents use (from 160th Ave NE).
- Improve sidewalks, more sidewalks
- Remove yellow flashing traffic lights. They are dangerous.
- More streetlights in the neighborhood.
- Crossing on NE 24th St during school time for high school students. This area is not bright enough.
- Real speed bumps on 164th Ave NE between NE 24th and NE 30th
- Motion activated flashing speed sign on 164th Ave NE between NE 24th and NE 30th Ave
- Increase speed patrolling. More motorcycle cops with radar on 16th Ave NE.
- Too many high density developments encroaching on Sherwood Forest stop approving more development – our street are already overloaded.
- Build a new off-ramp for westbound 520 traffic to get off 520 at the Bel-Red Corridor.
 Currently traffic must exit at 148th and that traffic problem ripples into neighborhood streets.
- Need a stop sign on corner of NE 27th and 162nd Ave NE
- Transit and bike lanes
- Trails that interconnect neighborhoods and parks
- Stop signs
- Cross walks
- Motorcycle police stationed to scare drivers and give tickets
- A traffic meeting with our neighborhood (Sherwood Forest)
- Traffic studies for our neighborhood on weekdays not weekends, not holidays.

LAKE HILLS

- Many questions has no relevance to me as I am retired. But traffic problems have changed my life (and my wife's). I don't drive anywhere before 9:30 am and between 4-7pm. I try and be home or if not, I stay wherever I have gone. We schedule our activities to avoid traffic. This has been a big change in the last 10 years.
- Fix the turns in and out of Kelsey Creek Shopping Center
- Keep the left turn from Westbound Main onto SB 148th flowing.
- Deal with the backup from Bellevue College across 142nd, up 36th and onto 148th. It's so bad people can't exit I-90.
- Bicycle safety. I contributed a bunch to the wiki map.
- Less concrete. More packed dirt (Lake Hills greenbelt) or asphalt. Concrete is bad for running.

WOODRIDGE

- Maybe "Local Traffic Only" signs at entrances to Woodridge neighborhood.
- Widen Richards Road so that drivers don't cut through Woodridge to avoid heavy traffic at peak hours on Richards Road.
- More police presence/ticketing for speeding.

WEST BELLEVUE

- Install Bollards OR Cul-de-sac 108th Ave SE to stop cut-through traffic. The volume of drivers who only use 108th Ave SE to get into and out of downtown is not acceptable. Somehow we need to address this issue.
- Running Stop Sign at Meydenbauer Way and SE Bellevue PL SE
- I'd like to get some more education and get folks to walk/bus more. ②
- Sidewalks in neighborhoods (Surrey Downs, etc.)
- Pedestrian ways from surrounding neighborhoods into downtown
- Planning for increased density
- More red light cameras
- Expand no parking zones in neighborhoods adjacent to downtown.
- Speed control in Surrey Downs neighborhood
- Sidewalks along 109th Ave SE
- Sidewalks

NEWPORT

- Traffic Calming on Lake Washington Blvd south to Newcastle Beach Park.
- Tier 1 sidewalks
- Traffic Circles
- Traffic Humps
- Bumpouts
- Blinking Lights on Crosswalks
- Anything that will slow drivers
- People (commuters and residents) speed constantly, even in school zones.
- Fees for speeding in neighborhoods should be high, like \$500
- Alter the lights @ 119th and Coal Creek Parkway to get traffic off the hill @ Lake Heights/Newport Hills.

EASTGATE/FACTORIA

- Our neighborhood would very much like to see a sidewalk on the primary road running through our community 130th Ave SE between SE 45th Ct and SE 47th Place. Currently, children walking to school or their bus stop, elderly people walking for exercise, and all residents just trying to get around our neighborhood are forced to walk on the road shoulder or in the road when the vegetation gets overgrown.
- Trails for bikes and walkers not on streets/cars
- Flatter trails for bikes and walkers
- Safe places to wait for buses (PS. Do not feel neighborhoods are safe burglaries, etc.)
- More bus routes to Bellevue College
- Safer sidewalk use and crosswalk
- Sidewalks option #2 on 146th Ave. Also on Allen Road.

SOMERSET

- Any buses.
- Speed Calming.

LAKEMONT/COUGAR MOUNTAIN

- Yellow flash light at T-crossing of Lakemont Blvd and Forest Ridge Drive
- Finish missing piece of sidewalk on Lakemont Blvd all the way to Red Town trailhead in Cougar Mountain.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Improve Metro systems, especially for students. More connections with transit centers, more light and more connections with Issaquah.
- Bike lanes on some of the major arterials like Bellevue Way and 148th
- As a promotion, have live entertainment or art at transportation hubs such as Park and Rides
- Stop cut-through traffic! The neighborhood traffic people don't do anything and the city could care less about neighborhoods. It's time to address the issue that the city gives permits to big development and doesn't require concurrency. The people who have approved these developments planners, transportation employees should be <u>fired!</u> Gross negligence and incompetence. Less buses and no trains!! Sound Transit is a joke! Put this in a tunnel and save our city and parks!
- Slower speeds and speed flasher showing your speed blinks slow down
- Add blinker @ crosswalk
- A bus route on 24th St -> 156th Ave to Park & Ride (so. Kirkland) and to Bell 108th St Park and Ride and to Downtown Bellevue.
- Free car parking on business parking lots near downtown when they are closed (evening, weekends).

Attachment #2 Neighborhood Leadership Gathering February 22, 2016

"What are the top transportation priorities/issues you want to see addressed in your neighborhood?"

BRIDLE TRAILS

- Finish the sidewalk along the north side of NE 40th St between 140th Ave NE and 148th Ave NE so walker/joggers can have a complete loop!
- Complete streets to include protected bike lanes
- Way finding on bike lanes, to transit
- Painted bike lanes with <u>large</u> painted bike icon
- Permeable sidewalks and trails connecting neighborhoods and parks
- East Rail Corridor with amble easy access for biking and walking (not transit) such as light rail or buses or electric power lanes)
- Bus lanes only, or pull outs
- More lighting
- Add Drivers Ed Bike rights and sharing the road
- Promote eye contact and bright clothing. People 1st and cars should be taught that they are not the owner of the road.
- Slow down traffic narrow streets calming
- Demand new development owners to build sidewalks/crossings
- Ease traffic congestion on NE 24th St especially westbound 140th to Northrup, Northrup and 24th to 520 freeway (104th)
- Widen 24th to make a lane to Park & Ride and downtown Bellevue
- Landscape 24th from 140th to 130th westbound (similar to the northside of 24th from Northrup _> 130th - that's been done very well - 5 or so years ago)
- More blinking yellow lights for turning up 24th and 148th and 24th and 140th they are now too short for turning traffic.

NW BELLEVUE

- Speed control on Bellevue Way (D/T to 520)
- Speed enforcement on Bellevue Way
- More traffic light/crosswalks
- Make Bellevue Way from D/T to 520 safer for peds and residents
- Speed and crosswalks on N Bellevue Way
- Cut through traffic on 24th between 112th and Bellevue Way

DOWNTOWN

- Most L turn signals are too short. Only allows 2 cars. New flashing yellows are not turning green.
- Drivers in downtown Bellevue who run red lights.
- ** Divers in downtown Bellevue who do not notice pedestrians in crosswalks, especially when making turns. Most do not even slow down at red lights to make a right turn! At holiday times it is 10 times worse. I almost get hit as a pedestrian nearly every day during X-mas shopping season. Maybe slower speeds or no right on red at some intersections.
- Long wait @ 8th to cross street for pedestrians. Maybe have automatic crosswalk lights (do not have to press button). If you do not press the button in time, you have to wait an extra 4-5 minutes.

DOWNTOWN cont.

- Improve crosswalks on Main Street with blinking lights, especially near Monsoon East. The area is dark as a driver I've almost hit pedestrians twice.
- Speed humps on 101st SE south of Main street. Painted signs on roadway is OK.
- In Old Bellevue on Main street do not allow left turn lanes. These are NOT superblocks.
- Traffic and Parking
- I do not know why Main Street can't be one way, and 2nd the return. Then traffic would not be stalled by those turning left.
- Remove of parking lot on SE corner of Downtown park Why? These stalls are essential to Main street business.
- Speed during non-rush hours though downtown continues to increase and getting much more dangerous.
- More accidents are occurring on crosswalks thru downtown
- One of the traffic congestion problems, especially in Old Bellevue, is people looking for parking. One of our biggest problems in Old Bellevue is employee parking. It is my understanding that the City of Bellevue has a regulation against someone like Diamond building an independent garage that allows cars to park over 3 hours. Why would the City have such a regulation? The City desperately needs all day parking for employees!
- I would like to limit additional FAR and height giveaways until/unless trip time goals are met.
- All of the above.
- Pedestrian friendly signaling at traffic lights
- DT shuttles from 112^{th} -> Main -> 100^{th} -> 10^{th} (and maybe down 106^{th})
- Jogging/Biking connected trails in DT
- An actual study of projected traffic in DT (not 148th) with projected increase in daytime and night time populations based on height/density increases and without those increases.
- Safe bike/walk
- Connection to Eastside Trail Corridor
- Parking in Old Bellevue to promote more business
- If you can't park in Old Bellevue, you go to Kirkland or Mercer Island.
- More frequent 550 bus to/from Seattle at night and on weekends.
- Congestion relief
- Alternate routes during construction
- Improve traffic congestion in Old Main Street
- Lights along 2nd street between 110th and 108th
- Different approach to crosswalk by Avica Starbucks (cars do not always stop for peds or flashing light)
- No right turn on red at Bellevue Way and 2nd heading west on 2nd at BECU. Cars jump light and often come close to hitting pedestrians.

BEL-RED

 Pave broken places and 'root bumps' in Bel-Red Road NE from about 132nd Ave NE to 140th Ave NE

WILBURTON

- Repair potholes and broken pavement throughout the Wilburton area.
- Poor traffic management

WILBURTON cont.

- Fix the I-405 tolling mess then some of our new road issues will go back to normal. The people signed the petition now our city must echo our concerns to the state.
- Help BSD405 put in NE 1st street to the new Wilburton Elementary. There is a plan in place, it is well thought out and debated by citizens and staff.
- Don't build more sidewalks until you can get pedestrians and runners to USE them. Not a
 joke this is a real issue.

CROSSROADS & NE BELLEVUE

- Separate biking paths separated from roads
- Better light signaling coordination
- More yellow flashing arrow lights for turning left.
- Horrible traffic on 156th Ave and NE 24th St
- More bus routes from neighborhood to Seattle
- Traffic study of the neighborhood and the data shared with the neighborhood. Study should be done at morning and evening times on weekdays and also weekends.
- Speeding cut-through traffic.
- I would like new traffic studies done on 164th Ave NE between NE 24th and NE 30th. And NE 24th between 156th Ave NE and 164th Ave NE. I would like the study conducted over a 1 week period to show how much cut-through traffic my neighborhood streets experience during the whole work week. This data is key to my understanding my neighborhoods true problem.
- Coordination with Redmond on growth/traffic near Overlake/BelRed/NE 24th. Lots of new buildings in Redmond and Bellevue between Northrup and Microsoft campus, which will mean more cars (and hopefully pedestrians!) We need more transit options from NE Bellevue neighborhoods that connect to destinations (ie. Park and rides, transit centers, future light rail stations -> especially Overlake State in Redmond, but a stone's throw from NE Bellevue) along with bike lanes (or separated bike lanes).
- Entrance to Foxborough Condos lives on Northrup Way, several hundred yards east of 156th/Northrup intersection. Would like to see better control of traffic lights at peak commute hours in morning. Traffic backs up to point where exiting to the west is very difficult.
- You have allowed development when there isn't street capacity for the increased # of car trips
- Emergency vehicles are having more and more problem getting through the traffic
- Newcomers who aren't native to the US don't know the rules of the road and are causing traffic delays and accidents.
- You are allowing development too close to neighborhoods and this type of development has increased the # of car trips dramatically and beyond the capacity of local roads.
- Why aren't you requiring building permits to cost more for new residential construction in older neighborhoods, because people are buying neighborhood homes, tearing them down, and building mega-mansions that are out of character in neighborhoods, blocking the sun and making the neighborhood feeling less.
- You are not listening to neighborhood residents and are allowing too much, too dense, and too high new developments
- You are allowing houses to be build that don't match with the rest of the homes, megamansions to be built.

CROSSROADS & NE BELLEVUE cont.

- We do not need more sidewalks, we need more stop signs, more crosswalks, more motorcycle police monitoring our streets.
- You schedule water main work in front of 2 schools during school time. You should have waited until June.

LAKE HILLS

- Can't we think "outside the box" sometimes. All solutions improvements offered are standard. The light rail is nice but it will make little difference to traffic. I know nothing about traffic solutions but I am sure I could come up with 4 or 5 ideas in 30 minutes. The cost of light rail is "horrendous" for the benfit if it were to carry 500,000 people a day, but at 10-50,000 the initial capital cost could be better spent elsewhere.
- Commute time between Bellevue neighborhoods and work areas. In my case Factoria.
- Slow traffic down consider 20 mph/25 mph campaign for neighborhood arterials.
- In neighborhoods, I'd rather not have sidewalks, share the neighborhood roads back to walkers and bikes.

WOODRIDGE

- We're concerned about cut-through traffic while construction for light rail occurs on 112th, SE 8th and adjacent streets.
- Huge lines of traffic backed up on 128th heading down to Factoria at peak traffic times.
- People are parking along 128th and in the Eastshore Unitarian Church parking lot during the day and catching the bus to Seattle down Richard's Road. It seems like there is a need for a Park and Ride lot or garage near Factoria.

WEST BELLEVUE

- Because of Light Rail:
 - o Car entry into Surrey Downs from Main Street (109th)
 - o Walking across 112th from Surrey Park to other side
- Sidewalks on main street between 108th and 106th
- Bike lanes in downtown core
- Reduce cars parking on streets
- Mitigation of the effects light rail will have around Main and 108th. Congestion around BHS and Surrey Downs
- Speed in neighborhoods. Calming devices
- The entrance requirements for traffic/speed calming devices is too high (and removes common sense)
- No sidewalks in many neighborhoods. Pedestrian safety.
- Pollution. So many cars exhaust. It would be cool to really push (education) an increase for less driving, increase walking. Green cars/planned neighborhood – so people don't need to drive everywhere.
- People need to understand that if they want less traffic congestion they need to change their own actions. I walk more, bus and look @ alternative times to do errands.
- Parking issues in the neighborhoods
- Venders cannot serve our needs

WEST BELLEVUE cont.

- Issue: Cut through traffic from Downtown/Main Street on 108th Ave SE and cut-through traffic from Bellevue Way SE on 108th Ave SE NORTH DIRECTION on to our neighborhood street 108th Ave SE. We want the cut through traffic to STOP. Because we are a neighborhood street with a High School population with activities and new drivers in high numbers!
- Priorities: Bollards/Cul-de-sac 108th Ave SE to create a more <u>livable</u> neighborhood. Increase safety.

NEWPORT

- Cut-through traffic from Renton, Newcastle and Issaquah!
- Speeding on straightaway streets
- Crosswalks near schools better marked.
- All N/S corridors are maxed out (West Lake Sammamish, 156th, 148th, 140th, 116th, 112th, Bellevue Way, Lake Hills Connector and Richards Road are all maxed out during commute times. All of the major capitol road projects are directed to the new Spring District development (eg. NE 4th, 120th, etc.) and little or nothing is being done to improve the situation on the north/south arterials. NOTHING TONIGHT ASKED OR CONSIDERED THIS ISSUE!

EASTGATE/FACTORIA

- QFC parking lot @ Factoria needs a parking garage unless it draws more cars.
- Sidewalk on 130th Ave SE (raised asphalt or separated walkway would be OK)
- Newport Way intersection, particularly Factoria Blvd & 150th
- ** This isn't a transportation issue, but our neighborhood's #1 concern, by far, is Energize Eastside.
- How to partner with Bellevue major employers to help save the problem of commute time congestion.
- How to partners with State to get 40 lane expansion to have a fairer outcome for Bellevue residents.
- Concern: The people at this event were not commuters, so much older and retired. Need input from younger commuters/residents.
- Safer roadways
- Talk traffic congestion
- Cut through traffic on 146th Ave I've got an idea of how this could be done w/out speed humps, etc.
- If the Eastgate/I90 project goes ahead with increase density plan, especially the businesses, it may bring afternoon traffic to a complete stop. Based on the Transportation MM Plan, it will put about 9,000 more workers in Eastgate. Using this document's numbers, after deducting the % of using mass transit (etc), it will put more than 5,000 vehicles on the roads of Eastgate. We have trouble getting into and out of our neighborhoods now! I've heard WSDOT has an expansion to I-90 coming. This may help, so at the very least, please don't allow any of this growth until that project is completed. This is an opportunity to do things in the <u>right</u> order. To build infrastructure <u>before</u> allowing growth. For that matter, why is the City approving building permits (allowing growth) when we don't have the infrastructure to handle the existing resident and workers? People are posting on social media that they are moving out of Bellevue because the traffic has gotten so bad.

SOMERSET

Getting out of out drives

LAKEMONT/COUGAR MOUNTAIN

- I405 traffic improvements. This impacts everything.
- Parking spots in P&R. If you reach Eastgate P&R on a workday around 10am or later, usually there is no spot left.
- Mountain to Sound this needs to get completed in Bellevue promptly.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Stop Sound Transit from ruining our neighborhood and parks. Stop empty busses just because we pay for them. Stop approving buildings that there is no way we can provide for the traffic impacts. Stop cut-through traffic in neighborhoods and let neighborhoods use new ways of dealing with traffic. The poll was completely skewed to come up with the answer the city wants. This is a joke!
- Suggestion: Use small buses like what Microsoft uses verse large Metro buses.
- What would be the best way to reduce traffic: I would like to find out how we as a city can influence trains from Everett to Olympia down I-5 and I-405. Build multi-level parking garages. Then utilize small buses as the fingers to major points within our city. To take Sound Transit over hill and dale through neighborhoods before we have the majority of the transportation issue is disappointing. Does the City have people engaged with WSDOT (I know the City is engaged with Sound Transit.) I felt like you have already made decisions and you held a meeting to just check the box.
- Bike lanes on Bellevue Way (520 South Bellevue Park and Ride)
- More lighting and crosswalks

Attachment # 3 Pedestrian & Bike Implementation Initiative Photo Comments: Community Voices





Attachment # 3
Pedestrian & Bike Implementation Initiative
Photo Comments: Community Voices



