



## Following today's open house, staff will:

1. Revise the South Bellevue Station Area Plan based on public feedback
2. Present the final plan to the Bellevue City Council for approval
3. Assign strategies to appropriate work groups for implementation

The following programs may be tools to realize the strategies that come out of this planning process:

### Capital Investment Program (CIP)

funded projects, seven-year horizon, updated every two years  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/cip.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/cip.htm)

### Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP)

candidate projects for funding, twelve-year horizon; being updated now  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation-facilities-plan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation-facilities-plan.htm)

### Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services Program

manages the impact that vehicles, both moving and parked, have on Bellevue neighborhoods  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic\\_services.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_services.htm)

### Southwest Subarea Plan

subarea plan in the Comprehensive Plan  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update-drafts.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update-drafts.htm)

### Urban Boulevards Program

a boulevard and greenway system reinforcing the image of Bellevue as a "city in a park"  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/urban-boulevards.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/urban-boulevards.htm)

### Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan

projects that would make biking and walking in Bellevue safer and easier when funded  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm)

### Pedestrian/Bicycle Implementation Initiative

action-oriented efforts to advance designs/programs from the ped-bike plan, beginning now  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbike-plan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbike-plan.htm)

### Transit Master Plan

short- and long-term strategies to meet Bellevue's needs through 2030, adopted July 2014  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/transit-master-plan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transit-master-plan.htm)

### Environmental Stewardship Initiative

focus to preserve the "city in a park": efforts include tree canopy, recycling efforts, drainage practices, green buildings, energy efficiency, upgrades community outreach  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental.htm)

### Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center Programs

a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and the Pacific Science Center to provide environmental education and interpretation programs  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm)

### Neighborhood Outreach

works with residents to encourage and protect healthy, vibrant neighborhoods  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm)

### Neighborhood Enhancement Program

a new program in the recently adopted budget that will provide residents with the opportunity to select small city-funded improvements in their neighborhoods

### National Night Out Program

an annual event to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie  
<http://natw.org/about>

### Block Watch Program

[www.bellevuewa.gov/building-blocks-manual.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/building-blocks-manual.htm)

Based on comments from the **October 2013 open house** and other stakeholder and **community groups**, several goals emerged as **high priorities** to address in the South Bellevue Station Area Plan. Strategies in the plan needed to address:

- Neighborhood Character and Crime**
- Traffic, Safety and Noise**
- Station Access and Parking**

Sound Transit is responsible for **station design**, which includes the physical layout, appearance and function of the light rail station.

The **City of Bellevue** is responsible for **station area planning**, which includes everything that happens outside of the station and related structures.

Station Area Planning aims to create a more compatible fit with the neighborhood and to take advantage of the station location by making it easier and safer to get to.

The following **projects, plans and programs** will help us pursue these goals and address the concerns we heard from you.



South Bellevue Station Study Area

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[www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm)

## character, parks & public facilities

### *Preserve/reinforce existing character of the area*

Strengthen policies in Southwest Subarea Plan to encourage tree retention in neighborhood.

✓ Monitor tree canopy coverage as a way to gauge changes in amount of wooded area.

Develop educational materials and tree planting program to enhance existing character, especially where trees can screen highway and light rail facilities.

Prepare design scheme for Bellevue Way (e.g. landscaping, art, signage, wall treatments) that reflects natural features and enhances appearance of corridor.

Implement restoration and habitat enhancement projects in Mercer Slough Nature Park Master Plan.

### *Neighborhood Safety and Crime*

Continue coordination between neighborhood and Police to explore ways to improve security through potential actions such as:

- ✓ monitoring crime statistics
- increasing police patrols
- working with property owners to increase visibility in pedestrian areas
- expanding participation in crime prevention programs like Block Watch and National Night Out

Continue to strengthen community ties through events and communication.

Evaluate need and potential locations for "emergency call boxes."

### *Maintain identity and visibility of Mercer Slough Nature Park*

Work with Sound Transit to install informational signage about Mercer Slough Nature Park and Environmental Education Center at station.

Conduct special events at station to promote park facilities and programs.

Place information about history, facilities and programs of Mercer Slough Nature Park on buses and trains serving South Bellevue station.

## transportation: traffic & safety

### *Address cut-through traffic and pedestrian/bicyclist safety concerns*

✓ Install "residential neighborhood" signage at key entrances to discourage non-neighborhood traffic.

Explore additional traffic-calming measures to discourage and/or slow traffic.

✓ Assess benefits and implications of adding HOV lane to Bellevue Way south of "Y".

### *Address neighborhood access issues from Bellevue Way*

Conduct comprehensive traffic study of neighborhood access issues during peak commute hours.

Based on traffic study, develop plan for improving resident access.

### *Reduce traffic noise from increased traffic on Bellevue Way*

✓ Assess sound walls and other attenuation techniques along west side of Bellevue Way.

Evaluate feasibility and cost of constructing sound attenuation along west side of Bellevue Way as part of an additional HOV lane study.

## transportation: parking and station access

### *Prevent park-and-ride overflow parking in the neighborhood*

Pending neighborhood support, institute residential parking zone prior to light rail operation.

Coordinate with Metro and Sound Transit to inform commuters about no-parking areas.

Work with WSDOT, Sound Transit and Metro to install real-time information, message boards and online tools to direct commuters to alternative parking areas.

### *Provide safe, convenient routes for pedestrians and bicyclists to access station and Mercer Slough Nature Park*

Designate walk (including ADA) and bike routes to station in City's Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan.

Design and install a wayfinding system to clearly mark designated routes to station.

Install pedestrian-level lighting for designated routes to station, including additional lighting on existing stairs.

Evaluate feasibility and cost of pedestrian/bike walkway over Bellevue Way at station.

### *Loss of ST Express route 550 on Bellevue Way north of the "Y"*

✓ Include bus service on Bellevue Way north of "Y" in city's Transit Master Plan.

Work with transit providers to retain service north of "Y".

✓ The check mark indicates that this item has either been completed or is in progress.