



June 24, 2014

City of Bellevue
Attn: Claudia Balducci, Mayor
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Mayor Balducci:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan. Bellevue College plays a collaborative role with City of Bellevue on the strategic development of transportation infrastructure for the mutual benefit of the community and its student population. Towards this end, **we wholeheartedly support the adoption of the 2014 City of Bellevue Transit Master Plan.**

The Bellevue College Connection Project, as presented in the Transit Master Plan, exemplifies the collaboration between the College and the City of Bellevue. This project will improve transit service as well as educational access for the surrounding community. The College has played an active role in the concept of this project, and it looks forward to continued engagement with City of Bellevue on its design.

More immediately, we hope to dialogue on the continued service of Metro Route 271 to Bellevue College. The Transit Master Plan notes that this cut impacts vulnerable students with disabilities. The College invites dialogue on strategies for avoiding the impact of this cut on community members who rely on transit.

As a major institution that serves over 3,000 visitors per day, Bellevue College understands its impact on transportation. Accordingly, the College and its student population has invested in transportation management strategies that reduce visits of single-occupancy vehicles and increase transportation alternatives. These measures reflect the College's commitment to beneficial transportation decisions for its students and their community.

We support the adoption of the Transit Master Plan as well as continued collaboration between the City of Bellevue and strategic transportation development related to Bellevue College and its students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray White'.

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