

MESSAGES IN FAVOR

Public Communications Related to the Main Street Bike Lanes Project

Received July 19 – August 1, 2019

From: [Matt Jack](#)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:14 AM

To: [Council](#)

Cc: [Miyake, Brad](#); [Stevens, Paula](#); [Loewenherz, Franz](#); [TransportationCommission](#); JHutchinson@republicservices.com; [Scheuermann, Jill A](#); [Carlson, Amy/SEA](#); [Susan E. Stead](#); [Patrick Bannon](#)

Subject: BDA Letter Re: Support for Main Street Bike Lanes

Good Morning Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association, I am sharing our position supporting an East/West bike lane project on Main Street to help inform upcoming discussions on the subject. *Please find our official letter attached.*

Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

Sincerely,

Matt

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July 26, 2019

City of Bellevue
Bellevue City Council
450 110th Avenue NE
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Re: Bellevue Downtown Association Support for Main Street Bike Lanes

Dear Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), we are writing to express our support for an East/West bike lane project on Main Street. This multi-modal improvement advances the City's adopted plans for bike network connectivity in Downtown with an interim, measured approach to implementation. Our position was informed by BDA membership survey feedback, BDA Transportation Committee input on the design alternatives, and review and discussion by our Board of Directors.

Having reviewed the Main Street alternatives and weighed feedback from the BDA Transportation Committee, we're advocating for both rapid and phased expansion of East/West bike lane connectivity, not a specific alternative for a segment of Main Street. This support is coupled with the recommendation that any design should advance applicable outcomes in the BDA's 2019 [Downtown Access Strategy](#). Key outcomes must improve connectivity and travel options, achieve safety across modes, minimize impacts to right of way and travel times, and serve changing land use patterns.

As planned, Downtown Bellevue will experience continued growth, with strong benefits for the city's economy through jobs, housing, tax revenue, and new amenities. It's vital we address changes in travel demand and stay ahead of mobility impacts with advance planning. For this interim bike lane implementation and others, we recommend regular assessments on impacts and usage. Collecting data from the proposed East/West Main Street and North/South 108th Ave NE bike lanes will be critical for identifying issues and influencing future investments.

The BDA remains committed to tracking and responding to issues that impact the economic and cultural vitality of Downtown Bellevue. We care greatly for this place, and we appreciate this opportunity to share our work and communicate our voice. Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this project.

Sincerely,



Jim Hutchinson
BDA Board Chair



Patrick Bannon
BDA President

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From: Claire Martini <clairem@cascadebicycleclub.org>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:00 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov>; Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Re: Comments from Cascade regarding Main Street bike facilities

Hello,

We're glad to hear the Transportation Commission will convene tonight to select a design to connect Main Street and 108th Ave by bike. In lieu of making comments on behalf of Cascade this evening, I want to underscore themes we heard from the community at previous meetings:

- Bike infrastructure isn't just for people who bike today - it's for people who would like to bike but currently don't feel safe.
- With Bellevue's transportation challenges, people simply need more options to get around.
- The data from 108th clearly indicates the success of safe, simple, and protected bikeways in Bellevue, and shows that people who bike, walk, drive, and ride the bus all feel safer with more orderly streets that offer safe, simple, and connected routes.
- Connecting existing bike to form a network is essential. Making the short connection from Main Street to 108th is common sense.
- Given Bellevue's commitments ranging from realizing Vision Zero, to accessing to light rail on day one, to new jobs coming to downtown, there is real urgency to make this long-planned connection this year.

Thank you for selecting a design tonight. I'm also attaching our previous comments regarding Main Street.

Claire

On Thu, Jul 11, 2019 at 3:49 PM Claire Martini <clairem@cascadebicycleclub.org> wrote:

Hi Franz and Kevin,

Please find comments from Cascade regarding the Main Street bike facilities attached. I trust you'll ensure they're distributed to the appropriate contacts to help inform this evening's meeting of the Transportation Commission.

Thank you for your hard work to ensure we have a productive conversation.

Best,

Claire

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Claire Martini

Policy Manager

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June 11, 2019

Dear Transportation Commissioners,

Cascade Bicycle Club (Cascade), on behalf of our 45,000 community members, thanks the City of Bellevue for building on the success of the 108th Ave bikeway by making the intuitive connection between 108th and Main Street. We look forward to Commission's design decision.

World-class bike networks prioritize connected and protected routes, and see results. With the learnings from the 108th pilot, Bellevue is well-positioned to implement more of the Bellevue Bike Network. Bellevue takes a data-driven approach, and as you saw in April, the data on the 108th Ave partially-protected bikeway is unambiguous: it works. The city's pilot results are supported by a recent study in the *Journal of Transport and Health* that found safety gains from protected bike lanes lowered crash and injury rates for all residents, including drivers and pedestrians.

Making the intuitive connection between routes - for example, connecting Main Street to 108th Ave with a safe, all ages and abilities bike facility - is common sense. With the Eastrail (former Eastside Rail Corridor) and light rail coming to our city in just a few short years, we need to build multimodal connections today to give people options to get to and from the trail and six forthcoming light rail stations, to home, work, and places to recreate.

A network is only as good as its weakest link. Protected and connected networks get more people - and more types of people - on bikes and getting to where they need to go.

Transportation Commission was asked to identify a preferred option back in May. We look forward to seeing a safe, protected, connected design selected for Main Street tonight.

Building on the success of 108th for safety, efficiency, and livability by facilitating an E-W connection on Main is necessary to realize the 2009 vision laid out in the Pedestrian-Bicycle Plan. As you are well aware, by 2014, Bellevue planned for protected and separated routes (one N-S, one E-W) in downtown; by 2019, the city's goal was for two routes N-S and two E-W city-wide, and work remains to meet this goal.

Thank you for your leadership on the 108th Ave bikeway - let's not miss the opportunity to connect Main Street this year. We look forward to your technical guidance tonight to select a safe, simple, and connected route on Main Street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Martini'.

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From: Kevin Wallace <kwallace@wallaceproperties.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 8:28 PM

To: McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov>; Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: Singelakis, Andrew <ASingelakis@bellevuewa.gov>; Miyake, Brad <BMiyake@bellevuewa.gov>; Lee, Conrad <CLee@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Main Street Bike Lane

TC bike lane meeting #2 went very well and a good, balanced recommendation was achieved. That was a lot of effort for a little green paint, and apparently the TC decision upset everyone but me, but from my perch it was an example of excellent transportation policy. Well done.

I also was highly impressed with the comments of the commissioners that were in attendance. The rookies were right on point and I thought Loreana's amendment was perfect. You have assembled a good crew Conrad.

Sent from my iPhone

Public Communications Related to the Main Street Bike Lanes Project

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From: Elizabeth VanBemmel <ecvanbemmel@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 15:19

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Bike lanes

Hi,

I work in Bellevue and commute every day from Kirkland via car. Lately I've seen a lot of signs around to "Save Our Lanes." I'd like to express support for the exact opposite of what those signs stand for.

I support Bellevue's protected bike lane pilot program and I'd like to see it expanded. Bicyclists, pedestrians, scooters, busses, wheelchairs, and other non-car transportation methods should take priority on our roads and public infrastructure—especially with light rail and thousands of Amazon commuters coming to Bellevue. Climate change is looming; making it easy for people to get around without a car is a necessity for reducing carbon footprints.

I don't drive into Bellevue because I like it—I drive because I have to. A bus line goes right by my house and into Bellevue, but the closest stop in Bellevue isn't close enough to my work to rely on busses alone for my commute. It's too far to walk, so the sensible last-mile commute solution would be a bike or scooter, except the bike lane network between the bus stop and my work is patchy and unprotected. I will never feel safe bicycling on shared streets like 116th Ave. SE with multi-ton cars zipping by at 35-45 mph. Even painted bike lanes don't really offer protection.

Without a physical barrier between bikes and car traffic, women and other marginalized groups disproportionately do not feel safe getting around by bike. Truly protected bike lanes make biking an everyday option for everyone, which also saves road space and parking for people who truly need cars to get around, from emergency vehicles to people with disabilities.

Thanks for taking the first step and bringing the protected bike lane pilot program to Bellevue. I hope you'll continue to expand the program and prioritize equity for Bellevue's roads.

Liz VanBemmel

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From: Mark Abersold <mabersold@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 13:10

To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Support for bike lanes on Main Street

Dear members of the Bellevue City Council,

My name is Mark Abersold. I work in Bellevue, but don't live here. I'd like to email you to express support for bike lanes on Main Street.

I'd like to talk a little bit about my experiences as a commuter here. I sometimes take the bus, sometimes I bike. Right now, it's kind of a terrifying experience to walk and bike around downtown. When I walk from my workplace to my bus stop, not a week goes by when some driver puts my life in danger through their inattentiveness (the intersections of NE 4th Street with 111th and 112th Ave NE are particularly bad - I've been nearly run down several times in those crosswalks).

Bicycling can also be stressful. When I take my bike, the most challenging and dangerous parts of the commute are when I have to merge with mixed traffic and cross lanes. The bike lane on 108th has helped, and I do use it - but it would be even better to add more bike lanes and build a more connected network.

To this end, adding bike lanes on Main is a good idea that I support. I think it's a very appropriate place for bike lanes and a good starting point for adding more connected lanes in the future. I sometimes bike on this street to head over to get a haircut at the Bellevue Barber Shop during my lunch break. Adding bike lanes to this street would make the ride a lot easier.

All I ask is that the lanes be designed with safety in mind - simply putting paint on the ground isn't necessarily enough. Making sure there is a comfortable buffer between the bike path and the car lane or street parking next to it is important. Proper bike infrastructure can also be good for pedestrians as well - by putting the vehicle lanes further away from the sidewalk and calming traffic, walking becomes much safer and more pleasant.

We need to make streets less terrifying for people who aren't in cars. These bike lanes are a great step to doing that.

Thank you,
Mark Abersold

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From: Andrew Pardoe <apardoe@live.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:39 AM

To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>; TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: I support Bellevue Complete Streets

Council,

I want to thank you again for your work to build complete, connected streets in Bellevue that work for all modes of transportation.

I attended the July 11th Transportation Commission meeting. The tone of that meeting, both in public comment and in commissioners' deliberations, was difficult. I urge you to not lose sight of our goal to build Complete Streets in Bellevue and to achieve Vision Zero in 2030. Seattle's progress has stalled, contributing to 101 serious injuries and deaths from traffic already in 2019 (<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/sdot-data-show-nearly-100-serious-injury-or-fatal-collisions-on-seattle-streets-in-first-half-of-2019/>).

Bellevue has an excellent Transportation Department, and has more data available than most cities have. Our professionals' recommendations are sound. The discussion being held in the community, and the arguments being stoked by a statewide political action committee, are inaccurate and dangerous. (For example, people believe that Main St bike lanes east of Bellevue Way will take away parking!) I feel like it's gotten more dangerous to ride my bike in Bellevue because of our inaction. Now it seems like many car drivers are blaming me for the traffic they're creating.

The future of Bellevue does not lie with the angry small business owners from the 1960's and the 1980's. Bellevue is the thriving city it is today because of the tech industry. Bellevue's future depends upon companies that want Complete Streets. Amazon is not building in Bellevue because our downtown streets provide easy highway access. Microsoft isn't looking for a second suburban campus. Facebook and Google want their employees to be able to commute to work safely on bicycles, "solo wheels", skateboards, and scooters. The future of our city lies in multimodal mobility. It is critical that we create a downtown where people want to be on the streets, shopping and dining, instead of in their cars, heading out of town as quickly as possible at the end of the work day.

Thank you,

Andrew Pardoe
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From: Osvaldo Tejada <Osvaldo.Tejada.92477317@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:04 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Main Street is the next intuitive connection in the Bellevue Bike Network

Dear Principal Transportation Planner Franz Loewenherz,

I'm writing to encourage you to connect the Bellevue Bike Network today. I've seen firsthand how biking benefits Bellevue's economy, connects our neighborhoods, and supports healthy living. I care about seeing safe, simple, and connected bike routes implemented in downtown Bellevue. As you saw in April, the data on the 108th Ave bikeway is unambiguous: it works.

Making the intuitive connection between routes - for example, connecting Main Street to 108th Ave with a safe, all ages and abilities bike facility - is common sense. And with light rail coming to our city in just a few short years, we need to build multimodal connections today to give people options to get to and from the five forthcoming light rail stations, home, work, and places to recreate.

Protected and connected networks get more people - and more types of people - on bikes and getting to where they need to go. Thanks for directing the Transportation Commission to identify a preferred option back in May. I look forward to seeing a safe, protected, connected design selected for Main Street.

Thank you for your work to ensure Bellevue realizes its vision for the Bellevue Bike Network.

Regards,

Osvaldo Tejada

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Received July 19 – August 1, 2019

From: Duane Hinkley <Duane.Hinkley.213169170@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:13 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

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Regards,

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Received July 19 – August 1, 2019

From: Geraldine Scanlan <Geraldine.Scanlan.213173391@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:22 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

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Regards,

Geraldine Scanlan

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From: William Koch <William.Koch.213208897@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:31 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

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Regards,

William Koch

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From: Susan Amorosi <Susan.Amorosi.92698600@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:40:02 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

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Regards,

Susan Amorosi

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From: Ajoy Cherian <Ajoy.Cherian.213563587@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:49:02 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Main Street is the next intuitive connection in the Bellevue Bike Network

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Regards,

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Received July 19 – August 1, 2019

From: Andrew Bruce <Andrew.Bruce.213525048@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:58:02 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Main Street is the next intuitive connection in the Bellevue Bike Network

Dear Principal Transportation Planner Franz Loewenherz,

I'm writing to encourage you to connect the Bellevue Bike Network today. While I live in Seattle, I work in Bellevue for Amazon. I commute to Bellevue most days by bicycle via the 520 bridge. I appreciate the bicycle lane that connects to the 520 trail along 84th Avenue NE. For the most part, I feel safe until I get to the core downtown area. In fact, in my first two months of riding, I've experienced two near collisions. Bellevue very much needs an east-west corridor for bicycles. This will also improve safety for pedestrians as bicycles won't need to divert to sidewalks.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

Andrew Bruce

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From: Stacey Hanson <Stacey.Hanson.126915097@p2a.co>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:07:02 PM

To: Loewenherz, Franz <FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Main Street is the next intuitive connection in the Bellevue Bike Network

Dear Principal Transportation Planner Franz Loewenherz,

I live on the westside in Montlake, but I work in Bellevue and my daughter goes to daycare in Bellevue. We make this trip almost every day with our daughter across the SR520 bridge by electric cargo bike. This is only possible because of bike lanes like the one on 520 and the ones on 112th and 108th. Without these, it would simply not be safe to ride with our daughter.

I'm writing to encourage you to connect the Bellevue Bike Network today. I care about seeing safe, simple, and connected bike routes implemented in downtown Bellevue. As you saw in April, the data on the 108th Ave bikeway is unambiguous: it works. I want to see more individuals and families find that biking is a viable alternative to driving, even with kids, like we did. It's critical to reduce the impact of climate change and to provide an alternative to sitting in gridlock.

Making the intuitive connection between routes - for example, connecting Main Street to 108th Ave with a safe, all ages and abilities bike facility - is common sense. And with light rail coming to our city in just a few short years, we need to build multi-modal connections today to give people options to get to and from the five forthcoming light rail stations, home, work, and places to recreate.

Protected and connected networks get more people - and more types of people - on bikes and getting to where they need to go. As bike share and electric bikes increase in popularity, more and more types of people could find that cycling works for them - we just need a bike network that allows them to seriously consider that option. Thanks for directing the Transportation Commission to identify a preferred option back in May. I look forward to seeing a safe, protected, connected design selected for Main Street.

Thank you for your work to ensure Bellevue realizes its vision for the Bellevue Bike Network.

Regards,

Stacey Hanson

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From: Kevin Wallace <kwallace@wallaceproperties.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 12:03 PM

To: Lee, Conrad <CLee@bellevuewa.gov>; Zahn, Janice <JZahn@bellevuewa.gov>; Robertson, Jennifer <JRobertson@bellevuewa.gov>; JARED NIEUWENHUIS <jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net>; Stokes, John <JStokes@bellevuewa.gov>

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Subject: Main Street Bike Lane

Thanks for receiving my calls regarding the Main Street Bike lane discussion at the Transportation Commission. After speaking with Franz my concerns about transparency have been assuaged. The meeting tonight was called by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the TC and is bounded by a draft transmittal letter the council, found

here: <https://bellevue.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7552321&GUID=744B7D1B-43CB-438D-9BA4-A4582C8F1167>.

Regarding the actual decision, in my view the city should proceed as follows:

- Immediately implement and monitor Alternative 2.1 (consistent with the draft letter).
 - The city currently appears to be implementing the same solution on SE 38th & 150th in Eastgate (GP lane, then bike lane, then right turn lane). I wager that the Eastgate intersection carries more traffic than Main & 108th. So Alternative 2.1 is a reasonable solution that balances the need to mitigate traffic impacts with the need to create a safe, usable interim bike lane solution.
- For 2020, fund the creation of a broader plan that maps out the entire E/W downtown bike corridor from 100th to Eastrail. This plan could determine whether Main or 2nd is preferable, and the widths and locations of the bike lanes on those corridors. It would also take into consideration the WSDOT Main Street bridge overcrossing and on-ramp designs. It would enable a holistic solution that is better for both bikes and vehicles, and less piecemealed than the current phased approach we're seeing on Main.
 - This plan should not be constrained by the ability to have property owners contribute land for free as they redevelop, nor to the need to sacrifice existing GP lanes in order to create a the bike lane. In other words, if capital budget dollars are necessary to achieve a good solution, the council has the transportation levy funds at its disposal, and should be willing to consider applying them in order to create a good, balanced solution.

Transportation Department staff have lived up to their commitments to appropriately analyze the impacts of the bike lane options. So I appreciate the good faith. I'm also grateful for the willingness to be flexible and find a good compromise solution to the impacts that were identified by the analysis. The amazing growth that is coming to Downtown Bellevue is going to create a lot of demand for all modes of transportation on a street grid that doesn't have a lot of right of way. So it's encouraging to see that the city and transportation staff recognize the need to maintain balance between all modes.

I appreciate everyone's time and attention to this important issue.

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July 24, 2019

City of Bellevue Transportation Commission
450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA, 98004

CC: Old Bellevue Merchant's Association Board and Members

Dear City of Bellevue Transportation Commission;

The Old Bellevue Merchant's Association includes 80+ business throughout Old Bellevue with most of them on Main St. As both a board and an association we have reviewed the proposed bike lane project for Main St., east of Bellevue Way. As an association we took a vote and stand together in opposition of dedicated bike lanes on Main St. east of Bellevue Way.

As you may know Old Bellevue welcomes hundreds, even thousands of customers, pedestrians and visitors each day. Main St. west of Bellevue Way is presently over congested and narrow, with limited parking. Adding a dedicated bike lane to Main St., that ends at Bellevue Way will inundate Old Bellevue with cyclists, making our congestion increasing worse. With added congestion comes frustration from our customers and business owners alike. Additional congestion will result in lost business for the small businesses and restaurants of Old Bellevue and further our safety concerns.

Additional concerns and questions:

- Ending the bike lane at Bellevue Way is not going to deter bicyclists from continuing west on Main St. through Old Bellevue. How would you plan on rerouting bicyclists around Old Bellevue to prevent them on Main St. between Bellevue Way and 100th?
- Has your Commission considered NE 2nd St. as an alternative? They have more lanes to accommodate.
- Safety for our pedestrians, vehicles and bicyclists is paramount. Encouraging bicyclists on one of the narrowest streets in Bellevue is not a well thought out plan.
- There has been no communication from the City of Bellevue or your Commission regarding the bike lanes with OBMA. OBMA should be consulted or at least communicated to when a major decision about the impact and safety of our patrons, their vehicles and the many pedestrians that walk our neighborhood daily. Additionally, OBMA should have the opportunity to discuss the impact this will have on our merchants.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. It is our hope that you will find an alternative street for dedicated bike lanes that can accommodate the repercussions.

Sincerely,

Joseph Brazen
President
OBMA Board President Board

From: Save Our Lanes <organize@saveourlanes.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:25 PM

To: McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Last-minute meeting to remove car lanes tonight

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Last-minute meeting at City Hall tonight!

We packed the room at their last meeting and delivered hundreds of signed petitions. So rather than removing car lanes and adding bike lanes, the Transportation Commission backed down.

But now they are trying to cram through their anti-car agenda in a last-minute "emergency" meeting, hoping to catch us off guard.

The meeting isn't announced on the [Commission's Twitter feed](#).

Still, they already [have a letter drafted](#) supporting removing the car lanes.

We know this is last minute, but if you can come down to the meeting tonight at 6:30pm at City Hall

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please tell the Transportation Commission to send this to the City Council without removing car lanes.



You can email all the Commissioners here: transportationcommission@bellevuewa.gov
Thank you,
Saveourlanes.com

Our mailing address is:

P.O. Box 50621, Bellevue, WA 98015

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From: Laura Buchthal <rumba@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:18 AM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Please, please don't make the majority of people using the roads have a lower quality of life from horrible traffic conditions. Please let the majority rule!!!

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From: A. kimberly Worth <chanceakw@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 4:42 AM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Good morning.

As a resident of Bellevue, I am asking that you not support doing away with car lanes in favor of bike lanes.

Sincerely,

A. Kimberly Worth

Sent from my iPhone

From: Matthew Sharpe <sharpevision@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 9:51 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Dear Bellevue transportation commission,

Please tell me why the city of Bellevue is actively trying to make traffic worse rather than better. It is damaging my customer's ability to get to my business. You have a duty to do what's best for all, not to create bike lanes that makes the quatuor life worse for everyone. Do NOT remove more lanes from Bellevue. Thank you.

Matthew Sharpe, MD

Owner

SharpeVision MODERN LASIK

Bellevue

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ed Oeltjen <joedo98@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 9:29 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Please do not remove these car lanes.

From: nancytellison@aol.com <nancytellison@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 7:33 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

This is the primary route to our house - please do not remove our car lanes.
Nancy Ellison

Sent from my iPad

From: Manikandan Shanmugam <smanikandan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 6:26 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Hi,

Don't remove the car lanes from Main Street and we are using those lanes for shopping, dining and other activities.

Thanks,
Mani.

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From: Anne Sacknitz <acsacknitz@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 6:25 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

I am a BELLEVUE resident since 1973 who is increasingly frustrated with the City of Bellevue's "innovations" that have mostly served to increase congestion rather than reduce it. Removal of traffic lanes for rarely used bicycle lanes has created significant backups, particularly on 108th street, and will negatively impact businesses, residents and drivers on Main Street.

I hope that the Transportation Commission will listen to the input and concerns of residents and keep needed traffic lanes, rather than sneakily push through more experimental tactics to try to market Bellevue as "progressive" while reducing actual livability.

Anne Sacknitz

acsacknitz@hotmail.com

mobile (1) 425.985.1004

From: Brian Ferris <macsailer@mac.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 6:01 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Hello,

As a local resident and voter, I am opposed to removal of car lanes

Good Evening,

Karen Ferris

From: Brian Ferris <brianandkaren@mac.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 6:01 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Good Evening

As a local resident and voting citizen of Bellevue, I am strongly against removing more car lanes

Regards,

Brian Ferris

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From: Amin Lakhani <aminl.lakhani@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:54 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Please do not submit a plan for Main Street to replace car lanes with bike lanes. I am not able to drive a bike due to a disability, and I appreciate being able to drive around downtown in a vehicle when I need to.

I ask that you ensure a robust public process and listen to the citizens before moving forward with this plan!

Thank you.

Amin Lakhani

Downtown Bellevue Resident

From: Hobson <d.hobson@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:25 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

I am opposed to removing car lanes on Main Street and replacing them with bike lanes.

Dean Hobson

Sent from my iPhone

From: realgmom@aol.com <realgmom@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:16 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

SAVE OUR LANES ---- too much traffic, parking congestion and there ARE people who don't ride bikes!!! SAVE OUR LANES!

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From: mark knowles <mdknowles55@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:10 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

To whom it may concern,

I have lived almost my entire life since 1958 in Bellevue, and I still don't want any more bike lanes.

(Aren't there elections coming up?) Very Sincerely, Mark D. Knowles

Sent from my iPhone

From: SUE ISRAEL <suzau20@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:01 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

There are more cars than bikes on the roads. There are days when there is not one single bike on Main Street, and you want to take away car lanes. This is ridiculous.

Where are you expecting the cars to go? Not everyone can ride a bike and the buses do not take you every place you must go. People do need to drive their cars, and it is getting to be almost impossible with the car lanes that you are taking away for construction and for your purposed bike lanes. What about using the rail tracks for a bike path to get through Bellevue?

I urge you not to take way car lanes for bike lanes or close Main Street to traffic. You have already put a stop sign in the middle of Main Street. You will be putting the businesses out of business with your crazy idea.

You tried to do this a few weeks ago and now have come up with this idea.

Sue Israel

suzau20@comcast.net

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From: CURTIS YOUNG <young.curtis@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:42 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Vicky Young <nonnayoung46@gmail.com>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

It's quite simple.

Please don't gum up Bellevue streets with bike lanes that are infrequently used. They DO NOT create incentives to change from automobile to bike transit.

Curtis Young
231 140th Ave NE
Bellevue 98005

From: Karen Santa <ksanta@windermere.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:40 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Hello

Our city traffic is difficult enough as it is. Very few people are ever in the bike lanes. Please "DON'T REMOVE OUR CAR LANE"

Thank you

Karen Santa
Real Estate Specialist

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From: Tam Williams <tam.williams@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:37 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Don't remove car lanes

Hi,

I cannot make tonight's emergency meeting, but I do want to weigh in on my opposition to removing car lanes to create bike lanes. The Sound Transit debacle is bad enough (I speak as an impacted homeowner). The last thing we need is even more negative traffic impacts created by removing car lanes. Bellevue bike lanes will get light use, and the impact to the majority outweighs the benefits to a small minority. You can't legislate health behaviors, so adding bike lanes is not going to create some sudden social health trend. Please, listen to the community and stop this "fad" thinking.

Thank-you,

Tamara Williams
11023 SE 24th PL
Bellevue, WA 98004

From: CW Chan <organize@saveourlanes.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:36 PM
To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: From Dori Monson

Good piece from KIRO'S Dori Monson today.

https://mynorthwest.com/1465300/dori-bellevue-bike-lanes/?fbclid=IwAR29esJKSrLIC3AE40cSf_5eqs-sG5f5vusGKQ-vOZkv3FZbAd-on-Rm7Mc

"Bellevue, you are killing it right now. You are stealing away Amazon. You have done a great job keeping the homelessness and drug problem out of your city. You still have relative mobility compared to Seattle. The main reason companies want to leave Seattle is because of the crime, the tents, and the gridlock. Do not let these liberal Seattle groups influence the engineering of the streets in Bellevue.

Look, I commute most days by bicycle. I love the Burke-Gilman Trail. But I also recognize that bicycle trips are only a tiny part of how Bellevue workers commute. Surveys show that less than one percent — a half of a percent, actually — of commuters there use their bicycles to get to and from work. Why would you take lanes away from cars to serve a half-percent of commuters?"

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From: Jon Carney <jon.carney@doane.edu>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:36 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

To those in power:

I have been a resident of downtown Bellevue for the last three years, the last two of which are living directly on Main Street. Removing lanes for cars will make an already busy street even busier... I implore you to stop bottle necking traffic flow and begin using common sense. Making a bike lane caters to a fraction of a percent of the population!

The 3-way stop towards 100th is already clogging Old Main during peak hours as it severely restricts movement and often times for no reason at all. Putting in a bike lane on the other end will further exacerbate the issue and cause one of the major east-west thoroughfares to be clogged 24/7/365.

In short, this action will only come to the detriment of the vast majority of us who live and work here on Main Street. Stop creating solutions for problems that don't exist!

Signed by a concerned citizen,

Jon Carney

From: Rebecca Durr <rebeccalisadurr@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:33 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

As a Bellevue native for 38 years I please ask do not make traffic worse by removing car lanes for bicycles.

Rebecca Durr

206.466.9978

Sent from my iPhone

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From: lee white <leewhite3@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:29 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

As a commercial real estate broker I can first hand attest to the massive development that is taking place in Bellevue, projects that no one knows about. We will be adding 30,000 workers to downtown Bellevue over the next five years, not 10 but 5. Please do not make a foolish decision to remove car lanes, you will regret it.

Tech companies can always go somewhere else if they do not feel that their employees will be treated fairly, just look at what amazon did to new York, they will do it here as well.

Lee White

Principal - Devon Group, LLC

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leewhite3@gmail.com



From: mark j white <lilnmark@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 5:54 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

please listen to us- not the transportation dept
many of us can't ride bicycles & have never wanted to ride them on the streets next to cars
you're supposed to listen to the voters & the citizens
save our lanes
the bicycle people have tons of other places where they can enjoy riding
we only have a few streets left
thank you kindly

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From: John Russo <jrusso@keeplamoving.com>

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 13:27

To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Bellevue bike lanes

Dear Council members,

Please do not approve the plan on Main Street to replace car lanes with bike lanes. It is one thing to "share the road" with bikes, and another thing entirely to decrease the mobility of cars and freight for a few bikes.

I ask that you ensure a robust public process and listen to the citizens before approving this plan!

Thank you.

GENERAL MESSAGES

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From: Dennis True <oe@seanet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:19 PM
To: McDonald, Kevin <KMcDonald@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: bike commuting

I have a few thoughts on commuting by bike to share:

[] Statistically only 17% of people consistently drive directly to work and back again without stopping somewhere along the way... a daycare, a supermarket, a laundry, or a bar. It is difficult to pick up children at a daycare with a bike, or sacks of groceries. And, it is only some of those 17% that might choose light rail, a bus, or a bike. Hence, most people choose a car.

[] As to bike lanes, yes I feel we could use a few in the right places, but less than 2% of the population are using bikes for commuting and it is said that that percentage is going down rather than up suggesting it to be a bit of a fad. One can assume that the number of people using a bike to commute will depend on the weather. As the rainy cold weather approaches I think we can expect less people to bike.

[] Years ago I sat in on a City of Bellevue safety meeting with the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The discussion was about where bikes should be allowed to commute. The Chief of Police pointed out that a bike on a sidewalk, in a collision with a pedestrian, was less likely to have very bad consequence than a biker in a collision with a car on the road. And, in Bellevue there are much fewer pedestrians on sidewalks than cars on roads. Hence, I do not know why bikers are not encouraged, in some areas, to use sidewalks. For example 100th between 24th NE and Main St. has few walkers, but at some times during the day are backed up with cars.

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From: SUE ISRAEL <suzau20@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 8:00 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Public Meeting on Monday July 29th

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Would you tell me where the Transportation Meeting was advertised that was held on Monday, July 29, at 6:30?

In looking at the City of Bellevue website I noticed that your meetings are held on Thursdays. (See Below)

Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 1E-113, unless otherwise posted. An additional monthly meeting may be needed if the commission's workload warrants, in which case it will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Thank you,

Sue Israel

suzau20@comcast.net

From: Sandra Wojahn <wrose54@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 7:10 PM

To: TransportationCommission <TransportationCommission@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Don't remove car lanes

secret meeting?Really?