

Keeping Bellevue Moving Forward: Improving I-405 Access in south downtown Bellevue



South Downtown Bellevue I-405 Access Study

The City of Bellevue continues to grow, with the new Link light rail East Main Station opening in 2023, plans to further develop south downtown Bellevue and the I-405 Bellevue to Renton Express Toll Lane expansion opening in 2024. The City of Bellevue wants to minimize traffic congestion and help people get where they need to go, whether they are walking, biking, riding transit or driving.

The City of Bellevue and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are partnering to study whether to add a new interchange to access I-405 in south downtown Bellevue.

Why is the city studying I-405 access in south downtown Bellevue?







The City of Bellevue and WSDOT have worked to improve mobility and address congestion on I-405 since the late 1990s. WSDOT's I-405 Master Plan and the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan envision an I-405 interchange in south downtown Bellevue to improve access to and from south downtown Bellevue.

This year, the City of Bellevue will help identify a preferred alternative for a potential new interchange. The work will position the city for future funding opportunities. This study will also help property owners and developers plan for future development in the area.

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Legend

	Link light rail station		Grand Connection
	Link light rail		King County's Eastrail
	Main Street linear buffer gateway, Lake to Lake greenway trails		Potential I-405 access

Laying the Groundwork



The city envisions a safer, better connected area for bicyclists.

Nearly two decades of planning by the City of Bellevue, WSDOT and Sound Transit have shaped the future of downtown Bellevue, southwest Bellevue and Wilburton. The city envisions a lively area - where people can easily access light rail, future developments, residential areas and more.



The city envisions a more vibrant pedestrian environment.

2002

I-405 Master Plan:

Included a new half interchange in south Bellevue to improve access to and from the south.

2008

Sound Transit 2:

Included East Link light rail connecting Bellevue to Redmond, Mercer Island and Redmond in 2023.

2009

Bellevue Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan:

Identified more than 400 projects making walking and biking in Bellevue safer and easier, including the Lake to Lake Trail Bicycle Priority Corridor on Main Street and a multipurpose path on the Main Street replacement bridge.

2009

Bellevue Northeast Second Street Preliminary Design:

Guided the expansion of Northeast Second Street and private development. The City of Bellevue conducted a review in 2017.

2015

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan:

Policy guidance for transportation, land use, parks, recreation and open space. Amended in 2019 for Southwest Bellevue policies.

2016

I-405 Master Plan Design - Northeast Second Street and Main Streets:

Documented options to replace Main Street over I-405 in a manner that is compatible with multiple future half interchange concepts in south Bellevue.

2019

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan amendments:

Updated the plan to includes policy framework for the southwest Bellevue Subarea Plan and East Main Transit Oriented Development.

Guiding principles of the study:

- Improve access and efficiency
- Encourage safe multimodal connections
- Support economic development
- Align with existing plans and policies
- Engage stakeholders and community
- Manage cost

How to get involved

Visit **bellevuewa.gov** and search “South Downtown I-405 Access Study” to learn more.

Participate in online open houses this summer and fall at **EngagingBellevue.com**.

Contact the study team to learn more or schedule a briefing.

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South Downtown Bellevue I-405 Access Study Schedule

JUNE 2020	JULY 2020	AUGUST 2020	SEPTEMBER 2020	OCTOBER 2020	NOVEMBER 2020	DECEMBER 2020	JANUARY 2021
Study Process							
Study kickoff Introduce study	Develop and screen alternatives	Evaluate alternatives			Identify preferred alternative		
Engagement Process							
		Online open house				Online open house	Documentation Community engagement report
Stakeholder engagement							
				★ Council briefing			★ Council briefing



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