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CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Progress Update on the Bellevue Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative

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POLICY ISSUES

Comprehensive Plan:

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan aims to "maintain and enhance a comprehensive multimodal transportation system to serve all members of the community" (Transportation Element Goal). The plan acknowledges that "pedestrian and bicycle facilities are vital to Bellevue's transportation system," and that constructing and maintaining "an integrated, connected, and safe pedestrian and bicycle system... increases mobility options for everyone" (see Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation System). Policy directs the city:

- to "ensure that the transportation system infrastructure in Bellevue provides mobility options for all modes, and accommodates the mobility needs of everyone" (TR-21),
- to "incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with other mobility options in planning, developing and maintaining the transportation system" (TR-104), and
- to "implement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan and prioritize projects that address safety issues, provide access to activity centers, provide access to the transit and school bus systems, [and] complete and connect planned pedestrian or bicycle facilities," among other considerations (TR-105).

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan:

On February 17, 2009, Council adopted the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan (Ordinance No. 5861). The 2009 Plan establishes specific short and mid-term objectives relating to the implementation of priority bicycle corridors, sidewalks along arterial streets, and the reduction of motor vehicle collisions involving pedestrians and bicycles (see Policy PB-2). Annual progress reports indicate that the City is not presently implementing improvements at a rate consistent with the targets adopted in the 2009 Plan.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

ACTION

DIRECTION

INFORMATION ONLY

No Council action is sought at this time. Tonight staff will provide to Council an update summarizing Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative activities to date.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Transportation Commission began work on the Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative (PBII) in May 2015. Guided by Council’s Program Principles and the PBII Scope of Work, the Transportation Commission and staff are working with community stakeholders on this action-oriented initiative to identify strategies the City should pursue to advance the projects and programs identified in the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan. The PBII Scope of Work comprises the following seven task elements, each supported by targeted public outreach and data-driven technical research and analysis:

- Task 1 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment and Awareness Report
- Task 2 – Bicycle Priority Corridor Design Report
- Task 3 – Transit Master Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Integration Report
- Task 4 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Strategy Report
- Task 5 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Assessment Report
- Task 6 – Bike Share Feasibility Analysis and Implementation Strategy Report
- Task 7 – Progress Measurement and Management Report

At its October 13, 2016 meeting, staff reviewed with Commission progress on the PBII to date and received feedback on next steps identified for the PBII work program. Tonight’s discussion will address each of the seven PBII task elements, with topics including the video analytics partnership with Microsoft, the development of performance management systems including implementation of count technologies and a Vision Zero story map, and next steps for the Bicycle Rapid Implementation Program.

The Bellevue Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative (PBII) is funded as part of the Operating Budget. The Transportation Department is advancing this initiative with in-house staff and “One City” collaboration – cost-effectively leveraging resources across departments. Bicycle Rapid Implementation Program (BRIP) projects are eligible for funding through the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion levy.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- A. USDOT Safer People Safer Streets Award Fact Sheet (City of Bellevue)
- B. ITE Journal (March 2017), Video Analytics towards Vision Zero Partnership

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

- A. 2016 Draft Bicycle Rapid Implementation Program Report
- B. 2015 Pedestrian and Bicycle Progress Report
- C. 2015 Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Report
- D. Community Outreach Report, Vol. 1: Wikimap Surveys (October 2016)
- E. Community Outreach Report, Vol. 2: Events (October 2016)

- F. Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative Scope of Work (May 2015)
- G. 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan
- H. Video Analytics Towards Vision Zero Partnership Brochure