

Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Meeting #5

Oct. 25, 2016

- 5:30 – Welcome/Overview of Meeting
- 5:40 – Overview & Analysis of Feedback on Draft Mitigation Plan
- 6:10 – Discussion of Feedback & Refinement to Draft Plan
- 6:45 – Discussion of outreach possibilities
- 6:55 – Wrap Up



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NTMC Introductions

Beaux Arts Village	Bellecrest	Enatai	Surrey Downs
Tom Stowe	Mike Koehn	Kevin Paulich	Kerri Patterson
Eugenia Yen	Tricia Thomason	Rebecca Sears	Ed Nugent
Cynthia Hudson	Liz Hale	Katherine Christopherson	



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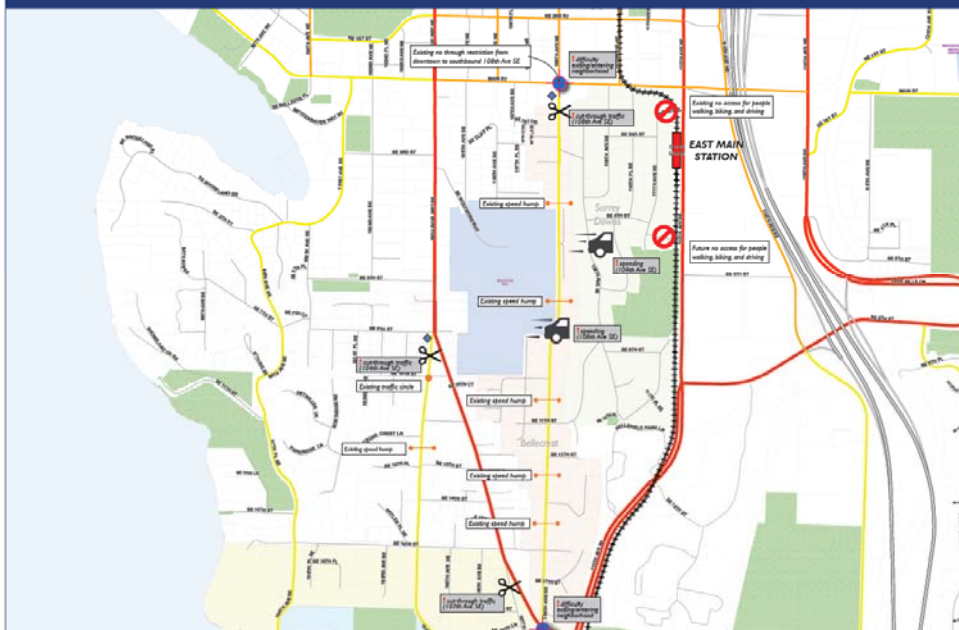
Draft Plan features

-  **A:** Sign stating southbound access to Bvue Way restricted 4-7 pm
-  **B:** Residential area sign
-  **C:** Residential area sign
-  **D:** Sign stating southbound access to Bvue Way restricted 4-7 pm
-  **E:** 4-7 pm left turn restriction from SE 16th St to Bvue Way; 7-9 am right turn restriction from Bvue Way to SE 16th St
-  **F:** 4-7 pm left turn restriction from 108th Ave SE to Bvue Way; 7-9 am right turn restriction from Bvue Way to 108th Ave SE; Sign stating southbound access to Bvue Way restricted 4-7 pm
-  **G:** no right turn 4-7 pm to Bvue Way
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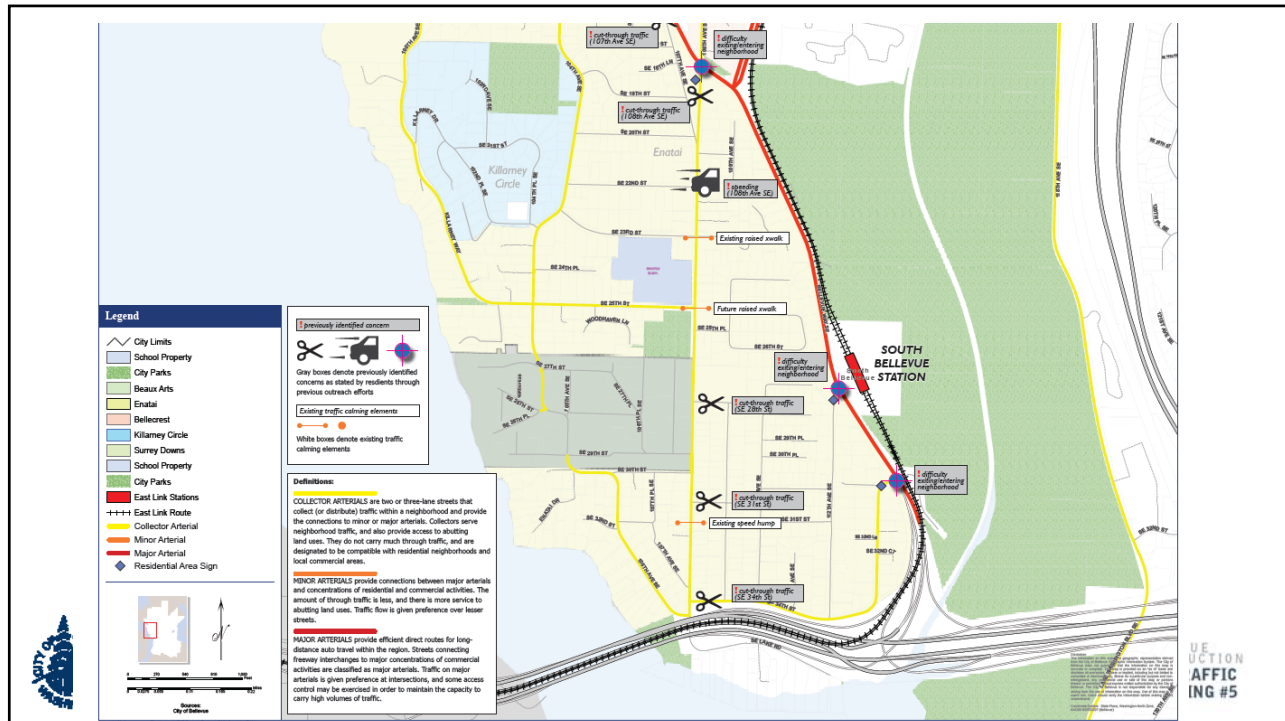


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South Bellevue Neighborhoods: Known Traffic Concerns and Existing Conditions
East Link Construction Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation




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Early Concerns: SAP Strategies

- South Bellevue Station Area Plan:
 - “Address cut-through traffic and pedestrian/bicyclist safety concerns from increased traffic on Bellevue Way”
 - Explore additional traffic-calming measures to discourage and/or slow traffic.
 - Conduct comprehensive traffic study of neighborhood access issues during peak commute hours.
 - Based on traffic study, develop plan for improving resident access.
- East Main Station Area Plan:
 - “Continue to explore, and implement as appropriate, new technologies and best practices that discourage non-residential traffic from traveling from downtown through residential areas.”



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Outreach on Draft Plan

- NTMC Mailer (mid-September)
- Online survey
- Neighborhood outreach meetings
 - Surrey Downs picnic
 - Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board meeting
 - Beaux Arts Village Council meeting
 - Enatai Neighborhood meeting
- NTMC member outreach
- Email and phone calls to staff



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Purpose of Survey

- Project Goal:
 - Lessen the potential for increased traffic on neighborhood streets during East Link light rail construction activities on Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE
- 4 NTMC meetings to develop plan
- Public feedback to see if plan met goal
- From outset, this process intended to be fluid with adjustments as necessary
- Not statistically valid



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Survey Overview

- ~1,650 newsletters sent out
- 347 responses (311 usable)
 - ~20% response rate

Survey Response by Neighborhood

Neighborhood	# of survey responses	Total Households
Beux Arts Village	29	116
Bellecrest	44	291
Enatai	251	964
Surrey Downs	17	303
Other	6	-
Total	347	1674



Did plan meet the project goal?

- Original question: After reviewing the Draft Mitigation Plan, how well does the plan meet the goal of lessening the potential for increased traffic in the south Bellevue neighborhoods during East Link construction on Bellevue Way SE and I 12th Avenue SE?
- Most # of responses from Enatai
- Very well/somewhat well meets project goal:
 - BAV: 42%
 - Bellecrest: 86%
 - Enatai: 55%
 - Surrey Downs: 65%

Did the plan meet the project goal?

Community	n=	Very Well	Somewhat well	Not at all	No opinion
Beux Arts Village	29	21%	21%	59%	-
Bellecrest	43	28%	58%	12%	2%
Enatai	219	11%	44%	42%	3%
Surrey Downs	14	21%	43%	29%	7%
Other	6	-	17%	67%	17%
Total	311	14%	43%	39%	3%



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Familiarity with NTMC

- Enatai residents not very familiar with work of NTMC
- Bellecrest and BAV somewhat familiar

Prior to receiving the mailer, how familiar were you of the work of the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (NTMC)?

	Very Familiar	Familiar	Not Familiar	Total
Beaux Arts Village	10%	34%	55%	29
Bellecrest	23%	40%	37%	43
Enatai	5%	26%	70%	219
Surrey Downs	14%	21%	64%	14
Other	0%	50%	50%	6
Total	8%	29%	63%	311



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Familiarity with NTMC and Plan Goal

- Though small sample size, more familiarity of NTMC led to respondents thinking plan would meet goal

How familiar were respondents with NTMC related to how they viewed the plan meeting project goal?

	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not At All	No opinion	Total
Very Familiar	40%	40%	16%	4%	25
Familiar	11%	47%	40%	1%	89
Not Familiar	13%	42%	41%	4%	197



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Key Themes

- Special placards for residents
- Unduly impacted by access restrictions
- Need for enforcement
- Need for parking permits
- Increased travel time to freeway
- I08th Ave SE/Bellevue Way already congested
- Bellevue Way already congested
- Plan meets goal
- Access out of neighborhood more important than increased traffic potential



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Key Themes: Beaux Arts Village

- Unduly inconvenienced by access restrictions
- Getting to I-90 requires too much ground to cover
- Placards for residential access requested



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Key Themes: Bellecrest

- People generally disregard signs
- There is a strong need for enforcement
- Placards for residential access requested
- Generally, hesitant acceptance



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Key Themes: Enatai

- Placards for residential access requested
- Unduly inconvenienced by access restrictions
- Realization that plan will likely lessen traffic
- Access generally more important than potential for increased traffic



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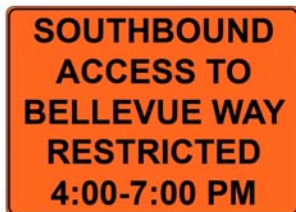
Key Themes: Surrey Downs

- Let's wait and see how traffic actually plays out
- No mention of placards
- Skepticism of plan efficacy



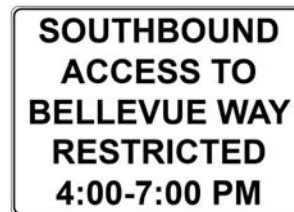
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Sign Preference



83% of respondents prefer black on orange

- More noticeable
- Only advisory



17% of respondents prefer black on white

- More official

Original Question: What color sign do you think will be most effective in alerting motorists to the access restrictions at Bellevue Way?



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Emails sent to staff

- 50+ emails received in response to survey
 - Overwhelming majority from Enatai
- Similar themes to those found on the survey
 - Special placards
 - Longer travel time
 - I08th/Bellevue Way intersection/signal reconfiguration
 - Enforcement
 - Unduly impacted



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Additional Information

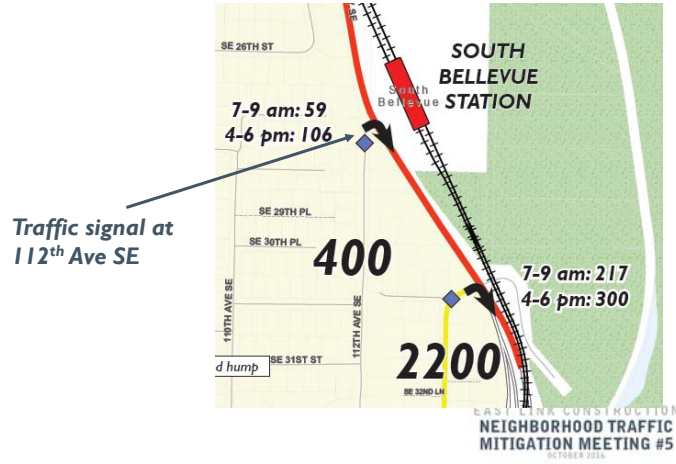
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Turning Movement Data (2014)

- Enatai (Bellevue Way/I 12th Ave SE and Bellevue Way/I 13th Ave SE)



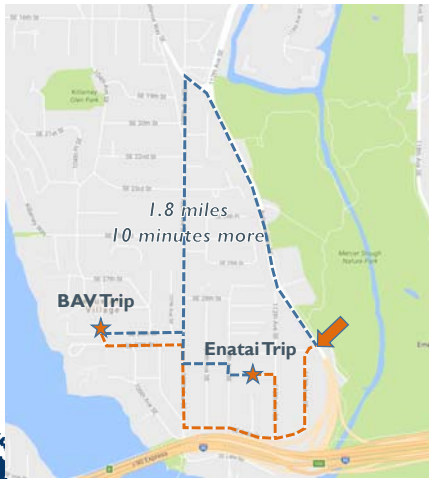
Turning Movement Data (2014)

- Bellevue Way and I 08th Ave SE



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How does limited access impact travel times?



- BAV Trip**
- Current: 1.1 miles, 4 minutes
 - Draft plan: 1.8 miles, 7-14 minutes
- Enatai Trip**
- Current: 0.5 miles, 2 minutes
 - Draft Plan: 1.8 miles, 7-12 minutes
- Travel time increase of 10 minutes
 - Based on Google Maps, 5:30 PM departure



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Enforcement at Main/108th

- Staff observed 90% compliance during peak hour
- Police conducted focused enforcement (~120 citations) following improvements
- Police noted many citations for residents
- Can always request enforcement at:
 - http://bellevuewa.gov/Traffic_Service_Request.htm



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Placards for Residents

- At least 77 people responded through the survey citing a need for placards
 - BAV: 9
 - Bellecrest: 6
 - Enatai: 61
 - Surrey Downs: 0
 - Other: 1
- No precedent for such a program—nationally or locally
- RCW 46.08.030: “operation of vehicles shall be applicable and uniform upon all person operating vehicles upon the public highways of this state, except as otherwise specifically provided.”
- City has adopted Chapter 308-330 WAC Washington Model Traffic Ordinance which does not include placard provision



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Revised Goal?

- Existing project goal:
 - Lessen the potential for increased traffic on neighborhood streets during East Link light rail construction activities on Bellevue Way and 112th Ave SE
- Feedback: draft plan will largely support project goal
- BUT, resident's have expressed that access is critically important



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Revised goal?

Do
Nothing



- *Unmitigated traffic*
- *Full access*

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- *Slightly mitigated traffic*
- *Fairly open access*

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- *Moderately mitigated traffic*
- *Fairly limited access*

Draft
Plan



- *Heavily mitigated traffic*
- *Severely limited access*



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Additional Outreach Opportunities

- What we know:
 - Survey reflected unfamiliarity with NTMC and efforts
 - Feedback stage has engaged a lot of neighbors
- What we will do:
 - Continued updates to neighbors from NTMC members
 - Staff available upon request for updates to neighborhood associations
 - Community meeting with opportunity for additional feedback before end of year



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