

Open House Summary

City of Bellevue hosted an Open House to discuss design changes on 100th Ave NE between NE 24th St and NE 12th St, along with priority side streets, that would best improve traffic safety for residents walking, biking, riding the bus, and driving in the area.



MEETING LOGISTICS

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 6:30–8pm
Chinook Middle School Library

MEETING FORMAT AND CONTENT

Participants were invited to review display boards and provide feedback in variety of formats. There was also a Polaroid photo booth with special stickers, a “Street Mix” station where people could imagine their own Complete Street, and a kid-oriented station with fun safety materials. Title VI information was collected at the welcome/sign-in table.

The project boards provide opportunities for participants to learn about:

- Vehicle speed, traffic volume, and collision data for the project area streets
- Highlights from public input to date and a recent online survey

Participants were invited to provide input on:

- The Complete Streets Plan for the project area, including 100th Ave NE and side streets
- Concepts for 100th Ave NE, including a shared use path on the east side of the street, intersection/crossing improvements, and traffic calming treatments
- Concepts for priority side streets, using a system of tiered treatments based on vehicle speeds, volumes, collisions, and public input, ranging from
 - Painted separated walkways
 - Planter separated walkways
 - Grade separated walkways
 - Traffic calming options like chicanes, mini-traffic circles, and curb extensions



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What We Heard From You!

People were enthusiastic about the 100th Ave NE and Vicinity Complete Streets Project. More attendees commented about the side street improvements than the improvements along 100th Ave NE. In general, people came to the open house to view the proposed designs, ask questions about why and how decisions were made, and voice their support.

"I've lived in this neighborhood my entire life. It's wonderful to see the City prioritize these streets!"

"I love the idea of a mixed use sidewalk on the east side of 100th. We could bike more and feel safer when walking."

"It is heartening to see you folks take feedback to make improvements."¹⁷

"This is AWESOME!"

"It's great that you're planning to improve side streets and not just major roads!"

"We should have more raised crosswalks and raised intersections!"

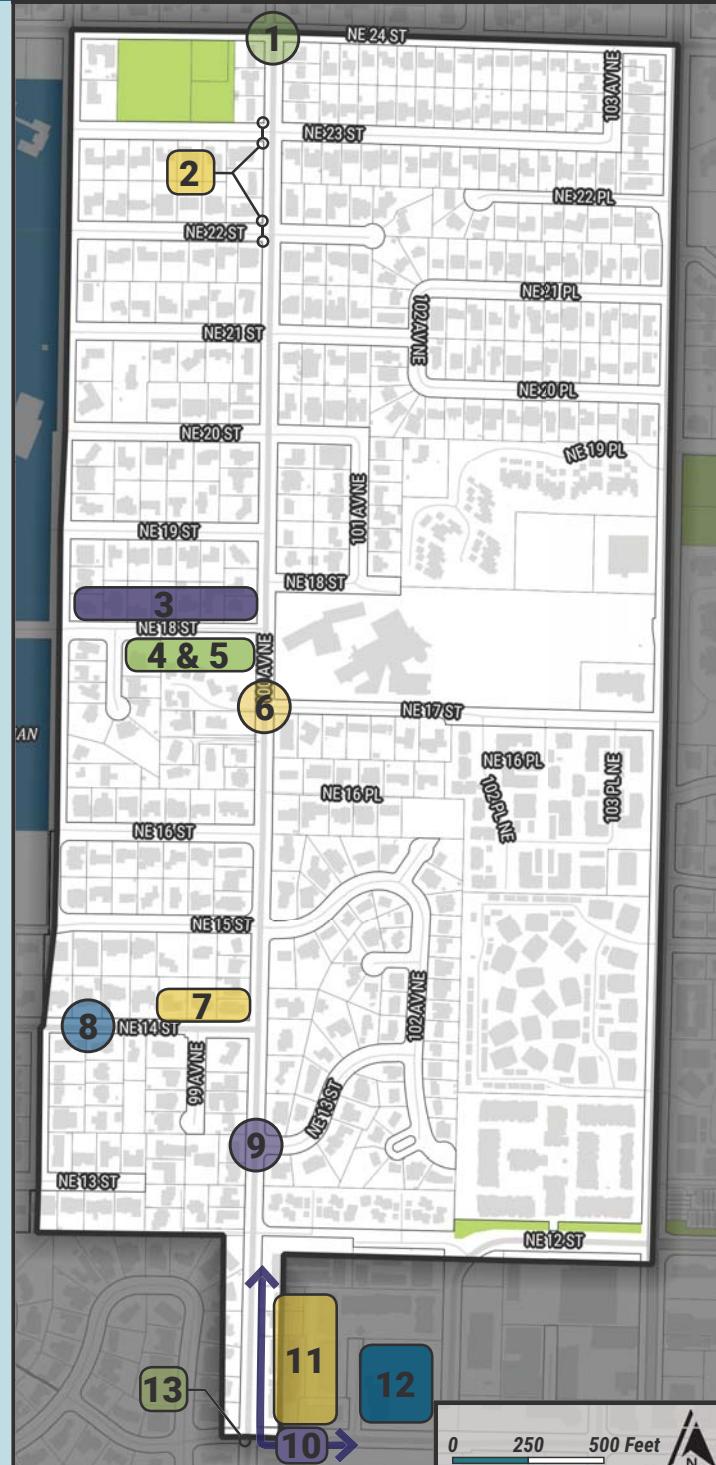
Open House Map Comments

We printed a large format map with the proposed design concept and asked people to draw and write comments directly on the maps.



Map Comments

- 1 Flooding occurs twice a year. Can you improve drainage or ensure shared-use path does not increase flooding?
- 2 Improve curb ramps and sidewalk space to accommodate people using wheelchairs or strollers.
- 3 There is existing parking and utility poles on the north side of the street.
- 4 Can you consider adding a sidewalk on the south side of the street?
- 5 Consider installing a sidewalk on the south side of the street using cantilevers.
- 6 It is difficult to turn left from NE 17th St onto 100th Ave NE during school hour pick up and drop off.
- 7 Lack of barrier and sidewalk at bottom of NE 14th St seems very dangerous for walkers. Its a busy street.
- 8 Please, no chicanes. Cars and trucks go slow enough on this street, we don't need another things to confuse drivers.
- 9 Add a raised intersection at NE 13th St and 100th Ave NE.
- 10 A lot of children walk north to Chinook Middle School on the east side of 100th Ave NE. Children also walk through this intersection to QFC often.
- 11 New apartment may cause some conflicts between motorists entering/existing driveway.
- 12 New apartment is planned at this location.
- 13 There are a lot of turning vehicles at this intersection. During construction and holiday season there is a lot of congestion and frustrated motorists leading to reckless driving



Open House Written Comments



COMMENTS: It is heartening to see you folks take the feedback to make improvements. It is nice to see that NE 18th between 98th Ave NE is a top priority for a sidewalk. When you add this sidewalk to the north side, can you see if you can add some guardrails or buffer on the south side of NE 18th St as well. The road is quite narrow on this stretch.

COMMENTS: Area marked with "A" has flooding problems due to drainage issues. My recommended prioritizations is marked on the map as:

- 1) shared use path east side making sure that proper drainage is attained
- 2) traffic circle at NE 15th S
- 3) raised intersection at NE 18th

COMMENTS: Thank you so much for the informative meeting. I live on NE 17th St and I hope you can address the following problems:

- Cars spinning their wheels as they accelerate out of the steep slope on NE 17th, especially on rainy days.
- Difficulty making a left turn from NE 17th onto 100th during school rush hours due to large amounts of traffic from nearby schools.

COMMENTS: Sight line turning on 100th from 18th is limited at times.

COMMENTS: I appreciate the near-term plans for a sidewalk on NE 18th. On 100th, I like the plan with a caution on narrowing the lane width to 10'. Thanks for a great presentation!

COMMENTS: My Children attend and have attended Sacred Heart. I feel that Chicanes would not be the right option for 14th. The sides of the road can be crowded as is. Often, cars are parked in the wrong direction, there are big trucks, etc. causing traffic. A better sidewalk would be much appreciated. To slow down the 14th traffic, we would suggest raised intersections at 100th and 15th, 14th, and 13th. I love the idea of a mixed use side walk on the east side of 100th. We could bike more and feel safer when walking. Thank you for making our street better. I also would like giving a 3-way stop at 100th and 24th. It can be hard to turn onto/off of 24th. Please feel free to contact me about Sacred Heart and the follow-up survey.