

**August 2, 2016**  
**Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee**  
**Summary of Meeting #4**

5-6:30 pm, 1E-110, City Hall

**Staff Liaisons:**

- Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach, Transportation Dept.
- John Murphy, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services, Transportation Dept.
- Kam Szabo, Senior Transportation Engineer, Transportation Dept.
- Lt. Dave Sanabria, Police Dept.

**Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee:** ( indicates present at meeting)

Beaux Arts Village	Bellecrest	Enatai	Surrey Downs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Stowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Koehn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Paulich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerri Patterson
Eugenia Yen	Tricia Thomason	Rebecca Sears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Nugent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Hudson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Hale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katherine Christopherson	

**I. Welcome**

- The draft conceptual plan needs to be shared with residents of the neighborhoods represented by the NTMC
- NTMC members were again encouraged to share their conceptual plan with their neighbors and associations.
  - It's possible that negative feedback will be received.
- Feedback on the draft plan will also be shared with the City Council and public.

**II. Review Feedback from Committee and Staff on Conceptual Plan**

- After the July 6 meeting, staff received feedback on the conceptual plan from the NTMC members who could not attend the meeting in addition to receiving feedback from the City of Bellevue Police Department, Fire Department, and Traffic Engineers.
- The feedback ranged from removing morning turn restrictions, changing the message of the "No Access to Freeway" signs, removing the "No Access to Freeway" signs at Surrey Downs entrances (SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St and SE 11<sup>th</sup> St east of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE), concern about emergency response times, impacts to school traffic, and difficult to find space to actually enforce some of the turn restrictions. Below are the comments received from staff and the committee:

Location Letter	Location	Description	Staff and Committee Feedback (see note below for attribution description)
A	101st Ave SE south of Main St	Sign for southbound 101st Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"	Change sign to say "No Access to Freeway via Bellevue Way" (TE)
B	108th Ave SE south of Main St	Sign for southbound 108th Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"; committee also recommended implementing East Main Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recommendation: ("Add a protected left turn signal phase for all legs of the Main Street and 108th Avenue SE intersection to facilitate residential neighborhood access while improving safety for people walking across Main Street and 108th Avenue SE. Evaluate concurrently with street traffic mitigation.")	Change sign to say "No Access to Freeway via Bellevue Way" (TE)
C	SE 2nd St east of 108th Ave SE	Sign for eastbound SE 2nd St motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"	Sign not warranted (TE)
D	104th Ave SE south of Bellevue Way	Sign for southbound 104th Ave SE motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"	Change sign to say "No Access to Freeway via Bellevue Way" (TE)
E	SE 11th St east of 108th Ave SE	Sign for eastbound SE 11th St motorists that says "No Access to Freeway"	Sign not warranted (TE)
F	104th Ave SE and SE 16th St	Traffic circle	Minimal impact and space constraints (TE), Not desired (NTMC), Impacts to emergency response times (FD)
G	SE 16th St and Bellevue Way	2 turn restrictions: 1) no left turn from westbound SE 16th St to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no right turn from northbound Bellevue Way to SE 16th St from 7-9 am	Morning restriction not desired (NTMC); morning restriction could create impact to school traffic (TE)
H	108th Ave SE and Bellevue Way	2 turn restrictions: 1) no left turn from southbound 108th Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no right turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 108th Ave SE from 7-9 am	Logistically, difficult to enforce given available roadway space and lack of shoulder (PD); morning restriction not desired (NTMC); morning restriction could create impact to school traffic (TE)
I	112th Ave SE and Bellevue Way	2 turn restrictions: 1) no right turn from northbound 112th Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no left turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 112th Ave SE from 7-9 am	Sign for morning turn restriction difficult to site given already cluttered roadway in construction phase; also, sign not warranted (TE); Not desired (NTMC)
J	113th Ave SE and Bellevue Way	2 turn restrictions: 1) no right turn from northbound 113th Ave SE to Bellevue Way from 3-7 pm and 2) no left turn from northbound Bellevue Way to 113th Ave SE from 7-9 am	Sign for morning turn restriction difficult to site given already cluttered roadway in construction phase; also, sign not warranted (TE); Not desired (NTMC); Logistically, difficult to enforce given available roadway space (PD)

Feedback received from: NTMC = NTMC member, TE = COB Traffic Engineering, PD = COB Police Department, FD = COB Fire Department

- Traffic Engineer Kam Szabo specifically mentioned how the AM restrictions off of Bellevue Way at 113<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE are in limited-access right-of-way managed by WSDOT and that this area will already have considerable signage and traffic control devices to ensure the roadway maintains traffic (e.g. reversible lane configuration).
- Lt. Sanabria mentioned the difficulty in distinguishing between commuter traffic and residential traffic. For that reason, it's difficult to enforce "Local Access Only" signs. He also reiterated that any restrictions will impact residents as much as they impact commuters and how for enforcement to be effective, officers need sufficient space (e.g. shoulder, parking lot) to pull people over as to not inadvertently create additional congestion.
- Based on the feedback, the committee made the following recommendations to the draft concept plan:
  - Change "No Access to Freeway" signage to something like "Restricted Freeway Access" to better communicate that the roads don't actually GO TO the freeway but using this road as a means to access the freeway is limited; the final message on the signs will be further refined and may vary depending on the exact location.
  - Remove the AM peak turn restrictions at Bellevue Way/112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Bellevue Way/113<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
  - Develop alternative signage at SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St and SE 11<sup>th</sup> St (entrances into Surrey Downs) that indicate the roads are neighborhood streets (e.g. Residential Area Signs)
  - Install additional signage (e.g. along SE 34<sup>th</sup> St) that further warns that people driving cannot make a right onto Bellevue Way at 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and 113<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and/or explore the possibility of installing a traffic circle west of Bellevue Way at 113<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to facilitate traffic turning around as a result of the no-right restriction.
  - PM peak turn restrictions should be from 4-7 PM, not 3-7 PM

- Remove the traffic circle at SE 16<sup>th</sup> St and 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

### **III. Getting Feedback from Community**

- Staff will continue to field review the draft concept plan and continue correspondence with the committee through the summer
- An online survey will be created to garner feedback on the draft concept plan
  - The NTMC will review the public outreach plan prior to going to the wider community
- A detailed folio will be mailed to all residents of Bellecrest, Surrey Downs, Beaux Arts, and Enatai to share the work of the NTMC. A link to the online survey will be included in the mailer
- Staff will expect to provide an update on the NTMC's work to the City Council in September

### **IV. Good of the order**

- The next NTMC meeting is planned for late October where the committee will consider the feedback submitted by the community