

July 26, 2019

City of Bellevue  
Bellevue City Council  
450 110th Avenue NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

**Re: Bellevue Downtown Association Support for Main Street Bike Lanes**

Dear Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), we are writing to express our support for an East/West bike lane project on Main Street. This multi-modal improvement advances the City's adopted plans for bike network connectivity in Downtown with an interim, measured approach to implementation. Our position was informed by BDA membership survey feedback, BDA Transportation Committee input on the design alternatives, and review and discussion by our Board of Directors.

Having reviewed the Main Street alternatives and weighed feedback from the BDA Transportation Committee, we're advocating for both rapid and phased expansion of East/West bike lane connectivity, not a specific alternative for a segment of Main Street. This support is coupled with the recommendation that any design should advance applicable outcomes in the BDA's 2019 [Downtown Access Strategy](#). Key outcomes must improve connectivity and travel options, achieve safety across modes, minimize impacts to right of way and travel times, and serve changing land use patterns.

As planned, Downtown Bellevue will experience continued growth, with strong benefits for the city's economy through jobs, housing, tax revenue, and new amenities. It's vital we address changes in travel demand and stay ahead of mobility impacts with advance planning. For this interim bike lane implementation and others, we recommend regular assessments on impacts and usage. Collecting data from the proposed East/West Main Street and North/South 108th Ave NE bike lanes will be critical for identifying issues and influencing future investments.

The BDA remains committed to tracking and responding to issues that impact the economic and cultural vitality of Downtown Bellevue. We care greatly for this place, and we appreciate this opportunity to share our work and communicate our voice. Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this project.

Sincerely,



Jim Hutchinson  
BDA Board Chair



Patrick Bannon  
BDA President