

The Bellevue Downtown Association has endorsed a position supporting the installation of a Demonstration Bikeway on 108th Ave NE (between Main St to NE 12th St) for a period of one year. The project will test and evaluate impacts of a potential new bike corridor in Downtown Bellevue.

In conjunction with this position, the BDA forwards the following conditions and recommendations:

Conditions

- 1. The project should operate for a year.** A year-long demonstration will accurately measure ridership and impacts during all seasons of use.
- 2. Ensure the Demonstration Bikeway is completely budgeted.** The project should have funding for implementation, maintenance, and a final step (either refinement or removal).
- 3. Assess performance.** The Demonstration Bikeway should be measured objectively through a systematic method of collecting data. Community feedback should also be routinely collected throughout the operation. The two approaches will be used for making necessary adjustments and ultimately for assessing performance.
- 4. City Council will be the determining body.** The City Council should be the authority to determine the implementation of the Demonstration Bikeway and ultimately whether it's refined or removed.

Recommendations

- 1. Ensure safety for all.** Consistent with the City of Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative, the Demonstration Bikeway corridor needs to be designed as a safe and comfortable place for people walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving motor vehicles. An educational outreach program should be incorporated to promote safe bicycling practices and information about the new corridor.
- 2. Acknowledge change will occur to the right-of-way.** Minimize impacts to travel times, on street parking, and access to property.
- 3. Coordinate with transit and ride share services.** The Demonstration Bikeway should not disrupt regular bus operations and rider experience. The City must have cooperation from transit agencies and ride share programs.
- 4. Network connectivity is a high priority.** The Demonstration Bike Lanes should connect to the existing network of bike lanes.
- 5. Support existing initiatives, plans, and projects.** The Demonstration Bike Lanes should support the [Pedestrian and Bike Implementation Initiative](#) and the [2009 Pedestrian Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) by maximizing the return on investment of existing and anticipated near-term projects.
- 6. Performance should inform next steps.** The examined results and evaluated community feedback will determine whether to refine or remove the Demonstration Bike Lanes.