



January 4, 2018

Victor Bishop  
Chair, City of Bellevue Transportation Commission  
Bellevue City Hall  
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Dear Chair Bishop and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), we're writing to express our recommendations for the City's consideration of a demonstration bikeway in Downtown and permitting of free-floating bike share.

Through a structured committee process, we invited BDA members to analyze and discuss the alternatives and build consensus recommendations for the BDA Board of Directors. Our four meetings surfaced a broad range of questions and perspectives about merits and concerns for each topic. Our Board on December 19, 2017, endorsed our Transportation Committee's recommendations (attached).

BDA members share a significant stake in the rollout and outcome of a demonstration project. Details, data and effective outreach will matter greatly before and during the implementation. You'll note our positions are conditioned around safety in our growing city core, traffic movements, right-of-way impacts, real-time evaluation and response, and funding considerations.

The BDA's committee meetings convened a diverse set of representatives from 23 member organizations. Our work with members suggests both projects will continue to attract ongoing interest and feedback from stakeholders. We strongly encourage a transparent, timely and fact-informed approach in the City's decision making and execution of the projects. The BDA is ready to support the City in outreach and communication.

We thank the City staff for their commitment of time and resources in helping us learn together and answering dozens of detailed questions. We also appreciate the Commission's thoughtful deliberation on how to move our City's bike infrastructure forward in a way that meets the community's expectations for improved safety and mobility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick Bannon'.

Patrick Bannon, BDA President

CC:  
Jim Hutchinson  
BDA Chair

Franz Loewenherz  
Bellevue Transportation Department