

January 24, 2019

Washington State Senate Transportation Committee  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0468

**Re: Proposed Statewide Transportation Project List**

Dear Honorable Chair Hobbs and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), I'm writing to comment on the proposed project list for funding through a potential new revenue package.

We believe any new funding must advance and complete the following critical projects already identified to improve multimodal mobility, safety, and planned growth in Bellevue and in other Eastside cities.

- Completion of the I-405 Master Plan projects
- Southbound SR 520 / I-405 "Braid"
- SR-520 / 124th Ave NE Interchange
- NE 6th Street Extension

Bellevue's capacity to grow as a regional center relies on these projects, each requiring state funding along with support and collaboration on the local level. Downtown Bellevue, the Spring District/Bel-Red Corridor and Wilburton areas will together strengthen the state economy as they grow and provide vital access to jobs and new housing.

The BDA will continue to track the Legislature's transportation agenda and progress on a transportation package. Thank you for your leadership in moving the discussion forward.

Sincerely,



Patrick Bannon  
BDA President