



Early Action Items

Staff is ready to begin work on early action plan recommendations this year. Early action refers to projects that should occur in the next three years. Funds for these projects were included in the current adopted 2003-2007 Capital Investment Program. The early work will preserve opportunities for future implementation and allow recommended ideas to be built incrementally over time through private development and routine street (or other) projects. Funded parts include:

- Design studies for the one-way couplet on 104th/108th Avenues, NE 2nd widening and extension to 114th Avenue, NE 13th extension to 114th Avenue, mid-block crossings, and arterial optimization. Studies will lead to direct construction or refinement of concepts that can be built incrementally over time.
- Physical improvements for one or two mid-block pedestrian crossings as pilot projects and establishing additional on-street parking where appropriate.
- Work on district character guidelines will cause the development of distinct design features to define and enliven downtown neighborhoods.
- Regulatory revisions and parking incentives will be pursued to advance *Rest/Update* provisions.
- Work will continue to establish a linkage between downtown and Meydenbauer Bay.
- Analysis of short-term parking needs and implementation of recommendations.

Long-Term Implementation

The near-term focus will be on early action items and preparing a long-term financial plan. Complex ideas with large capital costs may not begin construction for ten or more years. For example, it took 18 years to begin **Access Downtown** construction from when it was first a planning concept. Staff will monitor the downtown transportation system and the character of downtown on an ongoing basis to determine project timing. Projects will be brought forward into subsequent CIPs and TFPs as needed.

Regional Coordination

The CAC's work directly influenced the outcomes of planning for the I-405 corridor. The planned new access points to the I-405 collector/distributor roadways at NE 2nd and NE 13th Streets are an integral part of the I-405 Corridor Study's Preferred Alternative. The City will continue to work with regional agencies to fulfill Bellevue's long-term growth strategy through regional planning and implementation efforts.