Station Area Planning Overview

How is station area planning different from station design?

- <u>Sound Transit</u> is responsible for <u>station design</u>, which is about the physical layout, appearance and function of the light rail station.
- Station area planning is about everything else that happens outside of the station and it is the responsibility of the <u>City of Bellevue</u>.

What's the purpose of station area planning?

The two main reasons for planning around stations are:

- 1) to create a more compatible fit with the neighborhood; and
- 2) to take advantage of the station location by making it easier to get to.

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Some comments we have heard so far...

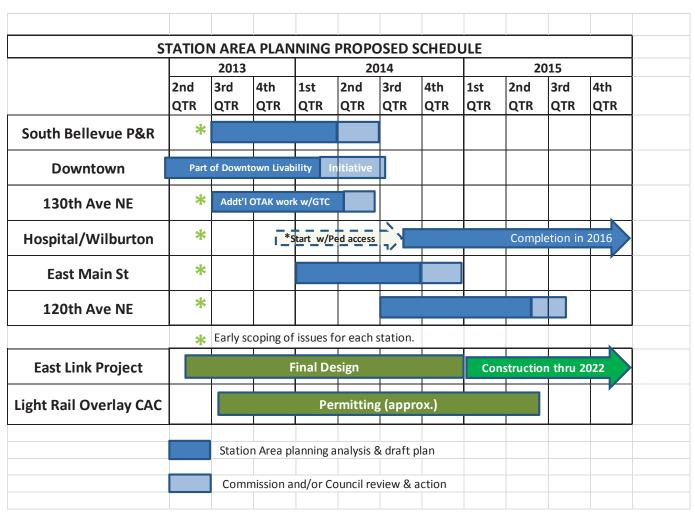
- Keep neighborhood single family do not allow transit-oriented development (TOD) at this station
- Increase ease and safety of walking to station
- Prevent station patrons from parking in neighborhood
- Keep easy access from neighborhood to Mercer Slough trails
- Deter vehicles from driving through neighborhood to avoid traffic on Bellevue Way
- Create safe bike route through neighborhood to station

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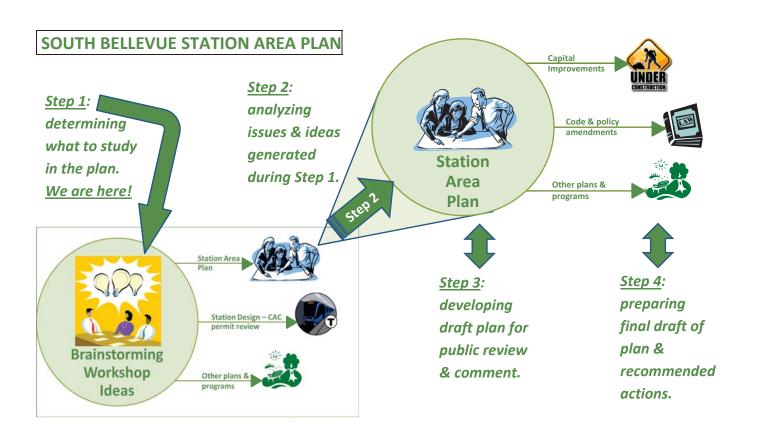
BELLEVUE WAY HOV LANE STATUS

- Separated from East Link project Bellevue City Council and Sound Transit Board separated prospective HOV lane (from 112th Ave SE "Y" to South Bellevue park-and-ride) from East Link extension project. There is still an HOV lane from park-and-ride to I-90.
- Included in 2013-2024 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Bellevue City Council approved including HOV project in TFP, so it is still a possible future project but there is currently no funding for project.
- Candidate project in 2014 for funding project to be considered for funding in City's 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP). Information about next budget process, including CIP update, should be available on city's website mid- to late-spring of 2014. City Council action on CIP in late 2014.
- ➤ HOV project not currently designed if funded in CIP, would then go into design and, depending on additional funding, construction.

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