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February 11, 2025

Kim Lund, Mayor
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Dear Ms. Lund:

WSDOT approved your 2024 Annual Title VI Compliance documents to meet the requirements under Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200 and 49 CFR 21, as well as the provisions of Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice and Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency. As public records, your Title VI Accomplishments and Goals report and Nondiscrimination Assurances (NDA) **must** be posted on your website. Please update the NDA if there is a change in the Executive Official who signs it and email it to WSDOT within 30 days.

WSDOT appreciates your efforts in developing the required documents for your Title VI Program. **Your next annual report is due February 1, 2026, covering the reporting period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.** Transmittal email contains additional information.

WSDOT is committed to providing any assistance you may need with your Title VI Program implementation process. For assistance, please contact me at 360-522-2794 or at KarolcD@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Karolczyk".

Doris Karolczyk
Title VI Local Agency Compliance Lead
Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Formerly Office of Equal Opportunity
Washington State Department of Transportation

cc: Mehrdad Moini



Report for City of Bellingham Jan 2024 through Dec 2024

TITLE VI ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS REPORT

This outline is for LPA and other governmental entities to report Title VI activities that occurred over the past year and report Title VI goals for the upcoming year. Reports must be returned on or before due date to meet eligibility requirements for federal funding. Send to TitleVI@WSDOT.wa.gov

DUE DATES: Refer to Section 28.3 for scheduled reporting period and due date

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*When the Title VI coordinator changes, notify TitleVI@WSDOT.wa.gov within 30 days.

To comply with Title VI requirements, each annual report submission must include signed Standard Assurances (USDOT1050.2A).

Accomplishments

1. Have there been any changes to the approved Title VI Plan that have not been reported to OECR?

The initial Title VI Plan was approved by WSDOT in January 2024 and is currently being revised and updated to reflect changes within the Limited English Proficiency section and the Environmental Justice section. The updated Title VI Plan will be sent to WSDOT in early spring 2025.

2. Organization, Staffing, Structure: Describe the Title VI Program reporting structure including the Title VI Coordinator, Administrative Head, and transportation-related staff. The list should include name, race, color, and national origin of each individual. Include the same details if your LPA has a volunteer or appointed board related to transportation decision making.

City Staffing - the City of Bellingham ADA/Title VI Coordinator, on behalf of the Mayor, is responsible for the overall management and day-to-day administration of the Title VI program. The ADA/Title VI Coordinator reports directly to the Superintendent of Radio Communications, Facilities and Fleet under the Public Works Transportation Division.

2024 City of Bellingham Staff	Race	Ethnicity	Female	Male
Mayor	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
Public Works Director (left in July 2024)	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Interim Public Works Co-Director	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Interim Public Works Co-Director	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Public Works Assistant Director – Engineering	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Engineering Manager	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Construction Manager	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Transportation Planner	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Superintendent – Traffic/Parking/Fiber	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Transportation Engineer	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
Superintendent – Comm/Facilities/Fleet	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
ADA/Title VI Coordinator	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	

Transportation Commission – The Transportation Commission is expected to help shape the future of Bellingham by taking a long-range, strategic look at transportation issues and providing recommendations on policy choices and investment priorities. ([Transportation Commission - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](https://cob.org/transportation-commission)).

Transportation Commission Members	Race	Ethnicity	Female	Male
Transportation Commission Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
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3. Community Demographics: Using a map of the LPA's boundaries, describe the demographics of the LPA's service area (e.g., race, color, ethnicity and national origin). List, by individual languages, the percent of the population(s) that is limited English proficient.

The following demographic data is based on the 2023: ACS 5 Year Estimate Demographic and Housing Estimates prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau for City of Bellingham, WA.

Total population is 94,712.

Category	Percentage	Number
Race: (population)		
White	75.34%	71,359
Black or African American	2.04%	1,933
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1.13%	1,071
Asian	5.76%	5,452
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.12%	113
Other race	4.90%	4,639
Two or more races	10.71%	10,145
Ethnicity: (population)		
Hispanic or Latino	11.06%	10,472
Not Hispanic or Latino	88.94%	84,240
Limited English Proficiency by Language (LEP): (population)		
Spanish	1.49%	1,414
French, Haitian or Cajun	0.09%	86
German	0.02%	16
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	0.15%	144
Other Indo-European language	0.20%	192
Korean	0.09%	83
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	0.36%	341
Vietnamese	0.27%	256
Tagalong	0.11%	101
Other Asian and Pacific Islander languages	0.29%	278
Arabic	0.07%	67
Other and unspecified languages	0.02%	15
Total LEP population	3.16%	2,993

Additional demographic data and maps for the City of Bellingham is displayed in Appendix A

If the LPA's Limited English proficient population is 5% of the total or 1,000 individuals, whichever is less, explain the Four-Factor Analysis by answering the following statements.

Briefly describe the number of LEP persons served and languages spoken in the service area:

According to our local demographic data listed above, our total LEP population is less than 5%. However, the Limited English Proficient Population that exceeds 1,000 individuals is Spanish. The City encourages proactively providing language assistance as broadly as possible; however, consistent guidance for assessing the needs and providing language access services is currently being drafted in the City of Bellingham Language Access Plan.

Briefly describe the frequency of contact with LEP persons for services or projects (e.g., customer service interactions, public meetings, and contracts bidding and awarding):

Website – The City of Bellingham's website offers machine translation for written content on City webpages. Web users can toggle translation on or off into the language of their choice. Website content that is not housed within the City's website content management system is not automatically translated. The translator tool is located on the top right section of the City website (see screenshot below). The language button appears on the main webpage [Homepage - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](https://www.cob.org), and each page thereafter on the site. Interpreters and translated documents are provided upon request while the Language Access Project Team finalizes standard guidelines under a Language Access Plan.



Interpreter Services – the City utilizes Language Line for on-demand interpretation needs when communicating with the public over the phone or in-person. This program provides video services for individuals needing an American Sign Language Interpreter, as well as audio and video for over 240 other spoken languages. In 2022, a city-wide Language Line contract was established to allow all City Departments to utilize these services as needed (including Fire, Library, Municipal Court, Police, Mayor's Office, City Council, Human Resources, Legal, Parks and Recreation, Planning/Permit Center, ITSD, Public Works and Finance). On the next page is a table representing the top interpreter calls for this reporting period. This list does not include all calls.

Reporting period: Nov 1, 2023 through Oct 31, 2024 (# of calls for top languages)

	Spanish	American Sign Language	Punjabi	Russian	Mandarin	Vietnamese
Bellingham - All Other City Departments	31	0	7	0	2	0
Fire Department	15	0	8	3	2	1
Library Department	17	17	0	1	0	0
Municipal Court	189	0	13	1	0	2
Police Department	271	0	37	17	11	11
Total Calls	523	17	65	22	15	14

City Council Meetings – As of January 29, 2024 the evening Bellingham City Council Meetings provide language access services in Spanish. Meetings are held at 7:00pm on Mondays as indicated on the [City Council Calendar](#). Spanish interpretation is provided at all regular evening meetings for both in-person and online attendees (<https://cob.org/gov/council/language-access>), including the scheduled public hearings and general public comment periods.

- Interpretation headsets are available for in-person attendees and are located near the main entrance to Council Chambers. We estimate about 5 individuals used the in-person service in 2024.
- Remote viewers can log on to cob.org/cczoom and click on the “Language” icon at the bottom of the screen to listen in Spanish. We estimate about 20 individuals reviewed the online meetings and content in Spanish during 2024.

Meeting agendas and videos in Spanish are also posted on the language access page. City Council accepts feedback several different ways – including regular mail, online forms and by email at ccmail@cob.org. In addition, verbal public comment is accepted during scheduled public hearings and during general public comment periods at the end of the evening Bellingham City Council Meetings. Interpretation and translation is provided as needed.

Vital Documents Translation – the City provides translation in a timely manner whenever required by law or when requested. We make every reasonable effort to accommodate each request. City Departments are evaluating vital documents and proactively translating vital documents into at least Spanish. The City is currently developing a written translation notice of how to request free language assistance on vital documents. Public Works provides a written translation notice and QR code on project communication mailers which connects individuals with the online project content that can be translated into multiple languages.

Briefly describe the importance of the program, activity, or service to the lives of LEP persons:

The City encourages everyone, regardless of language, to participate in City services, programs and activities. Effective and accurate communication between City staff and elected representatives and community members in any language helps Bellingham residents feel comfortable talking with City representatives and is critical to full participation in all aspects of local government. The City has been developing procedures to proactively notify community members about their right to free language assistance and how to access services. We

anticipate more information will be provided by the community feedback in the Comprehensive Plan Update as well as the City's Language Access Plan that is currently in development.

Briefly describe current resources available for LEP persons and overall cost:

The City provides on-demand interpretation services through Language Line with an annual average cost of approximately **\$6,000**. The table below breaks down the cost for each department. "All Other City Departments" include City Council, Mayor's Office, Human Resources, Legal, Parks and Recreation, Planning/Permit Center, ITSD, Public Works and Finance.

Department	Annual Cost 11/1/23 – 10/31/24
Bellingham Fire Department	\$368.40
Bellingham Public Library	\$842.12
Bellingham Municipal Court	\$1,347.10
Bellingham Police Department	\$3,005.80
All Other City Departments	\$419.90

In 2024, language access services proactively provided at evening City Council Meetings cost approximately \$12,000 for the year (translated agendas into Spanish as well as interpreters provided in-person and online).

As needed or anticipated, City Departments have translated documents and scheduled interpreters for meetings and court hearings. Costs vary for each Department.

4. Complaints

Provide a copy of the LPA's Title VI complaint log, including new Title VI complaints received during this reporting period and any still pending. Include the basis of the complaint (race, color, national origin) and describe the disposition (status/outcome).

There were no Title VI complaints filed during the 2024 reporting period. Anyone filing a complaint may request the form be translated into another language. A designated [Title VI webpage](#) is available on the City of Bellingham website, which includes the following content:

- Notice of Title VI Rights
- City Title VI Plan
- Title VI Complaint Procedures
- Title VI Complaint Form (English form and Spanish form)
- City Title VI Annual Updates

See Appendix B for City of Bellingham Title VI Complaint Log

5. Planning: Describe the transportation planning activities performed this reporting period. Describe the actions taken to promote Title VI compliance regarding transportation planning, including monitoring and review processes, community involvement, their outcome or status.

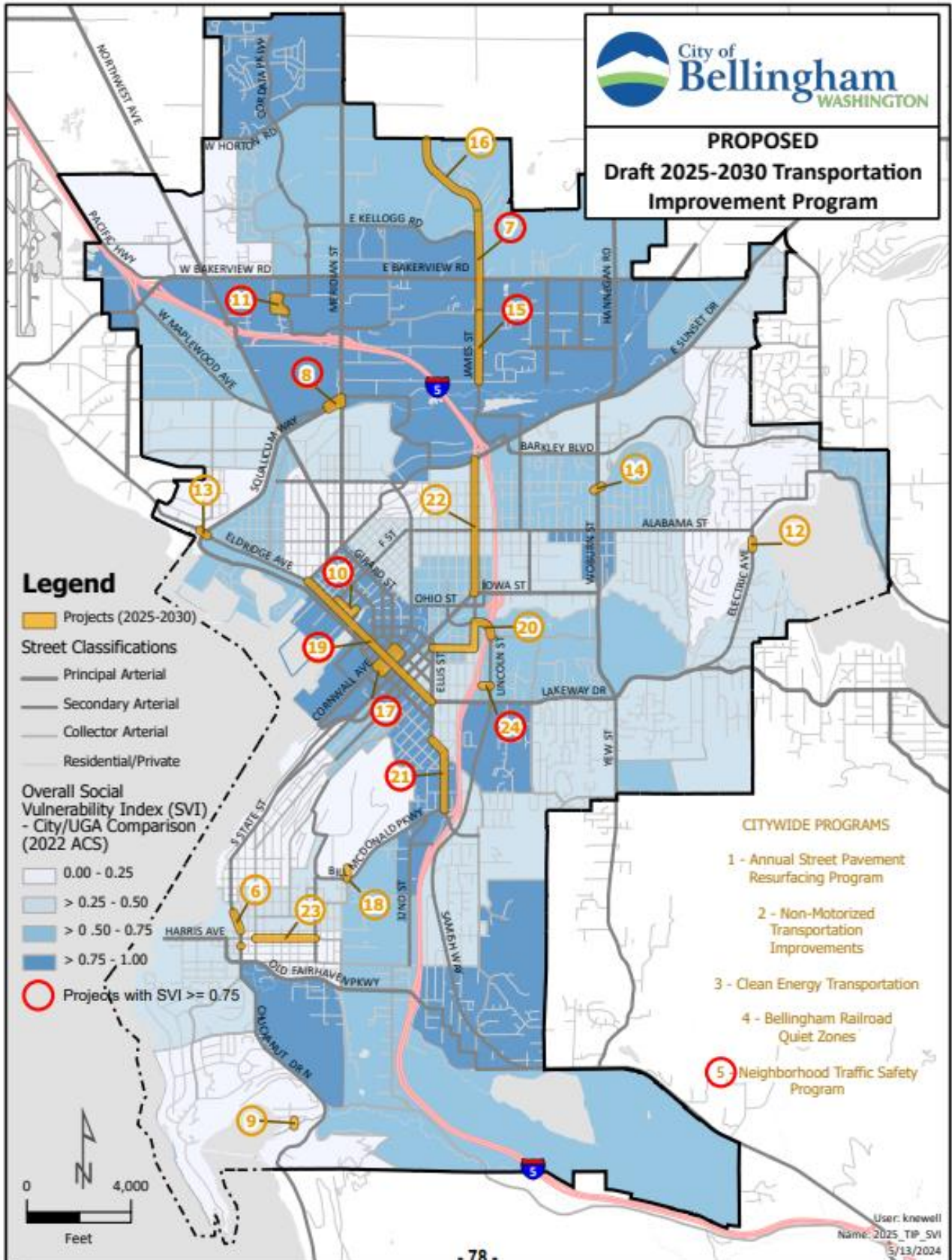
Transportation Improvement Program – The [Six-Year \(2025-2030\) Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) was adopted by City Council on June 17, 2024. The City of Bellingham's Six-Year TIP is the funding mechanism for expensive capital improvements to Bellingham's multimodal transportation network. During the course of each year, Bellingham's Transportation Planning staff monitors safety, congestion, and multimodal mobility issues on the citywide transportation network, as well as emerging opportunities for grant funding and public-private partnerships. The evaluation process includes input from various departments, local jurisdictions and organizations, citizen groups and private individuals. The primary source of major transportation improvements is from the identified project list in the Transportation Element of the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan. The Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is informed by neighborhood open meetings, public comment periods and a public hearing in front of City Council. Additional information is posted online ([Funding for Multimodal Transportation Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)).

The following programs were adopted under the 2025-2030 TIP:

Street Preservation Program – Repair and resurfacing of streets, adjoining curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as installing accessible curb ramps. Pavement resurfacing is an annual maintenance program to protect the City's investment in public roadways and to ensure an adequate quality walking, riding and driving surface at an optimized life-cycle cost.

Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements Program – Construct safe and equitable connections and street crossings for people walking, bicycling and rolling to help complete and enhance the citywide pedestrian and bicycle transportation network and the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) transit network. Specific improvement projects are prioritized based on safety, equity, accessibility, connectivity, and trip potential; scale and complexity; cost; and grant competitiveness.

A map is provided on the next page that displays the ten projects in the Six-Year TIP that were identified as benefiting socially vulnerable areas of the community. This was presented to City Council on June 17, 2024. Nine of these projects were identified because they enhance multimodal transportation to move people and support local land use in census block groups with an overall **Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)** of 75% or greater. The SVIA methodology was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (CDC and ATSDR) and is based on 16 social factors measured by the US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS). The index can be used for assessing community vulnerability and resiliency for a variety of emergency management applications and is also appropriate as a criterion for ranking capital infrastructure projects, prioritizing service delivery goals, and other community initiatives and priorities. Additionally, the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program was included as part of this list since the program goal is to have a significant equity component related to project identification and selection.



Comprehensive Plan Update – Since 1980, the guide for Bellingham’s growth and development has been the Comprehensive Plan. This 20-year plan includes goals and policies that help City leaders make decisions that support the community’s vision of a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier community. The plan goes through a major periodic update every 8-10 years, with the next due in 2025. During 2024, initiatives focused on engagement efforts with identified issues, round table discussions and public open houses. More information can be found on the project webpage ([The Bellingham Plan - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)), and the Bellingham Plan Engagement Hub ([The Bellingham Plan | Engage Bellingham](#)).

The Comprehensive Plan addresses important topics, such as housing, transportation, and climate resilience, and will guide development, capital investments, city programs, and other actions for the next 20 years.

Spanish meeting materials were available throughout the engagement process and are now stored online ([Bellingham Plan Spanish Event - Info Boards](#)).

In addition, online content was provided in the top five languages for the City of Bellingham. Below is an example on the project webpage with language access icons which provide a direct link to online translated content.

Welcome to the Bellingham Plan Engagement Hub

The City of Bellingham is working on the Bellingham Plan. The plan addresses important topics, such as housing, transportation, and climate resilience, and will guide development, capital investments, city programs, and other actions for the next 20 years. The key to the Bellingham Plan is community feedback. We want to know how you want us to plan for Bellingham’s future. You’ll find all the ways to provide feedback digitally and in person [here](#).

[En Español](#)[中文](#)[ਭਾਸ਼ਾ](#)[русском языке](#)[Tiếng Việt](#)

Example in Spanish:

Bienvenido al Centro de participación del Plan Bellingham

La ciudad de Bellingham está trabajando en el Plan Bellingham. El plan aborda temas importantes, como la vivienda, el transporte y la resiliencia climática, y guiará el desarrollo, las inversiones de capital, los programas de la ciudad y otras acciones durante los próximos 20 años. La clave del Plan Bellingham es la opinión de la comunidad. Queremos saber cómo quiere que planifiquemos el futuro de Bellingham. Aquí encontrará todas las formas de proporcionar comentarios de forma digital y en persona.

[En español](#)[Chino](#)[ਭਾਸ਼ਾ](#)[lengua rusa](#)[Vietnam del Sur](#)

Spanish version of The Bellingham Plan Engage Bellingham Page:



Hogar / El Plan Bellingham / En español

En español



¡Recientemente añadido!

Consulte una visión general de las actualizaciones más importantes que proponemos para el plan de crecimiento de Bellingham. Los cambios enumerados en este documento resumen son tan importantes que aparecerán en varios capítulos del plan actualizado.

[Ver documento resumen](#)

>> Comparta sus comentarios sobre el resumen de los cambios propuestos al final de [la página de capítulos del Plan Bellingham](#) o envíe un correo electrónico a theBellinghamPlan@cob.org. Podrás dejar sus comentarios en esa página hasta el 1 de diciembre de 2024.

Comparte tu opinión en un evento de noviembre

Confirme su asistencia a una de las tres reuniones abiertas que realizaremos en noviembre. Únase a nosotros para dar su opinión sobre los cambios propuestos y díganos si se alinean con lo que le gustaría ver.

- [14 de noviembre de 2024: de 11:30 am a 1:00 pm en Western Washington University Viking Union](#)
- [14 de noviembre de 2024: de 5:00 pm a 6:30 pm en Options High School Commons](#)
- [20 de noviembre de 2024: de 5:00 pm a 6:30 pm en el Pabellón Parque Cordata](#)

Estos eventos se llevarán a cabo en inglés, pero puede confirmar su asistencia (al menos 3 días antes del evento) en los enlaces de arriba para solicitar un intérprete de español sin costo. Asegúrese de seleccionar español (Español) como su idioma preferido. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a theBellinghamPlan@cob.org si lo prefiere.

Fechas clave



Preparación previa al lanzamiento
Principios de 2023



Fase 1: Visión y fundamentos
Fines de 2023

- Conocimiento del proyecto y establecimiento de relaciones.
- Participación general: visión y valores
- Sesiones de escucha
- Identificación de cuestiones conflictivas



Fase 2: Enfoque de crecimiento
Principios de 2024

- Participación centrada en los problemas identificados
- Debates de mesa redonda
- Comparación del enfoque de crecimiento

Bellingham Plan Open House Events

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive any time between 5 and 6)

- February 22, 2024 **Community Vision** @ Sehome High School
- March 6, 2024 **Vibrant, Equitable and Welcoming Community** @ Bellingham High School
- April 16, 2024 **Housing Affordability** @ Sehome High School
- May 6, 2024 **Student Event** @ Western Washington University
- May 15, 2024 **Economic Vitality** @ Squalicum High School
- [May 23, 2024 El Evento de Puertas Abiertas del Plan Bellingham en Espanol \(The Bellingham Plan Open House for the Spanish-speaking Community\)](#) @ Shuksan Middle School from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- June 4, 2024 **Housing Types and Neighborhoods** @ Bellingham High School
- July 17, 2024 **How We Will Grow** @ Squalicum High School
- November 14, 2024 **Phase 3 Proposed Changes Open House** @ WWU and Options High School
- November 20, 2024 **Phase 3 Proposed Changes Open House** @ Cordata Park Pavilion

Additional Bellingham Comprehensive Plan engagement opportunities:

- [Survey for the Deaf Community](#) (in collaboration with the Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center the survey and video was available in late 2024 and into 2025 for feedback) with [Hearing-Speech-Deaf-Center video accompaniment](#)

Additional Bellingham Comprehensive Plan materials in Spanish are included in Appendix C

Public Outreach – The City of Bellingham encourages feedback from everyone in our community. The City is using [Engage Bellingham](#) online to engage with the community on various City-sponsored projects, planning processes and programs. Feedback collected through Engage Bellingham will supplement other in-person engagement opportunities, including open houses and focus groups. Spanish speaking residents represent the largest LEP population in Bellingham. Project information is posted on the City’s website as its own project webpage, which can be automatically translated into many languages. A graphic is added to all project mailers that direct the community to visit the website for project information in any of the listed languages. Materials will be translated into other languages as requested.

Communication Services and Language Access – A Language Access Plan is currently being finalized to adopt city-wide that will focus on limited English proficient individuals within City-limits and provide a standard approach for public engagement with City projects, services and programs. The City prioritizes continued emphasis on equity and inclusion efforts including investments in language access.

6. [Right-of-way actions: Describe activities during this reporting period associated with the purchase, sale, lease/use, or transfer of real property \(related to highway transportation/public right-of-way use\). Include demographic information of affected populations.](#)

For example, the race, color, national origin of affected property/business owners(s)/tenant(s).

In 2024, there were no acquisitions related to these transportation projects. The City developed a Right-of-Way Actions Demographic Form to include with the acquisition packet and offer letter, to better understand the demographics of affected property/business owner(s) or tenant(s). In 2024 there were no offers sent out, but we anticipate acquisition packets going out in 2025, which will include the new demographic form.

The Real Property Manager translates forms and letters as needed. In 2024, for example a lift station project did present a language barrier, so the communication notices and forms were translated into Spanish and a Spanish interpreter was provided for a phone call. The Language Line contract allows City Staff to easily provide interpreters to communicate effectively with the public.

7. Identify right-of-way appraisers and acquisition staff (used during this reporting period) by race, color, national origin.

City Right-of-Way Staff	Race	Ethnicity	Female	Male
Real Property Manager	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X

8. Studies and Plans: Were any transportation studies (including environmental reviews) conducted or transportation plans completed during this reporting period?

Identify the data source(s) and provide data summary (Title VI/Environmental Justice Analysis) relative to ethnicity, race, languages spoken, neighborhoods, income levels, physical environments, and/or travel habits. Explain how data was used in these studies/reviews/plans.

2024 Local Road Safety Plan

The City of Bellingham places a high priority on the safety of its multimodal transportation system and is committed to people-oriented travel, including vulnerable active transportation users of all ages and abilities. The City of Bellingham seeks to reduce the total number of crashes, as well as the risk of crashes throughout the city, especially those which involve severe injury or fatality. To address transportation safety more effectively, Bellingham has created a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) which uses a data-driven, proactive approach to identifying potential safety concerns. In addition to guiding spot treatments, the LRSP allows the City to focus on systemic improvements to the transportation network which can not only address reported and observed crashes but also addresses specific conditions that introduce risk factors for potential crashes. The Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and ADA Transition Plan created defined networks for local pedestrian and bicycle travel with network improvement lists prioritized by many criteria including, but not limited to safety, social equity, low-income housing, level of traffic stress, proximity to schools, parks, employment, shopping, entertainment, and medical service destinations. All of these transportation planning efforts and recommendations for project improvements have influenced the outcome of this 2024 Bellingham Local Road Safety Plan.

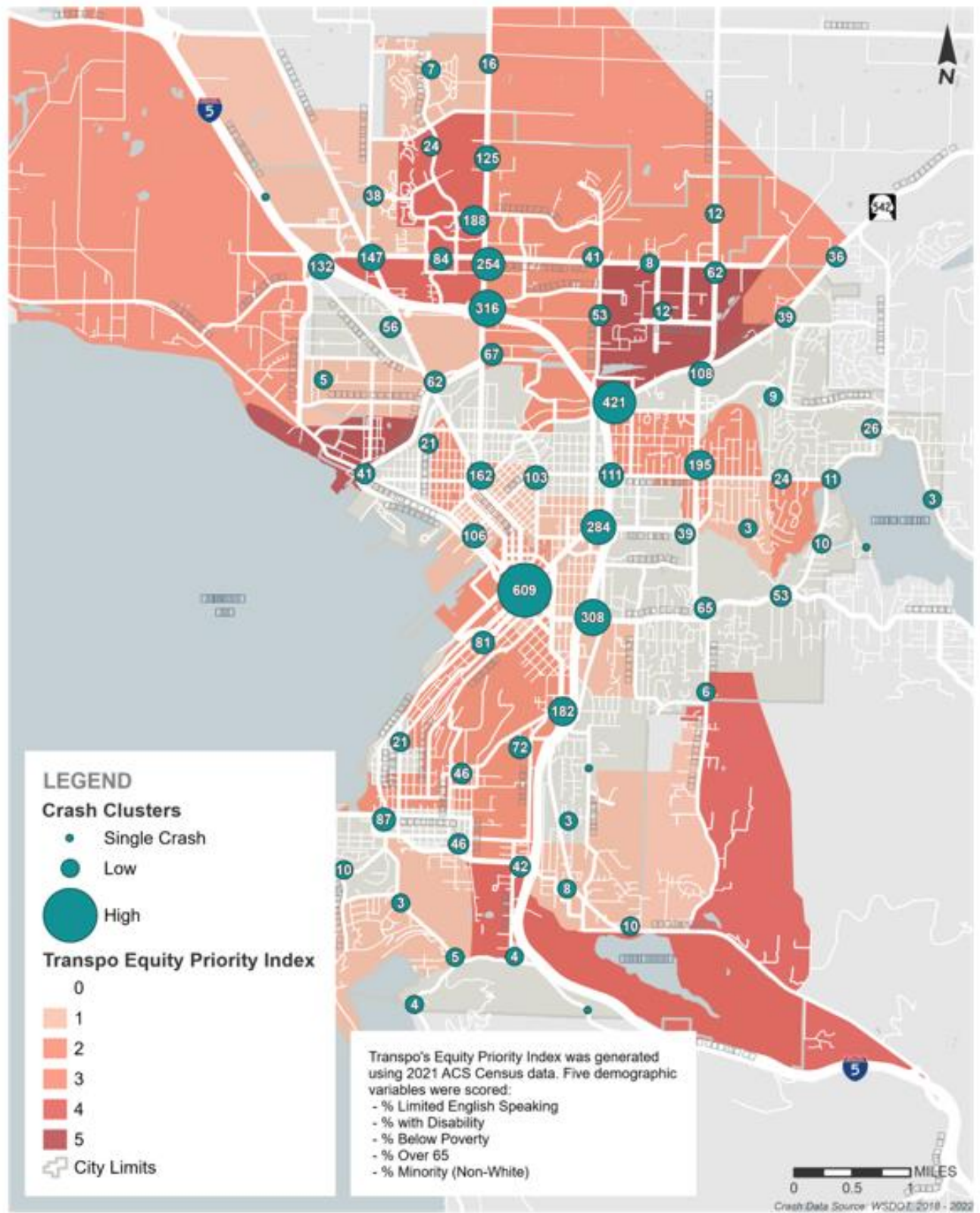
Social Equity Considerations

Population demographics and social equity are important factors when considering vulnerable users, spatial analysis, and the geographic distribution of crashes. The character and context of where people live, where they are traveling to, and how they choose to travel can factor into the risk for being involved in crashes.

A high-level social equity analysis was performed using 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) Census data for Bellingham (see map on the next page). The five social equity factors listed below were aggregated and scored to produce five levels of priority for safety countermeasures:

- Percent of population with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Percent of population with Physical Disabilities
- Percent of population living Below Poverty level
- Percent of population Over 65 Years of Age
- Percent of population self-reporting as Racial Minority (non-white)

Equity Analysis map of Crash Locations:



2024 Pedestrian Master Plan (Adopted April 2024)

It has been 10 years since Bellingham created its first Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). This plan is an update to that earlier plan. It reflects the tremendous progress the City has made with implementation over the past 10 years and it identifies projects, policies and programs that will guide continued progress in making Bellingham a safe and comfortable place to walk. Most people walk or roll (i.e., use a mobility aid) at some point during their day whether to meet their daily needs or have a leisurely stroll. A transportation system that supports easy and safe access by foot will help the City of Bellingham meet other goals around reducing fatal and serious traffic-related injuries, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating a community that is affordable and socially and economically vibrant. Between 2010 and 2020, over two-thirds of pedestrian improvements funded by the Transportation Fund were in lower income neighborhoods. The City is committed to updating metrics that reflect social equity and account for varying needs with respect to disabilities, languages spoken, etc. The City prioritizes removal of accessibility barriers and most projects in its Transportation Improvement Program incorporate ADA upgrades as identified in the 2021 ADA Transition Plan.

The recommendations included in the Pedestrian Master Plan were identified, shaped and prioritized with help and direction from the Bellingham community. The planning process included an extensive engagement effort that used a variety of in-person and online strategies to hear from as many community members as possible. In addition to virtual engagement, there was a low-tech alternative of printed materials and paper surveys located at the Permit Center and Bellingham Public Library. Additional printed materials were dropped off at the senior centers and farmworker housing in both English and Spanish.

Equity and inclusivity were driving factors in the community engagement process.

These values guided the engagement plan and the ways in which we used a variety of different formats and locations, ensuring that multiple languages including Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) were available, and that people with limited schedules could always participate throughout the entire commenting period through EngageBellingham.org. Equity considerations included choosing a school that was accessible using public transit, ensuring that all materials were equally provided in both Spanish and English, and providing translation and ASL interpretation services. The survey itself also had a number of equity considerations, including translation into Spanish, limiting the use of technical language, and including optional demographic questions that survey responses could be disaggregated by demographic group to understand how plan outcomes may affect communities differently.

The survey and web map included optional demographic questions, so this was a unique opportunity to gain insight into their representation in the findings. Demographics only represent this portion of the engagement process and only the subset that chose to respond voluntarily to each specific question.

Race/Ethnicity – The racial makeup of the respondents was somewhat representative of the Bellingham population. In total, 83% of respondents were White/Caucasian compared to Bellingham’s average 78.2%. There was low representation from people of color, slightly lower than Bellingham’s averages, including 1% Latinx or Hispanic compared to Bellingham’s 6% and 2% Asian or Pacific Islander compared to Bellingham’s 5%. There was an equal representative of people with two or more races at 4% which is

in line with Bellingham's population, as well as 1% Black or African American, which is in line with Bellingham's population. Finally, 8% of respondents choosing to fill out the demographic data preferred not to answer.

2024 Bicycle Master Plan (Adopted April 2024)

It has been 10 years since Bellingham created its first Bicycle Master Plan. This Plan update reflects the tremendous progress the City has made with implementation over the past 10 years, and it identifies projects, policies, and programs that will guide continued progress in making Bellingham a safe and comfortable place to bike. In the Fall of 2020, Bellingham was promoted from Silver to Gold level designation by the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community program. Although progress has been made, there is still much work to do and the public has clearly stated they want to see the City continue its efforts to build out a connected, safe and comfortable network with a focus on meeting the needs of people of all ages and abilities.

Community engagement has been an integral part of the plan update to build awareness of existing projects and networks. Hearing from the community about their needs and vision for the City can inform projects, programs, and priorities for further building out the pedestrian and bicycle networks for people of all ages and abilities to safely and conveniently walk, bike, and roll in Bellingham. Outreach strategies included two open houses, an online survey and interactive map, and seven focus groups. In addition, there was an 8-member Steering Committee representing constituents from the following sectors: public health, major employers, schools, bicycle advocacy, homeless advocacy, and the City Transportation Commission.

Equity and inclusivity were embedded in every step of the community engagement process.

Community Survey: The survey was posted online and promoted by media outreach. Paper copies of the survey were available for people who are not able to access the internet.

Engage Bellingham Project Page: The Engage Bellingham project website is available to access and interact 24/7, which allows visitors to engage on their own schedules. It also allows individuals who may not be able to or don't feel comfortable to attend in-person events to engage. There are translation and interpretation services for those seeking information in languages other than English. The project page includes a timeline for the project, which provides transparent community engagement opportunities. All formatting is accessible for screen readers and images have alternative text.

Webmap: The webmap was available 24/7 and had a section for those whose primary language is Spanish. Alternative text was provided for images, infographics and tables on the website.

Storymap: The storymap was written in a 5th grade reading level for easy understanding. The website was available 24/7 with a section for those whose primary language is Spanish. Alternative text was provided for images, infographics, maps and tables.

Technical Review Committees (TRC): Technical review committees represent the needs and interests of their most vulnerable stakeholders in the meetings. A summary of each technical

review committee meeting was posted for public viewing and commenting online. Topic-oriented technical review committees covered a range of historically underserved and/or underrepresented community members, including people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, and people with low income.

Pop-up event: materials were provided in both English and Spanish. There was a children's bicycle decoration-making activity to engage with people of different ages.

News release: The news release informing the public of the Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan updates and community engagement process included information in both English and Spanish on how community members can receive assistance with providing input and feedback.

Survey and Webmap Demographics: The survey and webmap included optional demographic questions. No demographic details were taken for the in-person pop-up event. Demographic questions were optional, so demographics represent only the subset that chose to respond to each specific question.

Race/Ethnicity – In total, 76% of respondents were White/Caucasian, compared to Bellingham's average 78.2%. There was low representation from people of color, slightly lower than Bellingham's averages, including 2% Latinx or Hispanic compared to Bellingham's 6%, and 4% Asian or Pacific Islander compared to Bellingham's 5%. 1% of respondents were Black or African American, which is in line with Bellingham's population. Finally, 12% of respondents choosing to fill out the demographic data preferred not to answer and 2% left the field blank.

Disability Status – Out of survey respondents who chose to respond to this demographic question, 9.5% reported having a disability. The other 90.5% did not report a disability. The disabilities reported included but were not limited to vision, hearing and mobility, all of which affected the ways in which people interacted with the City's pedestrian environment. "Other" included people who wrote in disabilities related to old age, arthritis, surgery recovery, or Dupuytren's and Ledderhose Disease.

9. [Project Location and Design: Provide a list of construction projects that began during this reporting period. Using a map of the LPAs service area, identify project locations, and a brief description of the projects' benefits/burdens to affected populations. If possible, provide a map that overlays projects with the racial composition of affected neighborhoods.](#)

Construction projects initiated during the 2024 reporting period did not adversely impact minority and/or low-income Environmental Justice populations. Additional demographic data in relation to the project areas are displayed in Appendix A. The following list describes project benefits.

Street and Sidewalk Maintenance – Under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the City has established an annual street pavement resurfacing program and non-motorized transportation upgrades, which includes sidewalk and bikeway improvements. Annual

maintenance of existing public streets and bicycle lanes protects the City's investment in these facilities and ensures an adequate quality driving and riding surface at an optimized life-cycle cost. The non-motorized transportation upgrades add sidewalk connections, crosswalks and various bicycle facilities to complete and enhance the citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle non-motorized transportation network and the WTA transit network throughout Bellingham. Within this category, the City has established annual contracts for concrete and asphalt repairs to improve pedestrian safety. This program allows the City to prioritize sidewalk and road repairs in response to complaints. To report an issue with a sidewalk or street, citizens and staff can utilize the [SeeClickFix](#) program. When a citizen submits a request, applicable crews are dispatched to evaluate the concern. The City has been able to quickly address accessibility issues by having this reporting tool and annual contracts for concrete and asphalt repairs already in place.

ES567 – Electrification of Transportation (Phase 2)

This two-phase project involves installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations throughout Bellingham to improve the availability of EV charging and help Bellingham make progress on its climate action goals. In total, this project will install 90 new EV plugs at 26 different locations across Bellingham on City-owned properties and public rights-of-way near destinations, workplaces, and multifamily residential areas. The project includes standard Level 2 chargers, DC fast chargers, and solar-powered chargers. Existing parking stalls will be converted to electric vehicle charging only stalls. Phase 1 of this project (EF154) finished construction in 2023 and added six charging stations. Phase 2 (ES567) began construction in Spring 2024 and includes 20 charging stations. [Electrification of Transportation - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ER015/ER016 – Meador Ave and James Street Whatcom Creek Bridge Replacement Projects

James Street and Meador Avenue are listed as arterial streets. The two bridges to be replaced in this project were originally built in 1936 and rebuilt in 1962 and are nearly identical. Both are built on timber piers which have been deteriorating. The project includes removal and replacement of the two bridges with single span bridges with varying cross sections. Improvements will also consist of replacing existing water main on the bridges, relocating existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, mitigating stormwater, relocating franchise utility and other work associated with the replacement of the bridges.

An Environmental Justice Analysis was conducted for this bridge replacement project. The results of the Social and Community Impacts Decision Matrix indicate that there are protected populations present within the detour route. The project will result in a detour for commercial and private vehicles during construction. Construction is estimated to last approximately 8 to 10 months. The anticipated impact of the detour on vehicle traffic will be low to moderate because of the traffic coming from local residential areas and commercial areas farther away. Based on the Environmental Justice Analysis conducted, the populations existing within the detour polygon consist of fewer minorities, fewer low income households and fewer English language learners. Therefore, impacts of the project from the detour on adjacent populations will not disproportionately affect low-income households, minorities, or English language learners. The project will not require any relocations or displacements of protected populations. Temporary right-of-way (e.g., construction access) will be required for the project but no permanent right-of-way acquisition is required for the project and no property will be purchased.

While the bridges are being designed and constructed as one project, each bridge is funded separately by Federal Local Bridge Program Funds as well as local Street Funds. Construction

began in Spring 2024. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to local businesses and school buses from the Bellingham Public School Yard within the project limits. One bridge will always remain open throughout construction, but drivers can expect delays through this area. The entire project is expected to be complete by Summer 2025.

The two bridges received two separate Federal Highway Bridge Program awards and are considered separate projects. Both projects are federally funded through the WSDOT STP(BR) bridge replacement program. [Meador Avenue and James Street Whatcom Creek Bridge Replacement Projects - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ER018 – Eldridge Ave – Squalicum Creek Bridge

This project will reconstruct and widen the existing bridge over Squalicum Creek which was originally built in 1937. The new bridge will include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. In 2024, the City initiated the design phase of the project. This aging bridge has been identified as needing to be replaced. Replacement of the bridge presents the opportunity to widen the bridge and provide facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project is funded by a Federal Bridge Program Grant. [Eldridge Avenue Bridge Reconstruction \(Squalicum Creek\) - City of Bellingham](#)

ER019 – Electric Ave Bridge Reconstruction

This project will reconstruct and widen the existing bridge, originally constructed in 1959. The new bridge will include one vehicle travel lane in each direction, separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. An inspection was completed in 2024 that temporarily closed the bridge while repairs were completed to reinforce the bridge structure to allow for reopening of both travel lanes. This project is included in the City's Draft Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and the City is currently seeking grant funding. [Electric Avenue Bridge Reconstruction - City of Bellingham](#)

ES473 – James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements

The existing intersection of James Street and Bakerview Road will be reconstructed as one multimodal roundabout to improve safety, efficiency, and access for all transportation modes, including freight. Due to significant delays, poor level of service, lengthy vehicle queues, and lack of physical storage space for left-turning vehicles from James to Bakerview, the intersection currently presents safety concerns. As development continues and traffic volumes increase, intersection level of service and delay will continue to degrade with the potential for increased risk of traffic collisions.

An Environmental Justice Analysis was conducted for this transportation improvement project. All populations will benefit from the intersection improvements, and the opportunities it presents for improved safety, traffic flow, emergency vehicle response times, bicycle and pedestrian provisions, public transit efficiency and truck route improvements. Thus, there will be no disproportionately high or adverse short-term impacts on EJ populations, as all populations will be affected equally. This project will not permanently change travel patterns for vehicles, commuters, transit, bicycles, or pedestrians. This project will improve travel by improving traffic flow, reducing queuing times and improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Construction will also improve truck traffic through the intersection from and to the nearby Irongate Industrial area. No minority or low-income populations have been identified that would be adversely affected by this project. Improvements will benefit all populations within the

project boundary the same; no disproportionate or adverse impacts are anticipated for minority populations only. The project will involve some right-of-way acquisition; however, this is dependent on location along the project boundary, not the demographic of the person(s) from which right-of-way will be purchased. Additionally, the right-of-way acquisitions are the minimum areas necessary to construct the project improvements. Construction of this project is expected in the spring of 2025. Work will be done 24 hours a day for approximately two months to complete the work as quickly and efficiently as possible. [James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES537 – Telegraph Road Multimodal Improvements

The Telegraph Road Multimodal Project improved the Telegraph Road corridor from Deemer Road to James Street which focused on safety and connectivity for all users, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit and motor vehicles. The existing narrow rural road had limited, sub-standard pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Portions of the project corridor have seen increased transit use since WTA began routing the Gold GO line with 15-minute service through this corridor. This multimodal improvement project reconstructed this corridor to a complete urban street, with typical amenities of multimodal features and services including sidewalks, streetlights, curbs, gutters, bike lanes, pedestrian-activated flashing crosswalks, intersection traffic signals, Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) bus stops and traffic channelization. At the end of 2024, construction was nearing completion. The project is funded by Transportation Benefit District No. 1, Real Estate Excise Taxes, Transportation Impact Fees, a contribution from WTA, and federal funding via a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). [Telegraph Road Multimodal Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES559 – Neighborhood Overlays

The Neighborhood Overlays project will improve the road driving surface in the Silver Beach and Samish neighborhoods, including a new RRFB at Electric Ave and Flynn St. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2025. The improvements are funded by City Street Funds and voter-approved Bellingham Transportation Funds. [Neighborhood Overlays - City of Bellingham](#)

ES560 – Parkview Safe Routes to School

The Parkview Safe Routes to School project added key regional sidewalks on Coolidge, Indiana, Cornwall and Vallette streets along with improvements along West Illinois. The project added a flashing beacon and crosswalk at Vallette Street. This project improves pedestrian and driver safety along a route to Parkview Elementary School and in the surrounding neighborhood. The project was approved by WSDOT and construction was completed in 2024. This project is funded by the Bellingham Transportation Fund, a Federal Safe Routes to School Grant and a Washington Transportation Improvement Board Grant. [Parkview Safe Routes to School - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES561 – West Illinois Multimodal Improvements

The West Illinois Multimodal project added sidewalks to West Illinois and upgraded curb ramps to meet ADA requirements. In addition, a small roundabout was installed at the intersection of Meridian Street and West Illinois. Bike facility markings were added on Meridian, Illinois and Girard Streets and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at Meridian/North Street, Meridian/Oregon Street and Girard/H Street. The Oregon and H Street crossings have new pedestrian ramps as well. The purpose of this project was to improve

pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety in the area. This project coordinated with the Parkview Safe Routes to School project.

This project is funded by the Bellingham Transportation Fund, a Washington State Improvement Board Grant and Washington State Complete Streets. Construction was completed in 2024, with crews working on final touches for the project. [West Illinois Multimodal Improvements - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES562 – Old Town Redevelopment

In coordination with property owners per an existing agreement, the City will construct streetscape improvements on C, D, and E Streets between Holly and Bancroft and along Astor Street between C and F Streets. The project is under design and the timing will be coordinated with the developers. [Old Town Urban Village Streetscape Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES564 – Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements

This project is planned as a two-phase construction project that will increase safety, sight distance, access and efficiency. It will also implement projects listed in the Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, ADA Transition Plan, and Parks PRO Plan, and will coordinate with existing WTA service routes. This project's focus is to provide transportation improvements to two intersections, Meridian St/Birchwood Ave and Meridian St/Squalicum Way. The existing intersections are closely spaced and currently experience major congestion which delays the movement of people and freight on this critical route. Improvements are required to accommodate the level of planned growth and development expected in the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan. The goal of the project is to increase long-term intersection capacity for passenger and freight vehicles and to improve safety and comfort for all people using the multimodal transportation system.

In 2024, the project design contract was executed, and data collection was started. The project design team has started the initial design now that the physical survey and traffic analysis is complete. The project has also received an additional \$1.9 million in federal re-distributed funds to support the design of Phase 1 and Phase 2. [Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

ES565 – James Street Multimodal Improvements (Segments 1 & 2)

This project will construct a 12-foot wide multiuse pathway on the west side as identified in the 2019 James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study. The project will change road elevation between Orchard and McLeod, add left turn lanes, and upgrade streetlighting to improve safety, as well as reconstruct culverts to improve fish passage. This project is currently in the design phase. [James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements between Orchard St and Telegraph Rd \(Segments 1 & 2\) - City of Bellingham](#)

ES566 – 12th & Finnegan Multimodal Projects

Pedestrian, bicycle, transit rider and vehicle crossing demand has increased and will continue to increase in this area, which is the gateway to the Fairhaven Urban Village. This project will install a new traffic signal and Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons at key intersections in the Fairhaven area along with ADA improvements, new sidewalks and bike lane improvements. The project kicked off in August 2023 and was in the design phase for 2024. Project construction will begin in early 2025. The funding for this project comes from the City of Bellingham Street Fund, Non-

motorized funding, and the WA State Transportation Improvement Board Grant. [12th and Finnegan Multimodal Projects - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)

ES573 – 32nd and Elwood Improvements

This project will install new curb, gutter, and sidewalk along Elwood Ct, along Elwood Ave from Elwood Ct to 32nd St and along 32nd St from Elwood Ave to Fielding Ave. In addition, ADA improvements will be made at the intersection of 32nd St and Elwood Ave and the intersection of 32nd St and Fielding Ave. The improvements are a part of a pilot project aimed at improving small overgrown City owned lots and infill sidewalk in accordance with the Pedestrian Master Plan. Construction began in May 2024 and is expected to end in Spring 2025. [32nd and Elwood Improvements - City of Bellingham](#)

WF023 – Pine Street Crossing

This project will upgrade the existing railroad crossing to quiet zone standards and add a multiuse path crossing. The Pine Street Crossing safety improvements are part of the City's efforts to upgrade railroad crossings in the waterfront area to complete a quiet zone while also improving pedestrian and bicycle access in the area. Construction will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities at Cornwall and along Wharf Street to improve connectivity between Cornwall and Boulevard Street and the future Salish Landing Park. Project design was started in November 2024. [Pine Street Crossing - City of Bellingham](#)

Holly Street Bike Lane Project

In May 2024, the City piloted a new bike lane project on Holly Street from Ellis to Bay Street to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians. The project included changing the traffic lights to make pedestrian crossings safer (using Leading Pedestrian Indicators), protected bike lanes between Ellis Street and State Street, and parking protected bike lanes between State Street and Bay Street. A community engagement project page was created to gather community feedback. [Holly Street Bike Lane Pilot - City of Bellingham](#)

Public Outreach Materials 2024 – Project information is posted on the City's website as its own project webpage, which can be automatically translated into many languages. Spanish speaking residents represent the largest LEP population in Bellingham, and we evaluate the outreach and communication efforts for each phase of the projects. In addition, a graphic is added to all project mailers that direct the community to visit the website for project information. Materials will be translated into other languages as requested. Below are some examples:

For more information:

Visit cob.org/meador-james, scan the QR code below, or email askpw@cob.org



Información del proyecto:

Thông tin dự án:

Информация о проекте:

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City of Bellingham Public Works staff provided the Voluntary Public Involvement Form to collect data from transportation-related project Open House events in 2024. In July 2024, the form was translated into the top 5 languages for Bellingham (Spanish, Chinese, Punjabi, Russian and Vietnamese). The forms will be provided by Communication and Outreach staff during open house events related to transportation projects. So far, no forms have been turned back in.

Project #	Project Name	Outreach Materials 2024
ER015 ER016	Meador Ave and James Street Whatcom Bridge Replacement projects	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction mailer was sent out to local addresses with a QR code and language access icon. See page 23 of this report.
ER018	Eldridge Ave – Squalicum Creek Bridge	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ER019	Electric Ave Bridge Reconstruction	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is seeking funding)</i>
ES473	James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction is expected to begin in 2025, and notification will go out at that time.
ES537	Telegraph Road Multimodal Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction mailer was sent out to local addresses with a QR code and language access icon. See page 23 of this report.
ES559	Neighborhood Overlays	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.
ES560 ES561	Parkview Safe Routes to School West Illinois Multimodal Improvements *these projects overlap and will continue to have combined outreach efforts	Engage Bellingham page (two surveys: one for adjacent residents and another for anyone in the City) The adjacent neighborhoods (Eldridge, Columbia & Cornwall park are not identified as LEP regions). All project information on our website is available for machine translation. 2023 Open House mailer had QR code but did not include translated languages. It did outline that ASL and captioning (English and Spanish) would be available during the meeting. See page 24 of this report.
ES562	Old Town Redevelopment	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES564	Meridian/Birchwood	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES565	James Street Multimodal	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>
ES566	12 th & Finnegan Safety Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. Construction mailer was sent out to local addresses with a QR code and language access icon. See page 24 of this report.
ES567	Electrification of Transportation (Phase 1 & Phase 2) *This project was designed in 2022 and will continue to have	Outreach materials include a project webpage, email updates and a sign posted at charging stations highlighting the rates to use the electric vehicle chargers. This project will install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at different sites distributed equitably across Bellingham. These locations vary considerably in their ethnicity, languages spoken, neighborhoods, and income levels.

	outreach efforts in 2023/2024	When we do targeted outreach as construction continues, we plan to use demographic data to inform priorities in outreach efforts and determine which languages to translate materials into. All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
ES573	32 nd and Elwood Improvements	All project information on our website is available for machine translation.
WF023	Pine Street Crossing	All project information on our website is available for machine translation. <i>(This project is in design phase)</i>

Project Mailers:



Meador Avenue and James Street Bridge Replacement

Beginning in May 2024:

- Both Meador Ave and James St bridges will be replaced due to aging infrastructure
- Bike lanes and sidewalks will be installed in both directions on Meador Ave
- Utilities will be relocated and updated

Construction impacts:

- Bridges will alternate which is open as a detour and which is under construction throughout the project.
- One bridge will be open at all times. All businesses will still have access points

Learn more at our Open House
May 6, 2024, 6-8pm
Bellingham High School Auditorium



Completion is estimated by Summer 2025



Meador Avenue and James Street Bridge Replacement



For more information:
Visit cob.org/meador-james, scan the QR code below, or email askpw@cob.org



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Telegraph Road Multimodal Safety Improvements

What are we building?

Over the next 7 months, we will be connecting and improving pedestrian infrastructure and adding new bike lanes to Telegraph Road between Deemer and James Streets to make the road safer for all modes of traffic. Improvements include:

- Traffic Signals at Deemer and James Street
- Center turn lane
- Bicycle lanes in both directions
- Two pedestrian crossings with flashing beacons
- Connecting existing sidewalks together

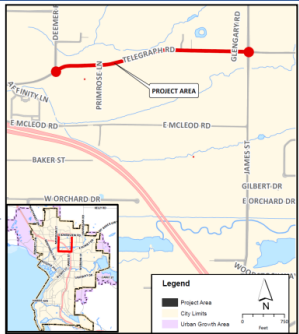
Traffic Impacts and Timeline

Work will begin in mid-February 2024 and will last until the fall.

Flaggers will be present during various stages of the project, but there are no detours proposed.

Bike and pedestrian access may be limited during construction.

Thank you for your understanding during construction.





Why are we changing?

As Bellingham is growing, we are working to make our city safer and better connected for people of all ages and abilities. This project stems from the community-led Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans with the goal of making our roads safer and more convenient for walking, biking and driving.

For more information:

Visit cob.org/project/telegraph or scan the QR code below to find project updates and more information.



Email:
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Construction Projects Open House

When: Thursday, February 16th, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Parkview Elementary Cafeteria
3030 Cornwall Avenue

Parking is limited, please consider alternative transportation

Why: Join us for an informational presentation and question-and-answer session about the bike and pedestrian improvements coming to your neighborhood in spring 2023. Learn how the projects meet City goals and what to expect during these construction projects in your neighborhood.

ASL and captioning available in English and Spanish.

Bike and pedestrian improvements coming to your neighborhood this Spring



Multimodal projects include:

Constructing new bike lanes, sidewalks, roundabouts, and pedestrian crossing improvements.

- Westside Non-Motorized (ES563) (Broadway to Nequalicum)
- Parkview Safe Route to School (ES560) (W. Illinois, Coolidge, Indiana)
- Illinois Multimodal (ES561) (Sunset to Lynn, Meridian & Girard)

Attend the Open House or visit cob.org/projects for more information and updates on these projects.



12th and Finnegan Multimodal Projects

A project is starting soon in your area!

This project will improve transportation safety at key intersections in the Fairhaven area by adding:

- A traffic signal at the intersection of 12th Street, Mill Avenue, and Finnegan Way
- Flashing crosswalks (RRFBs) at the intersection of 12th Street and McKenzie Avenue and 11th Street and Finnegan Way
- New on-street parallel parking, ADA accessible sidewalk, and street trees along a section of Finnegan Way
- Bike lane improvements

Construction impacts and timeline:

- There will be temporary closures on Finnegan Way and 12th Street
- Construction may start as soon as early spring 2025 and continue through the end of the year
- Impacts will vary throughout the year, depending on which component of the project is being constructed
- Visit our website for project updates

Thank you for your patience!



Project updates and more information

Visit cob.org/12th-and-finnegan, scan the QR code below, or email askpw@cob.org.

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Priority project

This multimodal project focuses on improving safety and accessibility along the 12th Street – Finnegan Way corridor, a vital gateway to the Fairhaven Urban Village. The new traffic signal, flashing crosswalks, and added sidewalk aim to reduce collisions, improve pedestrian safety, and improve access for all users. These improvements are crucial for accommodating the growing demand of the Fairhaven Urban Village.

Project funding:



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10. Other Public Meetings: List other public meetings held during this reporting period.

Identify efforts used to encourage citizen participation at those meetings. Detail dates, times, locations, attendance, and provide examples of outreach materials.

- This section will outline Transportation Commission Meetings and City Council Meetings.

Identify members of the LPA's transportation planning and/or advisory groups by race, color, and national origin.

- Transportation Commission demographics are listed under Question #2 of this report.

Specify methods used to collect demographic information from transportation-related public meetings. (Self-identification surveys, notes by staff, etc.)

- Demographic information was not collected at Transportation Commission Meetings or City Council meetings; however, the Title VI Public Involvement Form was provided at transportation-related open house events.

List any language assistance services requested. For which languages? Who provided the service? In addition, list vital documents translated during the reporting period and identify the languages.

- Language assistance services were not requested for the Transportation Commission during this reporting period.
- City Council language assistance services requested:
 - In early January there was a request for Spanish interpretation for a last minute agenda item that was added to the City Council meeting. The City was unable to fulfill the request as it was a last minute addition to the agenda and a last minute request. We provided a Spanish interpreter at the following daytime Committee of the Whole Meeting and provided interpreters for the regular evening meeting which included the public hearing. This prompted the City to provide Spanish translated agendas and Spanish Interpreters at all regular evening meetings going forward. The meetings are recorded and available to watch in Spanish as well on the Language Access page [Language Access at City Council Meetings - City of Bellingham](#).

[Transportation Commission](#) – Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Meetings take place in-person at the Public Works Pacific Street Operations Center (2221 Pacific Street). City boards and commissions returned to in-person meetings, with remote participation as an option. Agendas, minutes, and materials are available via the [City of Bellingham's Transportation Commission website](#). Assistive listening devices and qualified interpreters are provided upon request. ***Transportation Commission Member demographics are listed under Question #2 of this report.***

[Bellingham City Council Meetings](#) – City Council Public Meetings were held in-person with a hybrid remote attendance option. The Meeting Calendar is posted online ([Council Meetings - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)). Generally, City Council Meetings are held on Mondays beginning at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, located at City Hall (210 Lottie Street). The Council Chambers is fully accessible. Elevator access to the second floor is available at City Hall's west entrance. Hearing assistance is available, and a receiver may be checked out through the Deputy City Clerk prior to the evening session.

The Bellingham City Council accepts feedback during their meetings in two different ways: during scheduled Public Hearings and during general Public Comment Sessions (in-person or remotely via Zoom). Instructions are provided at the time of the Public Hearing or Public Comment Session. Community members can speak during a Public Hearing or the Public Comment Session. In addition, advance written Public Hearing testimony and general written Public Comment can be presented by mail or online. **All City of Bellingham construction contracts, consultant agreements and right-of-way acquisitions are approved at City Council meetings which are open to the public.**

- Spanish interpretation is provided at all regular evening meetings for both in-person and online attendees (<https://cob.org/gov/council/language-access>), including the

scheduled public hearings and general public comment periods. Agendas and previous meeting videos are available in Spanish on the City Council Language Access page.

- Agendas, notices, and minutes of all meetings are available via the City of Bellingham's website. Council Committee and Regular Meeting agendas and packets are posted at <https://cob.org/meetings>. A hard copy of the agenda packet is available for review from the reference desk at the Central Library or the Finance Office at City Hall.
- Council meetings are streamed live via the City's website and on the [City's YouTube channel](#). Members of the public who do not have cable or internet access may listen to the meeting via telephone.
- Members of the public can sign up to speak at meetings. Accommodations are made for people with disabilities and translation is available for people with limited English proficiency.

City Council – members of the City Council are elected by the citizens of Bellingham. Terms are four years, except for the at-large position, which is a two-year term. City Council contact information and biographies are available on the City's website ([Council Contacts and Biographies - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)).

2024 City Council Members	Race	Ethnicity	Female	Male
1 st Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
2 nd Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
3 rd Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
4 th Ward City Council Member	Black	US-Black or African American		X
5 th Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino	X	
6 th Ward City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X
At Large City Council Member	White	Not Hispanic or Latino		X

11. [Transportation-related Construction and Consultant Contracts \(if applicable\):](#) Briefly describe the process used to advertise and award construction contracts during this reporting period. Include the process for negotiated contracts (e.g., consultants).

[Construction Projects](#)

The Finance Department (Purchasing and Contracts Division) post bid opportunities on the City's Procurement Page (<https://cob.procurement.com/home>). Construction contracts are publicly advertised on the City's website and in the local newspaper, the Bellingham Herald. The advertising period is a minimum of two consecutive weeks for non-federal funded projects. For federal funded projects, the advertising period is a three-week period prior to opening of bids.

Additional information is posted on the City of Bellingham Purchasing webpage ([City Purchasing - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](#)). Depending on the Public Works contract amount, qualified firms are selected from the MRSC roster, or through a competitive Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. All federal construction contracts and all bid packages have appropriate language, goal setting programs and monitoring to address the use of minority firms in capital construction.

City of Bellingham policy is to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CF) Part 26 to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, including minorities and women, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in federally assisted contracts. The City of Bellingham does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award or performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Bid Contracts: Bid sets are made available to review on the City's Bid Portal. After the bidding period closes, the bids are opened and checked for responsive and responsiveness. Once the bid opening is held, the City completes the bid tabulation and evaluates the low bidder responsibility criteria. The bid tabulation is reviewed for accuracy and evaluated for unbalanced bid items by internal staff and the apparent low bidder is identified. Results are posted to the City's website. Projects are taken to City Council for approval and award of the contract. Smaller projects, \$350,000 or less, may utilize the Small Works Process and request bids from prospective bidders registered with Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) in lieu of a City Council approval process.

Consulting Services

The Finance Department (Purchasing and Contracts Division) post consultant opportunities over \$50,000 on the City's website (<https://cob.procurement.com/home>) and in the local newspaper, the Bellingham Herald. Upon request of the City's Project Manager, the advertisements may be placed in the Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC), and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) Publication. The advertising period is a minimum of two consecutive weeks.

Bidding and Request for Proposal (RFP)/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) opportunities are posted on the Procurement Process page under "Doing business with the City of Bellingham" webpage ([City Purchasing - City of Bellingham \(cob.org\)](http://cob.org)). Depending on the contract amount, qualified firms are selected from the MRSC roster, or through a competitive RFP/RFQ process. Once the RFP/RFQ closes, they are opened and checked for responsive and responsiveness.

Professional Services Agreements (covering non-Architectural, Engineering & Survey services) are advertised and evaluated using a weighted evaluation criteria that includes price in addition to other criteria such as experience and technical expertise. Proposals are evaluated by a selection committee of three (3) City staff. Interviews may be conducted as needed to complete the selection committee's evaluation. The pricing in the selected proposal will be the price used when drafting the contract.

Architectural, Engineering and Survey Agreements (only) are advertised and evaluated using a weighted evaluation criteria that does not include price. Qualifications-based criteria such as experience, technical expertise and references are used. Proposals are evaluated by a selection committee of three (3) City staff. Interviews may be conducted as needed to complete the selection committee's evaluation. Pricing is negotiated after selection of the most qualified firm. If the city and selected firm cannot mutually agree upon pricing, the City will terminate negotiations with this firm and seek to negotiate with the next most qualified firm. Should the second negotiation fail to result in a mutually acceptable agreement pricing, the city will seek to

negotiate with the next qualified firm. Under no circumstances will the city go back to a previously qualified firm to negotiate a contract.

12. Describe the actions taken to promote construction contractor/consultant compliance with Title VI by construction contractors/consultants, including monitoring and review processes, and their outcomes/status (e.g. what Title VI language was included in contracts and agreements; were contractors and consultants reviewed to ensure compliance; what Title VI responsibilities are explained to contractors and consultants?)

The City of Bellingham includes standard Title VI language in every capital construction contract. The following paragraph is included in all advertisements and requests for qualifications:

"The City of Bellingham in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration for an award."

The City of Bellingham does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award or performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. All federal construction contracts and all bid packages have appropriate language, goal setting programs and monitoring to address the use of minority firms in capital construction. Project engineers review information submitted into the Diversity Management and Compliance System (DMCS) through Local Programs on all federally funded projects.

Contractors and/or Consultants entering into an agreement with the City that includes compliance with Title VI, report directly to the DMCS. The City's obligation and limited involvement allows for monitoring only.

13. List construction, right-of-way, and consultant contracts with your LPA/MPO/entity for this report period with dollar value of each. Identify funding sources (federal, state, local, other), and how many were awarded to certified disadvantaged contractors (as a prime contractor/consultant).

2024 Construction, Right-of-Way, and Consultant Contracts are listed on the next page.

Project Number	Project Name	Contract Executed Date	Contract Value	Type of Service (planning, design, ROW, construction)	Contracting Party	DMWBE (Y/N)	Funding Source(s) (federal, state, local, other)
Annual Contract	2024 Cement Concrete Repairs	11/29/2023	\$1,348,223.32	Repair Services	S&S Concrete Construction Inc	Yes (DBE, WBE)	Local
Annual Contract	Annual Alley Grading Equipment Rental & Services	3/5/2024	\$42,305.25	Repair Services	Ram Construction	No	Local
Annual Contract	IDIQ Asphalt Pavement Repairs	5/15/2024	\$5,000,000.00	Repair Services	Western Refinery Services Inc	No	Local
ER015	James Street Bridge Replacement	4/23/2024	\$604,950.00	Design	Trantech Engineering LLC/now David Evans and Associates Inc	No	Local Federal
ER015/ER016	James & Meador Bridge Replacements	2/16/2024	\$8,517,996.61	Construction	Strider Construction Co Inc	No	Local Federal
ER016	Meador Ave Bridge Replacement	4/23/2024	\$551,175.00	Design	Trantech Engineering LLC/now David Evans and Associates Inc	No	Local Federal
ER018	Eldridge Ave – Squalicum Creek Bridge Design	12/10/2024	\$2,878,944.40	Design	KPFF Consulting Engineers	No	Federal
ER019	Electric Ave Bridge Load and Timber	6/21/2024	\$63,802.00	Design	Trantech Engineering LLC/now David Evans and Associates Inc	No	Local
ES473	James and Bakerview Intersection Improvements	6/6/2024	\$422,305.00	Design	RH2 Engineering Inc	No	Local
ES559	Neighborhood Overlays	9/16/2024	\$1,813,923.86	Construction	Granite Construction Co	No	Local
ES561	West Illinois Multimodal Improvements	3/8/2024	\$3,504,927.40	Construction	Dawson Construction LLC <u>*Subcontractors:</u> Finkbonner Flagging LLC – DBE, MWBE (\$585,023.80) Roy Finkbonner Trucking LLC DBE (\$3,870.00)	*Yes	Local State
ES562	Old Town Redevelopment	7/29/2024	\$361,192.00	Design	Wilson Engineering	No	Local
ES564	Meridian/Birchwood Round-about Phase 1	7/23/2024	\$2,591,662.82	Design	Transpo Group USA Inc <u>*Subcontractors:</u> KPFF (\$1,256,028) GeoEngineers (\$214,199) Wilson Engineering (\$100,620) WatershedSE (\$69,818) Trantech – previously DBE (\$53,071) Westland (\$26,009)	No	Federal Local
ES565	James Street Multimodal Phase 3&4	2/9/2024	\$863,217.00	Design	Transpo Group USA Inc	No	Local
ES567	Electrification of Transportation Phase 2	5/10/2024	\$1,647,719.40	Construction	Summit Construction Group Inc	No	Local State
WF023	Pine Street Crossing Design Services	11/7/2024	\$498,334.63	Design	Hanson Professional Services Inc	No	Local State

14. Education & Training: Describe actions taken to promote Title VI compliance through education and trainings, including monitoring and review processes, and their outcomes/status.

Achievements in 2024

- Language Access – evening City Council meetings provided Spanish agendas and Spanish interpreters for both in-person attendees and virtual attendees.
- Process Review - The Title VI/ADA Coordinator met with staff in Engineering, Transportation, Communications and Finance to discuss the City's Title VI Plan and accomplishments/goals report. We reviewed processes and included updated information in this report.
- Communication - The Public Works Communication Team reviewed outreach strategies and incorporated language access tools and notifications on printed materials. During open house events in 2024, Public Involvement Forms were provided.
- Communication - Public Works added a QR code for Project Information and translated materials to be printed on outreach materials, including construction notification mailers that are sent to impacted areas and properties prior to construction.
- Communication - Public Works started an electronic Newsletter in 2024 for external communications on a monthly basis, which can be translated into other languages on the webpage. The newsletter contains information about key topics, City updates, upcoming events, projects and how to provide feedback. ([Public Works Newsletter - City of Bellingham](#))
- Communication – Across the City we have Communications and Outreach staff that have updated project webpages to improve accessibility of content by writing in plain language, using alt text on all photos and using formatting that is accessible for screen readers. This also helps with language access for the translation tool available on our city website.

List Title VI training/webinars your Title VI Coordinator attended this reporting period. Include dates and entity that conducted the training.

- Training - City Staff attended WSDOT's Title VI Training in May 2024 (ADA/Title VI Coordinator, Engineering staff, Transportation staff).

When was Title VI internal training provided to staff? Who conducted the training? What was the subject of the training? Provide the job titles and race/color/national origin of attendees.

- Training - City Staff attended WSDOT's Title VI Training in May 2024 (ADA/Title VI Coordinator, Engineering staff, Transportation staff).

List other civil rights training conducted locally. Provide dates and a list of participants by job title and Title VI role, if applicable.

- None during this reporting period.

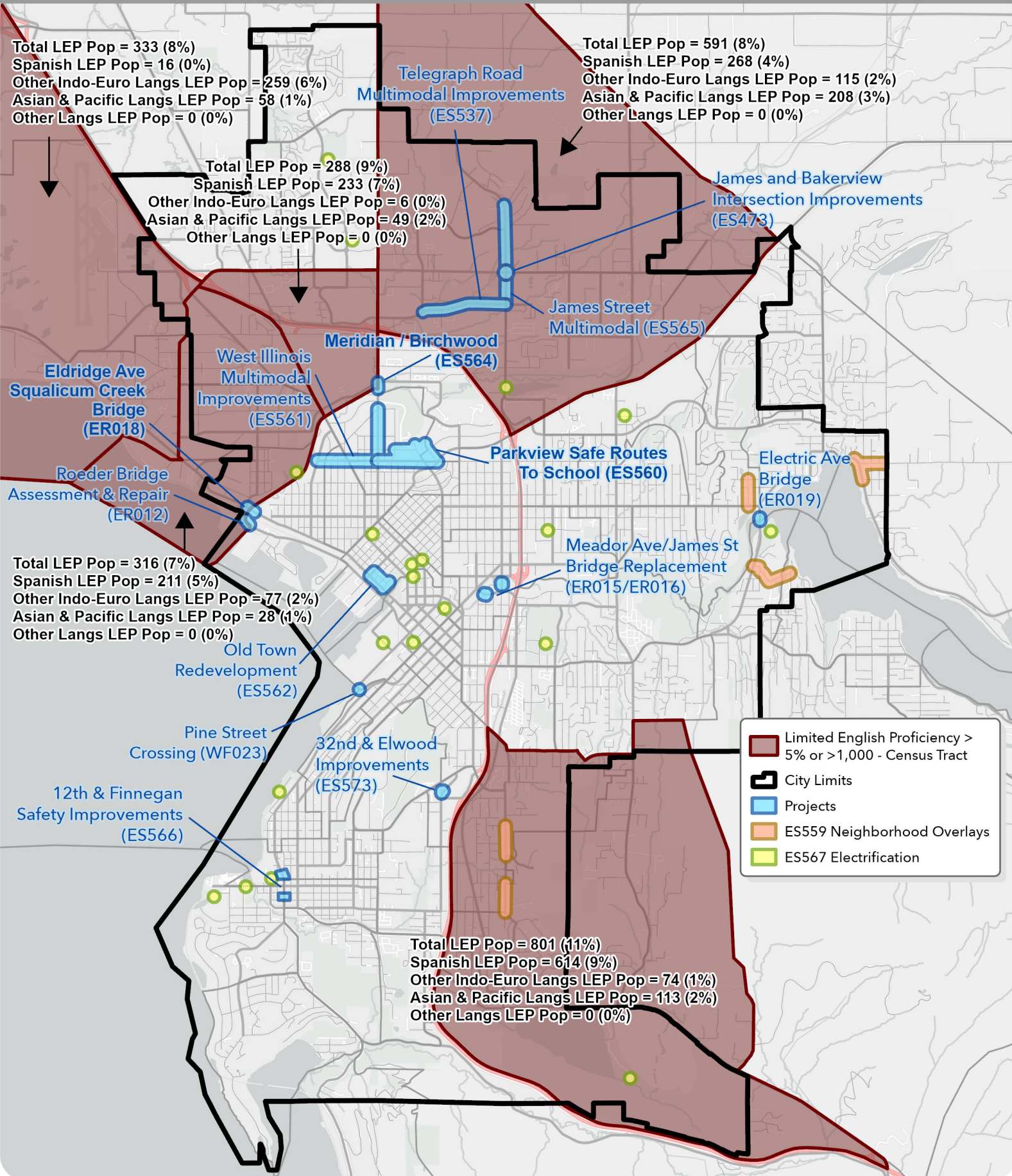
15. Title VI Goals for Upcoming Year

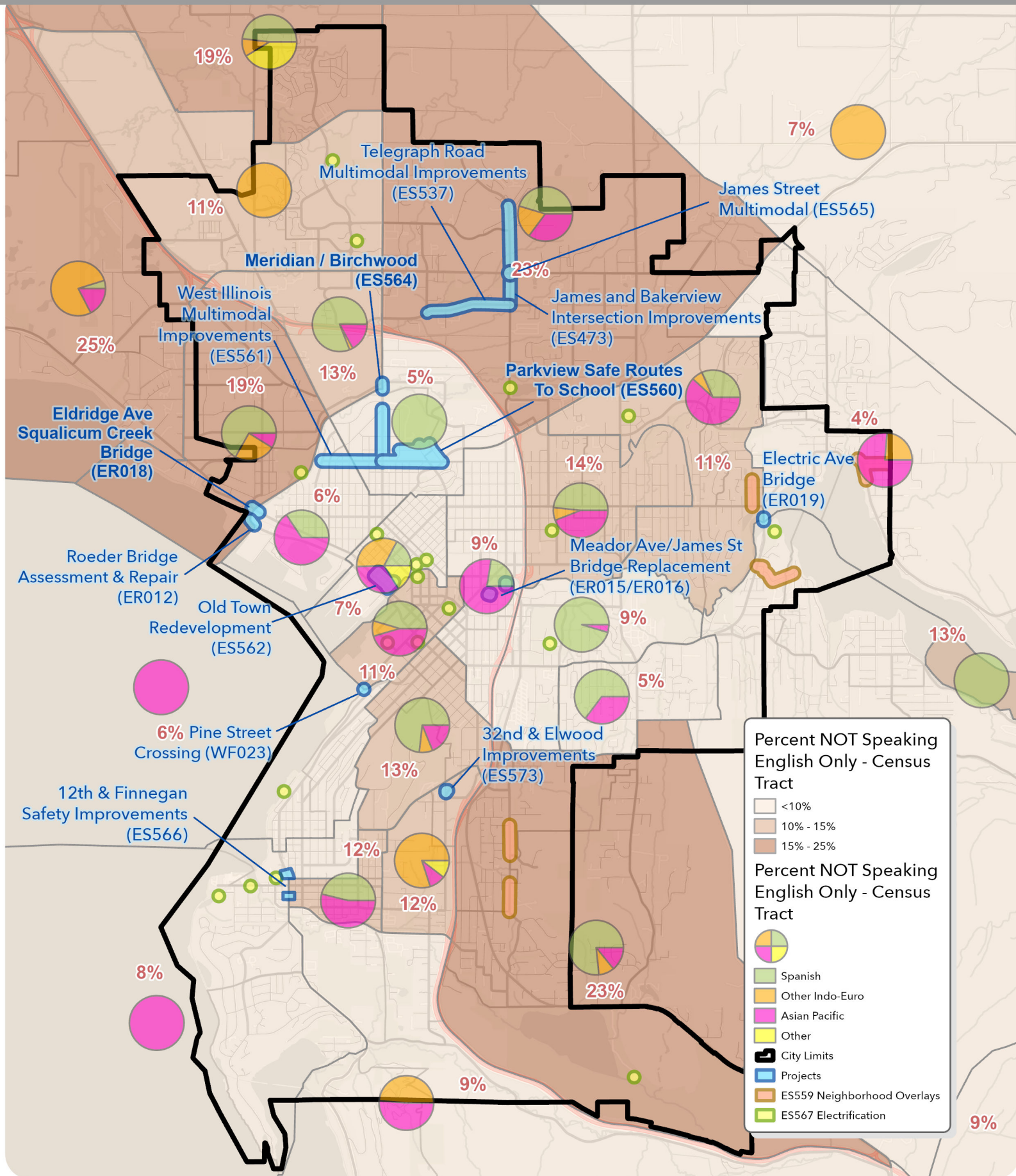
What area(s) of Title VI does your agency plan to focus on in the upcoming year?

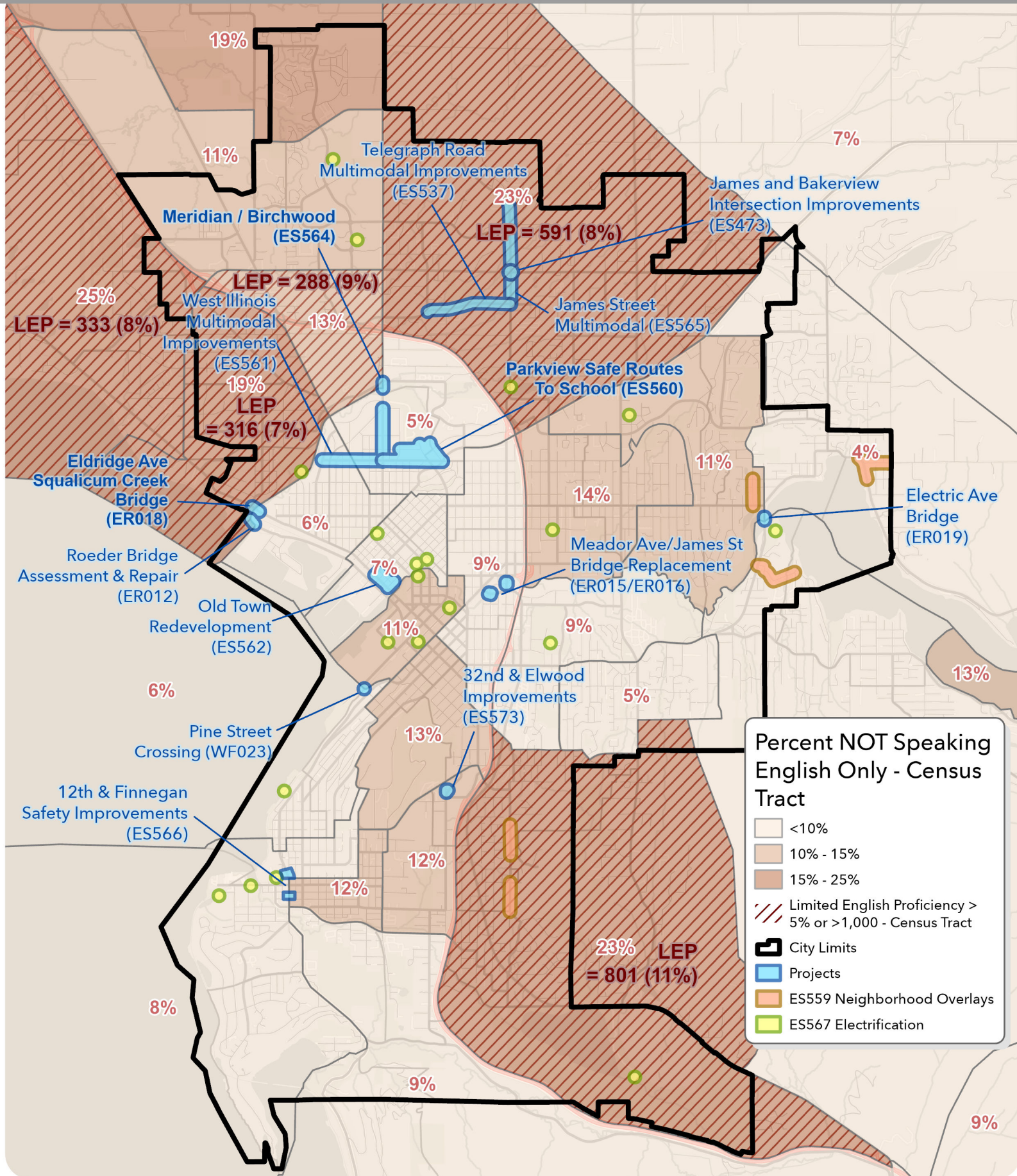
Describe by particular program area what your agency hopes to accomplish. Include any significant problem areas to focus on and plans to address those.

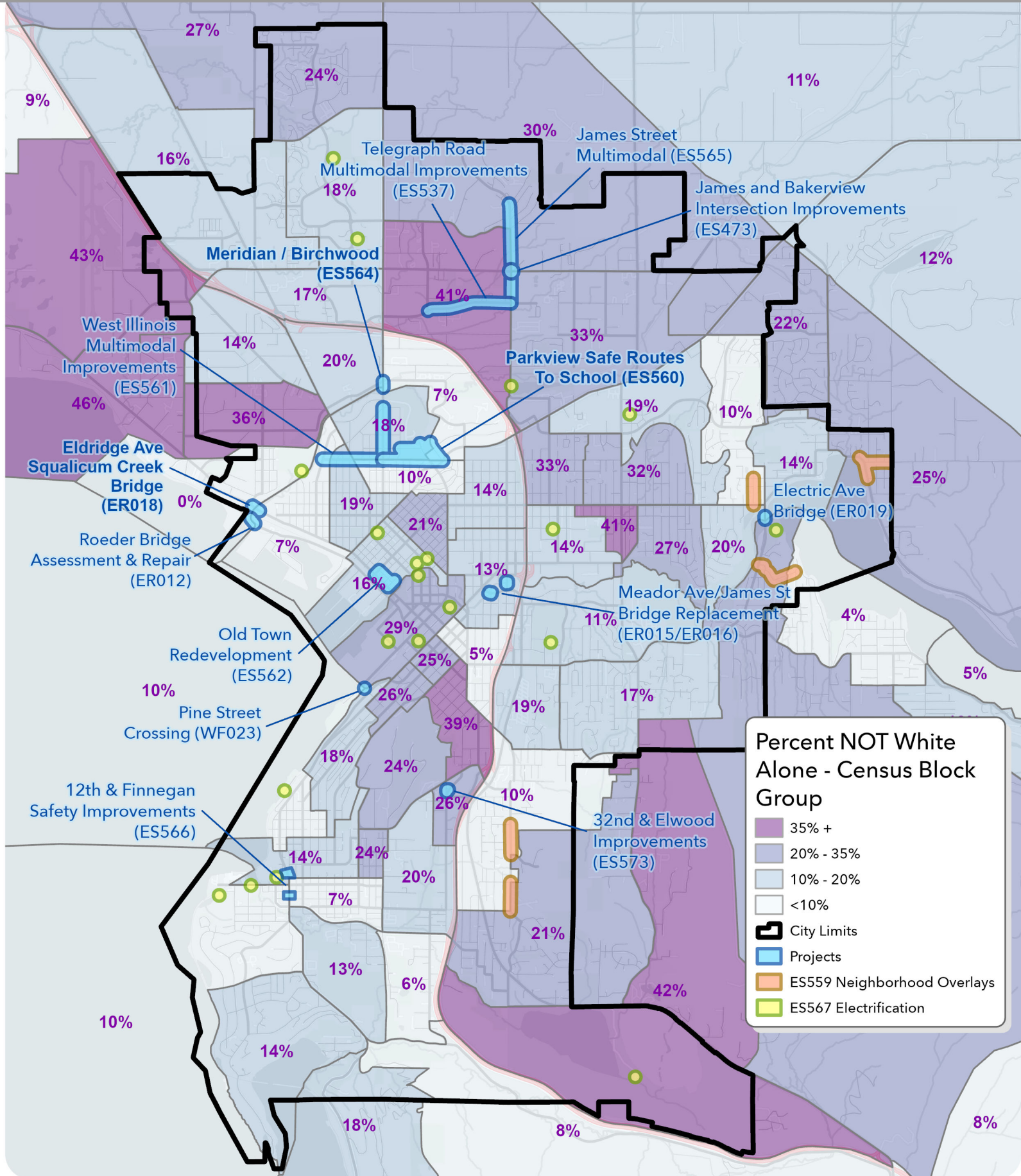
Goals for 2025

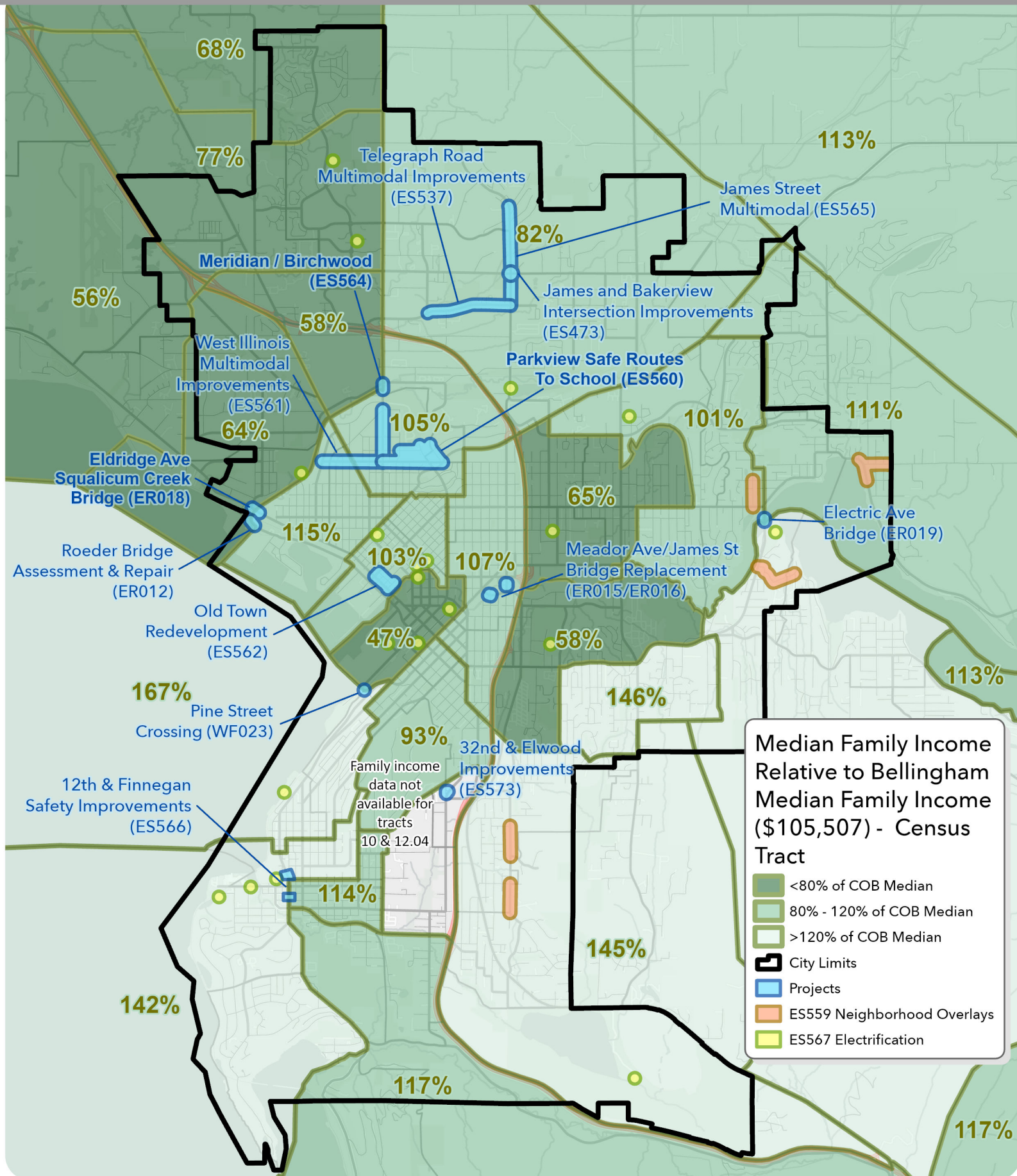
- Training – applicable City staff that are newly hired in Engineering, Transportation and Communications will complete the Title VI Basics Training for Local Public Agencies ([Title VI Basics for Local Public Agencies](#)).
- Communication Services - Establish Language Access tools and resources for City staff, as part of the Language Access Project Team. Determine vital documents to translate for City projects, meetings and website content. Provide standard translation text for all City projects and meeting materials. Record and track documents and related translation costs.
- Language Access - Translate the City of Bellingham Title VI Complaint Form into additional languages (Punjabi, Vietnamese, Chinese and Russian) when recommended by the Language Access Plan.
- Communication Services – Continue website content-focused projects including the Website Maintenance Plan and Web Content Accessibility project. These both directly correlate with Title VI initiatives to provide accessible content and documents that can be easily translated for City programs, activities and services.











Title VI Complaint Log

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Aplique para ingresar al grupo comunitario sobre el **PLAN DE BELLINGHAM**

cob.org/bellingham-plan-cwg



Fotografía de Jamie Ryland

Los miembros del grupo comunitario podrán recibir una remuneración de hasta **\$600 por su participación.**

La ciudad de Bellingham está trabajando en el Plan de Bellingham, el cual orientará el desarrollo, las inversiones de capital, programas urbanos, y muchas otras acciones para los próximos 20 años.

Animamos a que soliciten residentes o trabajadores en Bellingham, incluyendo:

- Personas de 18 a 24 años
- Personas con ingresos familiares anuales abajo de \$50,000
- Personas afrodescendientes e indígenas
- Personas que hayan sufrido condiciones sin hogar
- Personas con discapacidades o con movilidad reducida
- Usuarios del transporte público, ciclistas, etc
- Inquilinos
- Estudiantes
- Personas LGBTQ+
- Personas mayores de edad
- Usuarios de servicios públicos
- Veteranos y militares en activo
- Personas cuya lengua materna no sea el inglés
- Hogares unipersonales
- Trabajadores remotos

La ciudad está organizando un grupo de trabajo comunitario para representar a la comunidad en este proceso. En el 2024, el grupo se reunirá 10-11 veces para discutir temas clave y prioridades e informar la actualización del Plan de Bellingham.

¿Preguntas? Contáctenos.

sam@peaksustainability.com
(360) 595-5075

El Plan de Bellingham: Imaginando el Futuro de la Ciudad

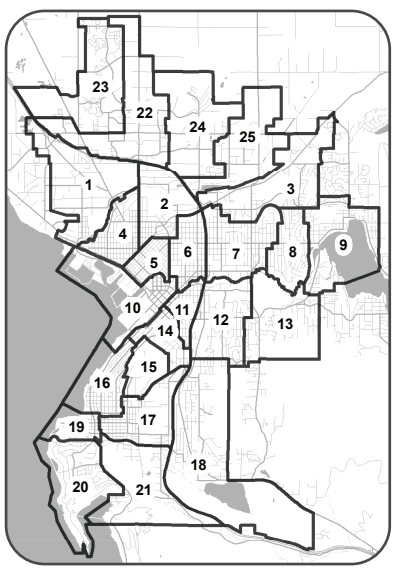


Su opinión es importante. Esta encuesta brindará información para The Bellingham Plan (el plan de Bellingham), que guiará el crecimiento hacia la visión para el futuro que tenemos desde hace 20 años mediante la actualización del Comprehensive Plan (Plan Integral) de la ciudad.

Aprende más o también puede realizar esta encuesta en línea en EngageBellingham.org/BellinghamPlan

0. Todos los que se preocupan por Bellingham pueden participar. ¿Vive, trabaja, va a la escuela y/o visita Bellingham?
- ☐ Yo vivo en Bellingham
 - ☐ Trabajo y/o voy a la escuela en Bellingham
 - ☐ Vivo y trabajo y/o voy a la escuela en Bellingham
 - ☐ Yo visito Bellingham

¿Si vive en Bellingham, en qué vecindario vives? Escribe el nombre del barrio o el número que corresponde al barrio en el mapa de la derecha.



1. ¿Cómo calificaría lo siguiente en Bellingham? Califique todo, luego identifique 3 prioridades de la ciudad para discutir en esta actualización.

	Debilidades mayores	Debilidades menores	Neutral	Fortalezas menores	Fortalezas mayores	Prioridad (3)
Abordaje del cambio climático	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Arte y cultura	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Diversidad de la comunidad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Experiencia en el centro de la ciudad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Acceso equitativo a los servicios	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lugares de reunión	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Atención de la salud	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Acceso a alimentos saludables	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Entorno natural saludable	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oportunidad de propiedad de vivienda	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vivienda para todos los niveles de ingresos	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Estabilidad laboral con salario digno	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oportunidades para negocios locales	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Espacios públicos abiertos	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Calidad de todos los servicios de la ciudad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oportunidades de recreación	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Seguridad en espacios públicos	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Escuelas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Opciones de transporte	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. ¿La ciudad debería alentar o desalentar los siguientes negocios en Bellingham?

	Desalentar	Neutral	Alentar
Galerías de arte y estudios	☐	☐	☐
Cervecería y fermentación	☐	☐	☐
Cuidado infantil	☐	☐	☐
Espacio de trabajo compartido	☐	☐	☐
Educación	☐	☐	☐
Eventos y festivales	☐	☐	☐
Industria y producción	☐	☐	☐
Negocios locales	☐	☐	☐
Espacios para fabricantes	☐	☐	☐
Museos y paseos	☐	☐	☐
Artes escénicas	☐	☐	☐
Negocios relacionados con la recreación	☐	☐	☐
Espacios para minoristas	☐	☐	☐
Restaurantes y cafés	☐	☐	☐
Industrias sustentables/verdes	☐	☐	☐
Negocios relacionados con la tecnología	☐	☐	☐
Turismo	☐	☐	☐



Puede devolver esta encuesta en papel directamente al personal de planificación en el Ayuntamiento (déjela en el buzón de finanzas marrón al frente) o por correo postal (dirigida a Elizabeth Erickson, 210 Lottie St, Bellingham, WA 98225).

3. ¿Cuáles de los siguientes servicios son más importantes para tener cerca de la casa? Elija 3.

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|---|--|--|
| ☐ Tienda minorista | ☐ Médico/clínico | ☐ Organización religiosa |
| ☐ Café/restaurante | ☐ Tienda de comestibles/mercado | ☐ Negocios de atletismo (p. ej.: gimnasios) |
| ☐ Cuidado infantil | ☐ Parque del vecindario | ☐ Escuela (de kínder a 12.º grado) |
| ☐ Centro comunitario | ☐ Cuidado de mascotas | ☐ Servicios (p. ej.: bancos) |
| ☐ Jardín comunitario | ☐ Biblioteca pública | ☐ Caminos (caminata/ciclismo) |

4. ¿Qué servicios para recreación (públicos y privados) son más importantes para usted? Elija 3.

- | | |
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| ☐ Pista cubierta para patinaje sobre hielo | ☐ Campos al aire libre (p. ej.: pickleball) |
| ☐ Gimnasio cubierto (p. ej.: fútbol, palestra) | ☐ Campos al aire libre (p. ej.: béisbol) |
| ☐ Piscina/espacio acuático cubierto | ☐ Espacio al aire libre para juegos de niños |
| ☐ Espacio cubierto para juegos de niños | ☐ Parques para patinaje o bicicletas |
| ☐ Espacios grandes o caminos al aire libre | ☐ Tránsito a espacios de recreación fuera de la ciudad |
| ☐ Actividades al aire libre (p. ej.: disc golf) | ☐ Acceso a espacios de recreación acuáticos |

5. ¿Qué 3 palabras describen el Bellingham que le gustaría ver en 20 años?

Preguntas demográficas opcionales: Su respuesta a estas preguntas nos ayudará a comprender a quiénes estamos llegando.

Ingresos anuales del grupo familiar

- ☐ Menos de \$25,000
☐ \$25,001-\$50,000
☐ \$50,001-\$75,000
☐ \$75,000-\$100,000
☐ Más de \$100,000

Identidad de discapacidad

- ☐ Discapacidad visible
☐ Discapacidad no visible
☐ Sin discapacidad
☐ Prefiero no contestar

Edad

- ☐ Menos de 18
☐ 18-24
☐ 25-44
☐ 45-64
☐ 65+

Raza/etnia (seleccione todas las opciones que correspondan)

- ☐ Asiático/a o isleño/a del Pacífico
☐ Negro/a o afroamericano/a
☐ Hispano/a o latino/a
☐ Indígena americano/a o nativo/a de Alaska
☐ Blanco/a o caucásico/a
☐ Multirracial o birracial
☐ Una raza o etnia que no se encuentra en la lista anterior

Identidad de género (seleccione todas las opciones que correspondan)

- ☐ Femenino
☐ Masculino
☐ Transgénero
☐ No binario
☐ Ninguno de los anteriores

Propiedad de vivienda/estado

- ☐ Soy propietario/a de mi casa
☐ Rento mi casa
☐ Otro

Estado de estudiante

- ☐ Tiempo completo
☐ Tiempo parcial
☐ No soy estudiante



¡Necesitamos su opinión!

Realice esta encuesta antes del 11 de diciembre.



En línea:
[bellinghamsurvey.com/
cbo-es](https://bellinghamsurvey.com/cbo-es)

El Ayuntamiento de Bellingham está evaluando cuáles son las necesidades y las prioridades de vivienda, y ¡queremos conocer su opinión!

La opinión de todos es importante. Solo le llevará unos 15 minutos en realizar la encuesta. **Si la realiza antes del 10 de diciembre de 2023, tendrá la oportunidad de ganar una de diez tarjetas de regalo de \$100.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta o comentario, puede enviar un correo electrónico a PRR (la agencia independiente contratada por el Ayuntamiento de Bellingham para llevar a cabo el estudio): research@prrbiz.com.



¡Gracias por su participación!

El Ayuntamiento de Bellingham
Departamento de Planificación y
Desarrollo Comunitario

HOW DO **YOU** THINK BELLINGHAM SHOULD GROW IN THE COMING YEARS?

Share your feedback with the
City of Bellingham through
this (quick) survey:

www.cob.org/how-we-grow



Comparta su opinión con City
of Bellingham mediante esta
(rápida) encuesta:

www.cob.org/how-we-grow-es



*Complete the survey by August 11th
for a chance to win one of several gift cards
to local businesses!*

Bellingham's population is growing and will continue to increase into the future. Where in the city should we support that growth and how should we plan for it? Join us in our efforts to update the Bellingham Plan, which will guide growth and development throughout Bellingham for the next 20 years.

Learn more about upcoming events and more at:
EngageBellingham.org/BellinghamPlan

La población de Bellingham está creciendo y seguirá aumentando en el futuro. ¿En qué parte de la ciudad debemos impulsar ese crecimiento y cómo debemos planificarlo? Colabore con nosotros en la actualización de The Bellingham Plan, que guiará el crecimiento y desarrollo en Bellingham durante los próximos 20 años.

Obtenga más información sobre los próximos eventos y otros temas en
EngageBellingham.org/BellinghamPlan



¡Complete la encuesta antes del 11 de agosto para tener la posibilidad de ganar una de las varias tarjetas de regalo que puede utilizar en negocios locales!



THE BELLINGHAM PLAN



PLANEAMOS EL FUTURO DE BELLINGHAM, JUNTOS

NECESITAMOS SU OPINIÓN SOBRE EL PLAN BELLINGHAM CONFORME PROYECTAMOS LOS PRÓXIMOS 20 AÑOS DE BELLINGHAM.

En 2023, la comunidad identificó una serie de prioridades para guiar el crecimiento de nuestra ciudad: temas como la asequibilidad de la vivienda, los empleos, el cambio climático y cómo la comunidad puede ser más acogedora para todos.

Acompañenos en el evento de puertas abiertas del

PLAN BELLINGHAM EN ESPAÑOL

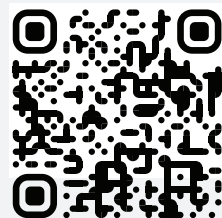
Comparta sus ideas y haga preguntas sobre estos temas. La totalidad del evento se llevará a cabo en español.

Jueves, 23 de Mayo de 2024

De 6 p. m. a 8 p. m. | en el gimnasio de Shuksan Middle School.

Asista en cualquier momento entre las 6 p. m. y las 7 p. m. para participar.

Se servirá una comida ligera.



Regístrese aquí. La inscripción es opcional, pero nos ayuda a planificar comida suficiente para todos.



Visite la página web sobre el compromiso del proyecto para conocer más, brindar opiniones en línea o confirmar asistencia para eventos. Los eventos se llevarán a cabo en inglés; Regístrese con su idioma preferido para asegurarse de que haya un intérprete disponible.

16 de Abril (Asequibilidad de la vivienda) | **15 de Mayo** (Vitalidad económica)

4 de Junio (Tipos de viviendas y vecindarios) | **17 de Julio** (Cómo crecemos)



PLANEAMOS EL FUTURO DE BELLINGHAM, JUNTOS

NECESITAMOS SU OPINIÓN SOBRE EL PLAN BELLINGHAM CONFORME PROYECTAMOS LOS PRÓXIMOS 20 AÑOS DE BELLINGHAM.

En el 2023, la comunidad identificó varias prioridades para nuestra ciudad. En los siguientes talleres abiertos al público se tratarán esos asuntos.

Asista a las jornadas de puertas abiertas u opine en línea sobre cada uno de estos temas desde principios hasta mediados de 2024.

Jornada de puertas abiertas de 2024

De 5 a 7 p. m. | Asista en cualquier momento entre las 5 y las 6 para participar.

22/2 Visión comunitaria (Sehome High School)

15/5 Vitalidad económica (Squalicum High School)

6/3 Comunidad vibrante, equitativa y acogedora (Bellingham High School)

4/6 Tipos de viviendas y vecindarios (Bellingham High School)

16/4 Asequibilidad de la vivienda (Sehome High School)

17/7 Cómo crecemos (Squalicum High School)

En estas eventos, todas las personas son bienvenidas, independientemente de su idioma. Para solicitar un intérprete de forma gratuita, llame al (360) 778-8310 o envíe un correo electrónico a theBellinghamPlan@cob.org tres días hábiles antes de la reunión o el evento, o lo antes posible. Para más información: engagebellingham.org/bellinghamplan-en-espanol.



Visite la página web sobre el compromiso del proyecto para conocer más, brindar opiniones en línea o confirmar asistencia para eventos.
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BIENVENIDO A

EL EVENTO DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS DEL PLAN BELLINGHAM

1

INTERACTÚE CON LA INFORMACIÓN Y LOS MATERIALES

Deje sus comentarios, ¡queremos saber su opinión!

2

CONOZCA THE BELLINGHAM PLAN (EL PLAN DE BELLINGHAM) Y CÓMO INFLUIRÁ EN USTED Y SU FAMILIA

Este evento abarca:

- Información sobre el proyecto
- Cómo puede seguir participando
- Vivienda asequible
- Acción por el clima
- Seguridad pública
- Espacios artísticos, culturales y comunitarios

Sabemos que puede tener muchas preguntas. No dude en consultar al personal con camisa azul. Disponemos de 2 intérpretes para facilitar la comunicación.

3

PARTICIPE EN DEBATES EN PEQUEÑOS GRUPOS

De 7:00 a 7:20 Primer debate (elija una mesa y preséntese al grupo)

De 7:20 a 7:40 Segundo debate (permanezca en su mesa; se repartirán nuevos temas)

De 7:40 a 8:00 Tercer debate (se repartirá un nuevo y último tema)

RECURSOS DE VIVIENDA

Búsqueda de vivienda

<https://cob.org/services/housing/housing-search>

Bellingham Housing Authority
(Autoridad de Vivienda de Bellingham)

<https://bellinghamhousing.org/>

Asistencia en el pago inicial para nuevos compradores

<https://cob.org/wp-content/uploads/fthb-outreach.pdf>

Reducción del impuesto a la propiedad para mayores y discapacitados

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/265/Property-Tax-Exemption>



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¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA ESO?

LOS PLANIFICADORES USAN MUCHAS EXPRESIONES. VAMOS A DESGLOSARLAS.

Grupo familiar Un grupo de personas que viven juntas, sean parientes o no.

Sobrecarga Gastar más del 30 % de los ingresos brutos en vivienda y gastos relacionados (según las definiciones federales y la recomendación de mantener los gastos de vivienda por debajo del 30 % de los ingresos).

Por ejemplo: un grupo familiar gana \$65 000 al año sin incluir impuestos. Si gastan más de \$1625 al mes en alquiler y servicios públicos, están sobrecargados. ($\$65\,000 \times 0,3 / 12 \text{ meses} = \1625).

AMI = Area Median Income (Ingreso Promedio del Área) Ingreso promedio del grupo familiar para una zona determinada. Esto lo define el gobierno federal para nuestra zona (condado de Whatcom) y significa que una mitad de los grupos familiares gana más que este número y la otra mitad gana menos. El número varía según el tamaño del grupo familiar. *Por ejemplo:*

AMI de un grupo familiar de 4 personas: \$96 000

AMI de un grupo familiar de 1 persona: \$67 200

Unidades de ingresos limitados Viviendas reservadas para grupos familiares con ingresos iguales o inferiores a un determinado valor, generalmente en función del AMI. *Por ejemplo:*

un grupo familiar de 4 personas con un ingreso de \$57 600 alcanzaría el 60 % del AMI ($\$96\,000 \times 0,6 = \$57\,600$).

Vivienda subsidiada Vivienda que cuesta menos que el precio de mercado porque alguien (por lo general el gobierno) paga parte del costo.

Condo(minio) Modelo de propiedad en el que cada propietario posee una unidad y un porcentaje de la propiedad. Una asociación de propietarios (HOA, por sus siglas en inglés) suele gestionar la propiedad compartida.

Viviendas asequibles con incentivo Unidades de ingresos limitados que se proporcionan a cambio de un beneficio para el promotor, como una bonificación económica o un aumento de la altura o la densidad.

Desalojo Desplazamiento de personas o empresas fuera de una zona, a menudo debido a la reurbanización de esa zona. Se trata de un problema que afecta a las viviendas más antiguas y asequibles, que pueden ser sustituidas por otras más nuevas y caras, obligando a los inquilinos a abandonarlas.

Viviendas intermedias Viviendas que se encuentran en una escala intermedia entre las viviendas unifamiliares y los edificios de apartamentos más grandes. La nueva legislación (House Bill [HB, Proyecto de ley] 1110) exige que la City de Bellingham permita una variedad de tipos de vivienda de hasta cuatro unidades por lote. Se deben permitir seis unidades por lote en algunas zonas, según la proximidad al transporte público y la asequibilidad de las unidades.



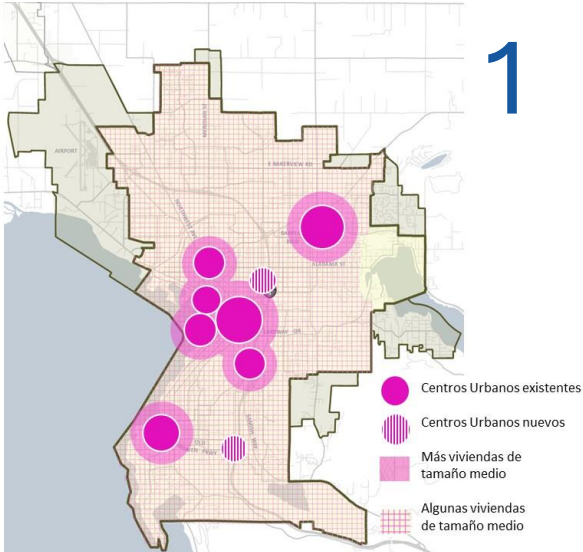
Queremos saber sobre... DESARROLLO DE VIVIENDAS

Estamos estudiando distintos enfoques para el desarrollo de la ciudad en los próximos 20 años. Nos gustaría conocer su opinión mientras los elaboramos. Todos los enfoques incluirán:

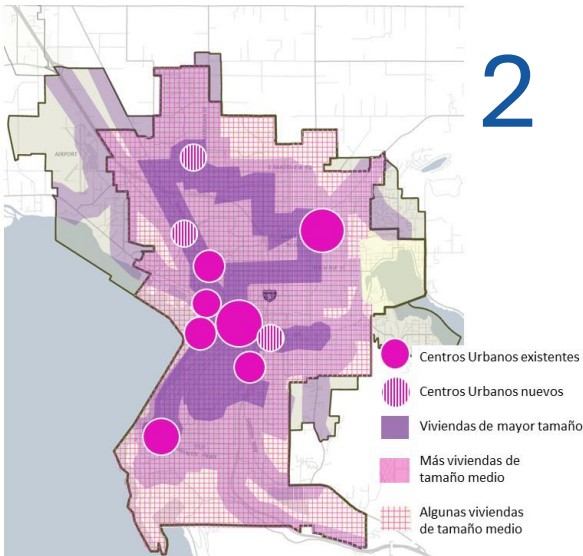
- La inversión y el crecimiento continuo en nuestros Centros Urbanos existentes (Downtown, Old Town, the Waterfront, Fairhaven, the Fountain District, Samish Way y Barkley), y
- Cumplimiento de las nuevas leyes estatales, en particular las que permiten varios tipos de vivienda y un mínimo de 4 unidades en la mayoría de los lotes residenciales de la ciudad.

¿Qué preocupaciones tiene sobre el desarrollo de viviendas que podría darse con cada uno de estos enfoques?
¿Qué se podría hacer para abordar estas preocupaciones?

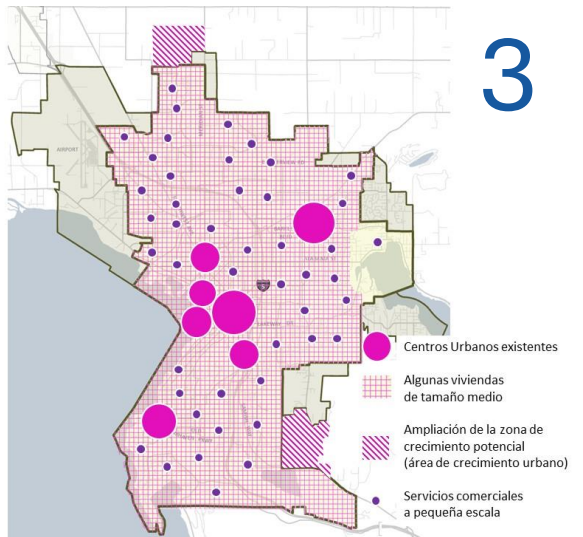
1. **Enfoque en Centros Urbanos:** Adición de dos **nuevos Centros Urbanos** y énfasis en viviendas de tamaño medio cerca de todos los centros urbanos.



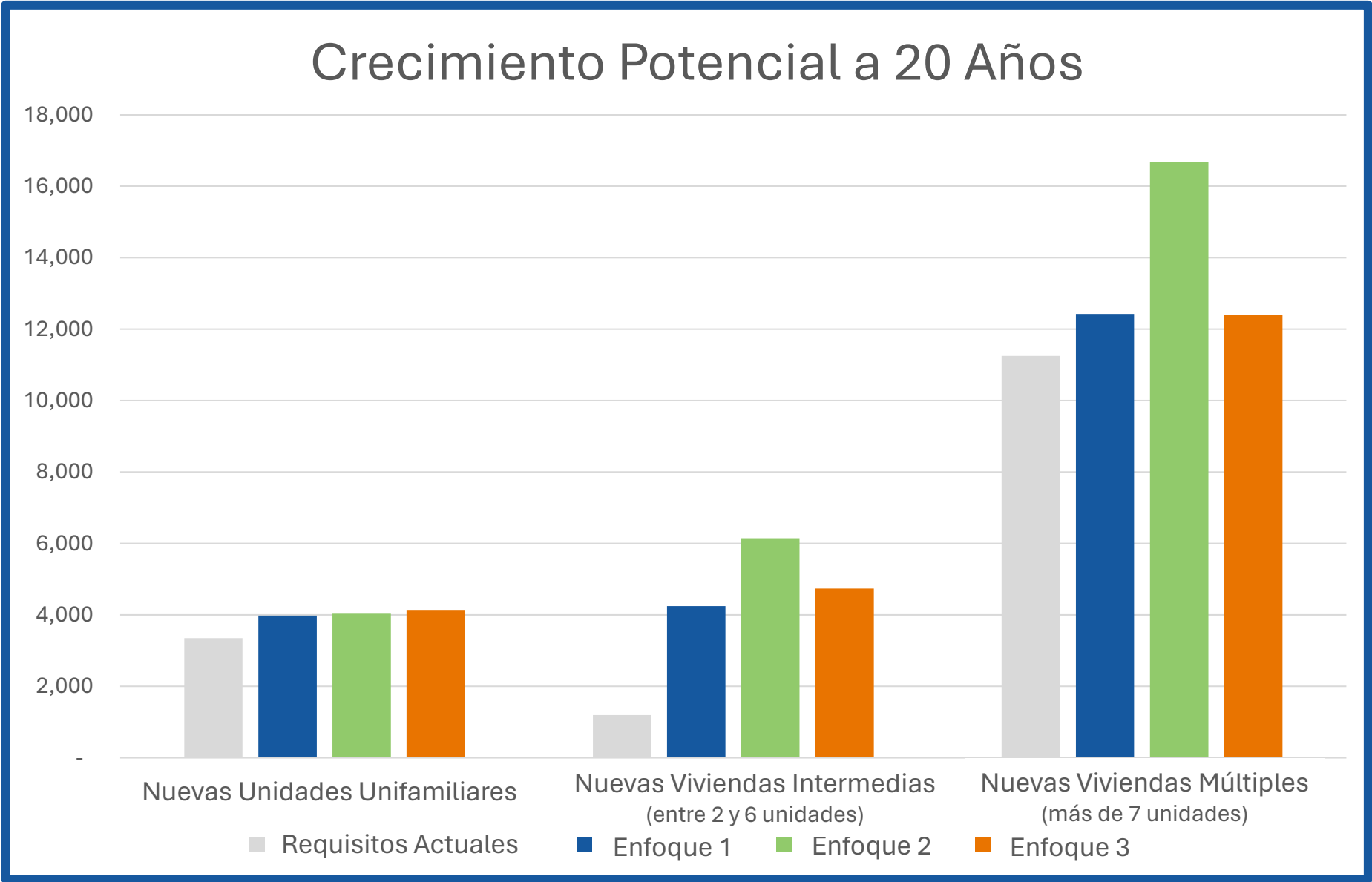
2. **Enfoque orientado al transporte público:** Foco en el nuevo desarrollo a lo largo de las rutas de transporte público de alta frecuencia, con viviendas de tamaño medio cerca de estas rutas. Adición de tres **nuevos Centros Urbanos** a lo largo de las rutas de transporte público.



3. **Vecindarios completos:** Distribución del desarrollo por toda la ciudad, con especial atención a los **usos comerciales a pequeña escala en todos los vecindarios**, con viviendas de tamaño medio en las proximidades. Adición de algunas zonas al norte y al sur hacia las que la ciudad podría expandirse con el tiempo.



Pase la página para ver algunos resultados potenciales de estos enfoques.



Este gráfico muestra el número potencial de unidades adicionales que podríamos esperar con los requisitos actuales y para cada uno de los enfoques descritos en la página anterior. Nótese que los requisitos actuales no tienen en cuenta la legislación estatal reciente que entrará en vigor en 2026.

Utilice este espacio para añadir notas si es necesario.

PLAN DE BELLINGHAM



CAMBIOS PROPUESTOS PARA NUESTRO PLAN DE CRECIMIENTO

Escuchamos sus opiniones. Estamos listos para compartir nuestra estrategia de crecimiento. Queremos saber qué piensa.

BELLINGHAM ESTÁ CRECIENDO. ¿CÓMO DEBERÍAMOS PREPARARNOS?

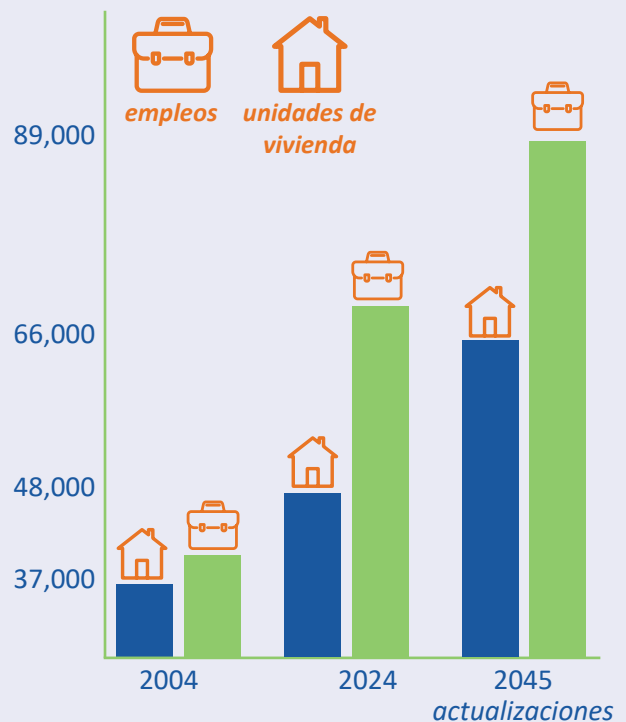
Es necesario planificar de manera intencional para contar con más viviendas, empleos y servicios.

El Bellingham Plan (Plan Bellingham) guiará el crecimiento de la ciudad durante los próximos 20 años. Aborda temas importantes como vivienda, transporte y resiliencia climática, y establece objetivos y políticas de alto nivel para la ciudad. Estos objetivos y políticas orientarán el desarrollo, las inversiones de capital, los programas municipales y otras acciones en toda Bellingham mientras trabajamos hacia nuestra visión para 2045.

La versión actual de nuestro Plan integral fue aprobada en 2016. La ley estatal requiere que actualicemos el plan cada diez años. En este momento, estamos en medio de un proyecto de dos años para actualizar el Plan integral, con una fecha límite en 2025.

NECESIDAD CRECIENTE

Debemos planificar miles de unidades de vivienda y nuevos empleos para 2045.



ANTICIPADAS PARA NUESTRO PLAN

Aquí verá las actualizaciones más significativas que proponemos actualmente para el plan de crecimiento de Bellingham. Los temas que se mencionan a continuación son tan importantes que aparecerán en varios capítulos del plan actualizado.

Además de lo que se presenta aquí, haremos el plan más corto, claro, fácil de usar y relevante. También añadiremos capítulos nuevos: Clima, Bienestar comunitario y Prácticas cívicas equitativas e inclusivas.



>> Consulte nuestras actualizaciones propuestas para cada capítulo en [EngageBellingham.org](https://engage.bellingham.org).

Actualizamos algunos aspectos, pero también mantenemos prioridades importantes de versiones anteriores del plan.

- Equilibrar las prioridades de crecimiento urbano con la gestión ambiental
- Barrios urbanos compactos con una mezcla diversa de viviendas, empleos y servicios
- Una variedad de opciones de vivienda, especialmente cerca del transporte, empleos y servicios como parques
- Una combinación de usos comerciales, institucionales e industriales para apoyar una economía local sólida
- Una red arterial diseñada para todo tipo de usuarios: automóviles, bicicletas, autobuses y peatones
- Parques de primer nivel y corredores de senderos verdes interconectados

BELLINGHAM PARA TODOS

¿Qué proponemos?

- Fomentar conexiones comunitarias más fuertes.
- Planificar de manera inclusiva y equitativa en toda la ciudad, con menos énfasis en la planificación específica por vecindarios.
- Colaborar con socios para definir el papel de Bellingham en el crecimiento del empleo en la región.
- Aumentar la eficiencia y la capacidad de respuesta de la ciudad mediante un enfoque coordinado y transversal de “ciudad integrada.”

La comunidad expresó...

- Todas las zonas de la ciudad deben ser parte del cambio equitativo.
- Las diferencias culturales deben ser celebradas y vistas como una fortaleza.
- Las personas de todas las edades deben sentirse respaldadas, especialmente las personas de la tercera edad y los jóvenes.
- Todos deben sentirse conectados con su comunidad y tener oportunidades para reunirse.

MÁS OPCIONES DE VIVIENDA

¿Qué proponemos?

- Apoyar el desarrollo de vivienda aumentando la cantidad de tipos de vivienda “intermedios” en toda la ciudad: hasta cuatro casas de estilo intermedio por lote, como en un edificio de cuatro viviendas o casas adosadas.
- Permitir edificaciones más grandes y más tipos de vivienda a lo largo de los corredores de transporte.
- Facilitar la construcción de viviendas, por ejemplo con estándares de diseño claros y predecibles.
- Fomentar el desarrollo de viviendas de ingresos mixtos mediante incentivos para la vivienda asequible.

La comunidad expresó...

- Los vecindarios de la ciudad deben ofrecer opciones para todos y una variedad de tipos de vivienda y lugares cercanos para reunirse y hacer compras.
- La asequibilidad de las viviendas debe alinearse con los salarios locales.
- Debemos tener viviendas suficientes como para que sea fácil encontrar opciones que se adapten a las necesidades de todos.
- Un diseño urbano a escala humana hace que desplazarse por la ciudad sea agradable. Human-scale streetscapes make it pleasant to get around the city.

CRECIMIENTO SOSTENIBLE

¿Qué proponemos?

- Planificar una red de núcleos urbanos interconectados por corredores de transporte bien diseñados, con opciones de transporte multimodal para todos.
- Seguir invirtiendo en aldeas urbanas.
- Permitir pequeños negocios, como guarderías o cafeterías, en todas las áreas residenciales.
- Ajustar las zonas en las que la ciudad podría expandirse.
- Planificar de manera intencionada para la infraestructura a largo plazo.

La comunidad expresó...

- Nuestras aldeas urbanas están conectadas por un servicio frecuente de transporte.
- Las personas cuentan con opciones seguras para desplazarse, especialmente a pie o en bicicleta.
- Los servicios y utilidades se han ampliado para estar al día con nuestro crecimiento.

RESILIENCIA CLIMÁTICA

¿Qué proponemos?

- Agregar un capítulo centrado en el trabajo climático, a la vez que se vinculan e integran los temas climáticos en todo el plan.
- Continuar con el trabajo de mitigación del clima para reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero de nuestra comunidad con el tiempo.
- Fomentar la resiliencia climática, preparando a nuestra comunidad para un clima cambiante y eventos climáticos más frecuentes.
- Apoyar más conexiones de transporte para ofrecer más opciones y reducir la congestión y las emisiones.

La comunidad expresó...

- La comunidad debe integrar la consideración del cambio climático en sus hábitos y decisiones.
- La Ciudad debe actuar como líder en la transición hacia un futuro más sostenible y resiliente.

¿DE DÓNDE PROVIENEN LAS IDEAS PARA ESTAS ACTUALIZACIONES?

Las actualizaciones se basan en una combinación de requisitos del Estado de Washington y comentarios de la comunidad.

¿LAS ACTUALIZACIONES PROPUESTAS COINCIDEN CON LO QUE QUIERE VER?



Comparta su opinión sobre nuestras propuestas para los temas clave de las páginas anteriores.



Profundice en los resúmenes de cada capítulo del plan y dé su opinión sobre las actualizaciones que proponemos para cada capítulo individual.



Confirme su asistencia a una de las tres reuniones abiertas que realizaremos en noviembre, donde podrá dar su opinión y conversar con nosotros sobre estos cambios.



>>Díganos qué piensa en EngageBellingham.org.

AHORA ES EL MOMENTO DE HACER COMENTARIOS.

Hemos pasado el último año recibiendo opiniones de la comunidad y desarrollando una estrategia de crecimiento basada en lo que hemos escuchado y en los cambios requeridos por las leyes estatales. Ahora, estamos listos para saber lo que piensan de nuestras ideas. A mediados de 2025, tendremos capítulos de borrador más detallados para compartir y podremos obtener sus opiniones antes de pasar a la fase 4: la aprobación legislativa.

2023-24	FINES DE 2024	MEDIADOS DE 2025	JUNE 2026
Fases 1 y 2 PARTICIPACIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD 15 eventos públicos, en persona y en línea ~850 visitas a eventos	Fase 3 REVISIÓN DEL PROYECTO Revisión pública de las actualizaciones propuestas Reuniones abiertas públicas y comentarios en línea	Fase 4 APROBACIÓN LEGISLATIVA Revisión de la Bellingham Planning Commission (Comisión de Planificación de Bellingham) La Planning Commission emite recomendaciones	Plazo para finalizar ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL CODIGO Actualizar nuestro código según la legislación estatal sobre vivienda

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination

Assurances

DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The City of Bellingham (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), is subject to and will comply with the following:

Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation-Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Washington State Department of Transportation.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted program:

1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard

to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Federal-Aid Highway Programs and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The City of Bellingham, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
 - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

- a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
 - b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the City of Bellingham also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the Washington State Department of Transportation access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to Washington State Department of Transportation, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The City of Bellingham gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Administration. This ASSURANCE is binding on Washington State Department of Transportation, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Federal-Aid Highway Program. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

EXECUTED this 22nd day of August, 2024 for the **CITY OF BELLINGHAM** by:



Mayor

Departmental Approval:



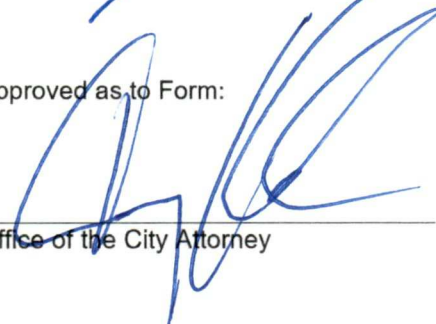
Public Works Interim Director

Attest:



Finance Director

Approved as to Form:



Office of the City Attorney

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Washington State Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Washington State Department of Transportation, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Washington State Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment,

unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Washington State Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the City of Bellingham will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Title 23, United States Code, the Regulations for the Administration of Washington State Department of Transportation, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the City of Bellingham all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the City of Bellingham and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the City of Bellingham, its successors and assigns.

The City of Bellingham, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the City of Bellingham will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the City of Bellingham pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
 - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the City of Bellingham will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the City of Bellingham will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the City of Bellingham and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by the City of Bellingham pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the City of Bellingham will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the City of Bellingham will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the City of Bellingham and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).