

East Link Project Update: December 10th, 2009



Connecting downtown Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond via I-90

Purpose of Today's Briefing

- Update on development of downtown Bellevue alternatives
- Seek Board direction regarding City of Bellevue request to evaluate an elevated alternative on the edge of downtown Bellevue

Development and Evaluation of New Alternatives

- November 16th Bellevue City Council
- November 18th public workshop at Bellevue City Hall
- Daylong work session with design team and City staff
- Joint evaluation using criteria from EIS process and City's Light Rail Best Practices process

C9T – 110th Tunnel



C9A – 110th At-Grade



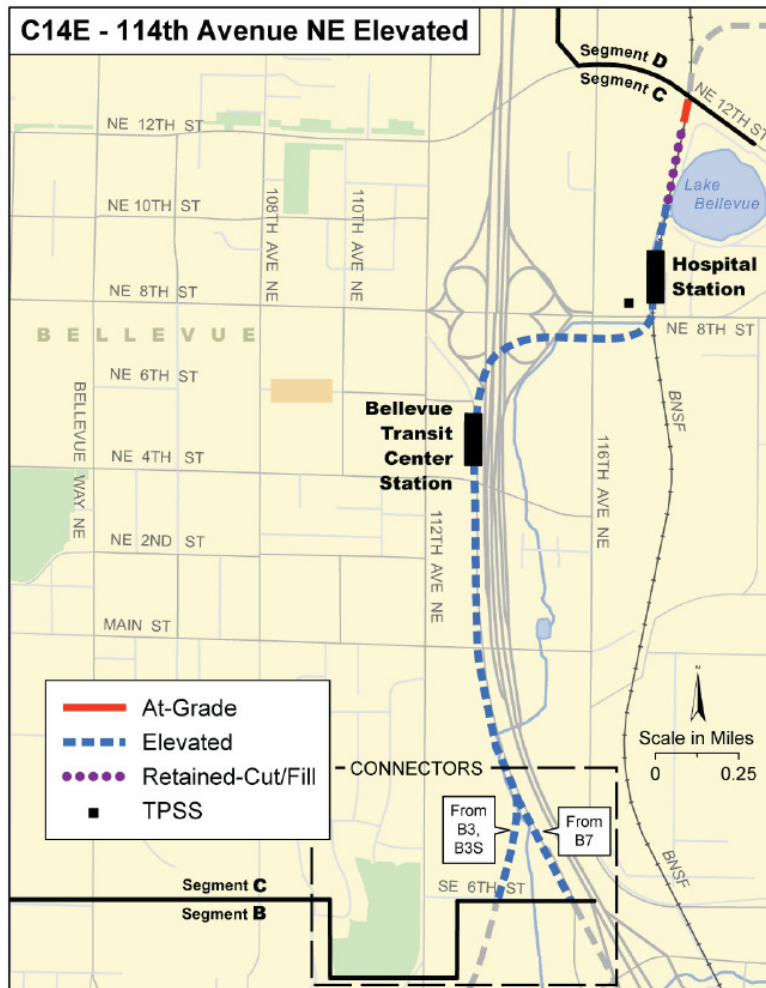
C11A – 108th At-Grade



City of Bellevue Evaluation Request

- Elevated on 114th as proposed by Councilmember Wallace
 - Councilmember's memo describing the proposal in your packet
- City of Bellevue request is for evaluation
 - City's preferred alternative has not changed
 - Letter in your packet
- City letter also states they will extend the time for evaluation of tunnel funding to coincide with the evaluation process underway for the new downtown Bellevue alternatives

Proposed Elevated on 114th



- Station proposed to be connected by 1,000+' moving sidewalk to Bellevue Transit Center
- Proposed elimination of E. Main Station
- Evaluation would provide additional information to environmental process

Next Steps

- Board direction as to whether to evaluate elevated on 114th
- Staff completes evaluation of new downtown Bellevue alternatives
 - Stakeholder outreach
- Board re-evaluates downtown preferred alternative in 1st quarter of 2010
 - Discussion begins February 11th
 - Potential action March 11th

Questions?

