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How can it happen?

Ongoing Community Involvement

- Affirm and enhance the vision established by the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) in 2018.
- Take into account new circumstances and ideas from stakeholders and the public.

Policy Development and Environmental Review

- Compare land use alternatives and development strategies.
- Develop a framework for accommodating growth.
- Set guiding principles for future land use and transportation decisions.
- Amend policies in Subarea Plan and Comprehensive Plan

Land Use and Zoning Standards

- Create Land Use Districts that reflect the preferred growth framework.
- Develop design standards and incentives to bring about our desired changes to the neighborhood.
- Ensure the vision and policies can be implemented with future development



For more information, please visit:
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Project Timeline



Spring 2022
Project Launch



Summer 2022
Affirm Vision & Re-Engagement



Fall 2022
Begin Policy Analysis & Future Land Use Evaluation



Summer 2023
Begin Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) and
Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) Process

August 2022



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Wilburton Vision Implementation

Transforming the west edge of Wilburton



What is the project?

Changes are coming to Wilburton! In April of 2022, the Bellevue City Council directed staff to implement the vision for the west edge of the Wilburton neighborhood area (aka Wilburton study area). The vision was developed by a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) in 2018. Council directed staff to update the vision to consider citywide growth targets, housing, sustainability, and multimodal transportation. This initiative will amend the city's policies and codes to facilitate changes that can help best achieve this vision. The city is proactively planning for growth and change over the next twenty years. The Wilburton study area will play an important role in supporting future housing, jobs, and amenities for Bellevue's diverse communities.

Vision

The Wilburton study area will become “Bellevue’s next urban mixed-use community that enhances livability, promotes healthy living, supports economic vitality, and serves the needs of a diverse and growing population. As Bellevue’s cultural and innovative hub, it serves as a regional and international destination that connects people and fosters community by leveraging its existing assets to define a distinctive sense of place and character.”

–2018 Citizen Advisory Committee Letter to the Mayor

Implementing the vision

Multimodal and Connected Network

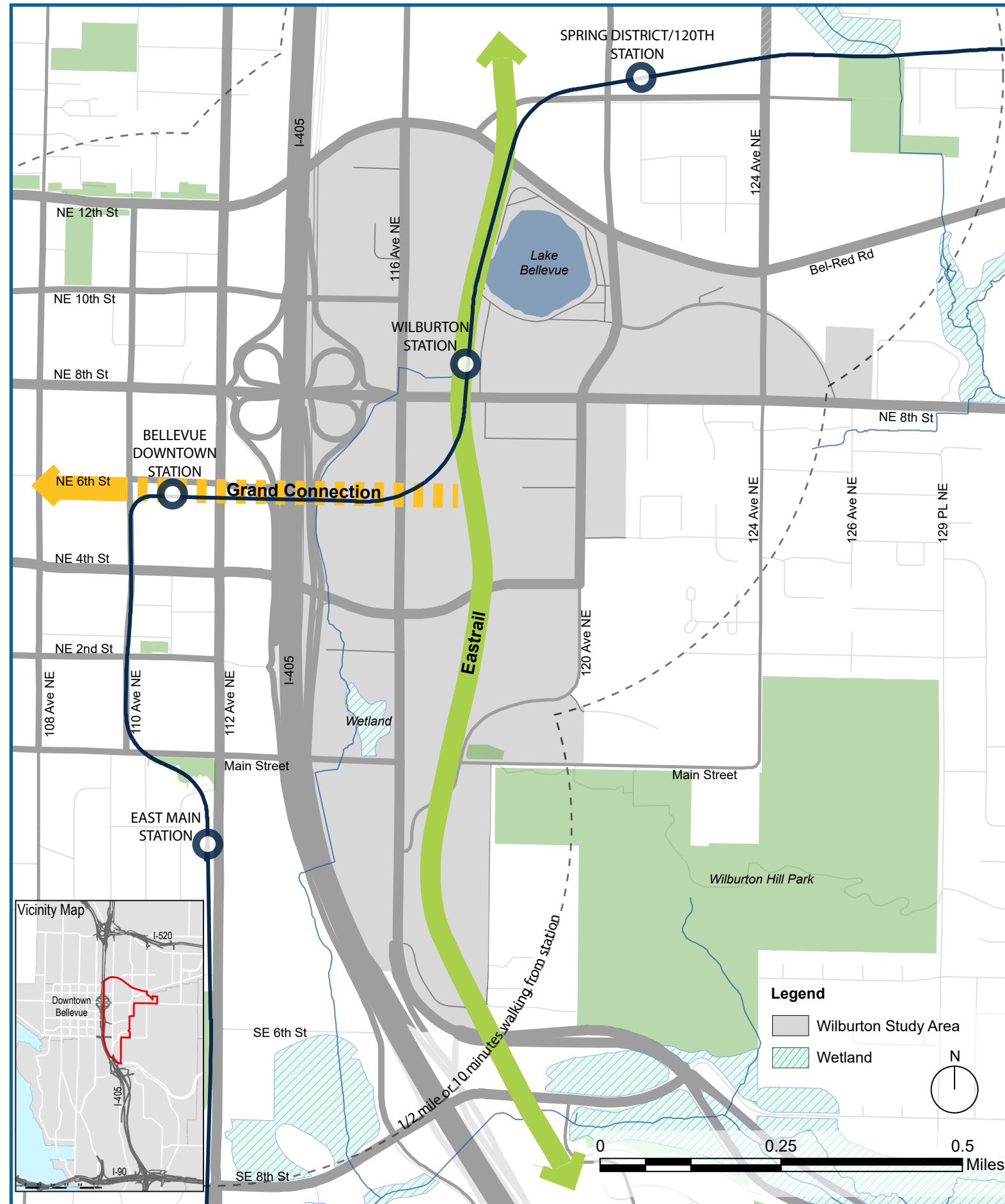


Regional investments in Eastrail and light rail are leveraged to create a walkable, bikeable, transit-rich urban environment. Wilburton will be served by four light rail stations within a 10-minute walking distance. New pedestrian-oriented streets are proposed throughout Wilburton to improve connectivity. An extension of NE 6th St into the Wilburton study area will improve vehicle and transit access to I-405. The city has also committed to eliminating traffic deaths and injuries by the year 2030 under the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Mobility Implementation Plan will further promote alternative modes of transportation in Bellevue. Combined, these plans can significantly improve connectivity and safety within Wilburton and beyond.

Natural Environment and Sustainability



Environmental stewardship is a core value for the City of Bellevue, and is essential for a healthy community, economy, and planet. Through changes to our land use and mobility patterns, the city aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. With Wilburton's ease of access to various pedestrian and transit amenities, this effort presents a unique opportunity to make significant gains for sustainability. There are opportunities to expand the urban tree canopy; and integrate green infrastructure, such as bioswales and rain gardens in future development.



Diverse and Affordable Housing



A dense, walkable mixed-use neighborhood centered around Eastrail and the Grand Connection is envisioned with a variety of housing opportunities including affordable options.

Economic and Cultural Vitality



The CAC envisioned opportunities for innovation, education, and economic growth. This includes promoting a diversity of businesses, leveraging City assets to enhance the character of the Wilburton study area, and providing opportunities for arts, culture, and small businesses.

Publicly Accessible Parks, Plazas, and Open Spaces



The CAC envisioned a large civic space in the core of Wilburton, along with a network of smaller open spaces throughout the area. These will be activated by surrounding land uses to create lively spaces for all to enjoy.