

## **PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST**

**Project Sponsor:** WSDOT (Submitted by Bellevue)

**Project Name:** NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension

**Project Location:** NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street (I-405 to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE)

**What type of project is it:** Corridors Serving Centers

**Plan Consistency:**

- Transportation 2040 project number: 4524
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes

**Project Description**

Construct an extension of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street from its current terminus in the median of I-405 to the east over the northbound lanes of I-405 and 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to a new intersection with 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. HOV/Transit vehicles only would be allowed on the portion from 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to the BNSF Corridor; general purpose/local access traffic would be allowed from the BNSF corridor to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The extension is currently scoped to include a four lane cross-section and a 14'-16' wide multi-use path.

**Project Benefits**

**BENEFIT TO CENTER**

- Complements the existing infrastructure along NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the Downtown Bellevue center – the Bellevue Transit Center and the Pedestrian Corridor serving the downtown retail, office and entertainment corridors.
- Provides added person-carrying capacity on the constrained downtown street network to better support planned growth in employment and residential uses in the downtown. Currently, the city has permits issued/pending for 1.2 million square feet of office/retail space and for several residential towers. Projections for growth in the downtown center over the next ten years anticipate 28,000 new jobs - many in the high tech industry - and 9,000 new residents.

**SYSTEM CONTINUITY**

- The extension of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street provides a new east-west route for transit and HOV users to bypass one of the city's most congested intersections, NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street at 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. This bypass improves transit reliability and reduces travel time for carpools and vanpools.

