

The background of the slide is a photograph of a meeting or listening session. It shows several people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. The image is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent orange rectangle that serves as a background for the text. The word "INSPIRATION" is faintly visible on a wall in the background.

# Great Neighborhoods

*Listening Session*

*October 18 and 20, 2018*

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Ice-breaker**
- 3. Presentation**
- 4. Facilitated Discussions**
- 5. What was said**
- 6. Closing/What's Next**



# GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

NORTHWEST BELLEVUE

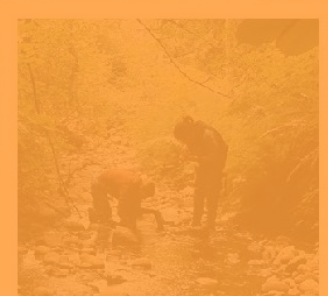
# Presentation Topics

- 1. What is this Program?**
- 2. What should I know about this Plan?**
- 3. Why is it important for my neighborhood?**
- 4. How we get there**
- 5. What we have done and heard so far**
- 6. How to continue the conversation and engage further**

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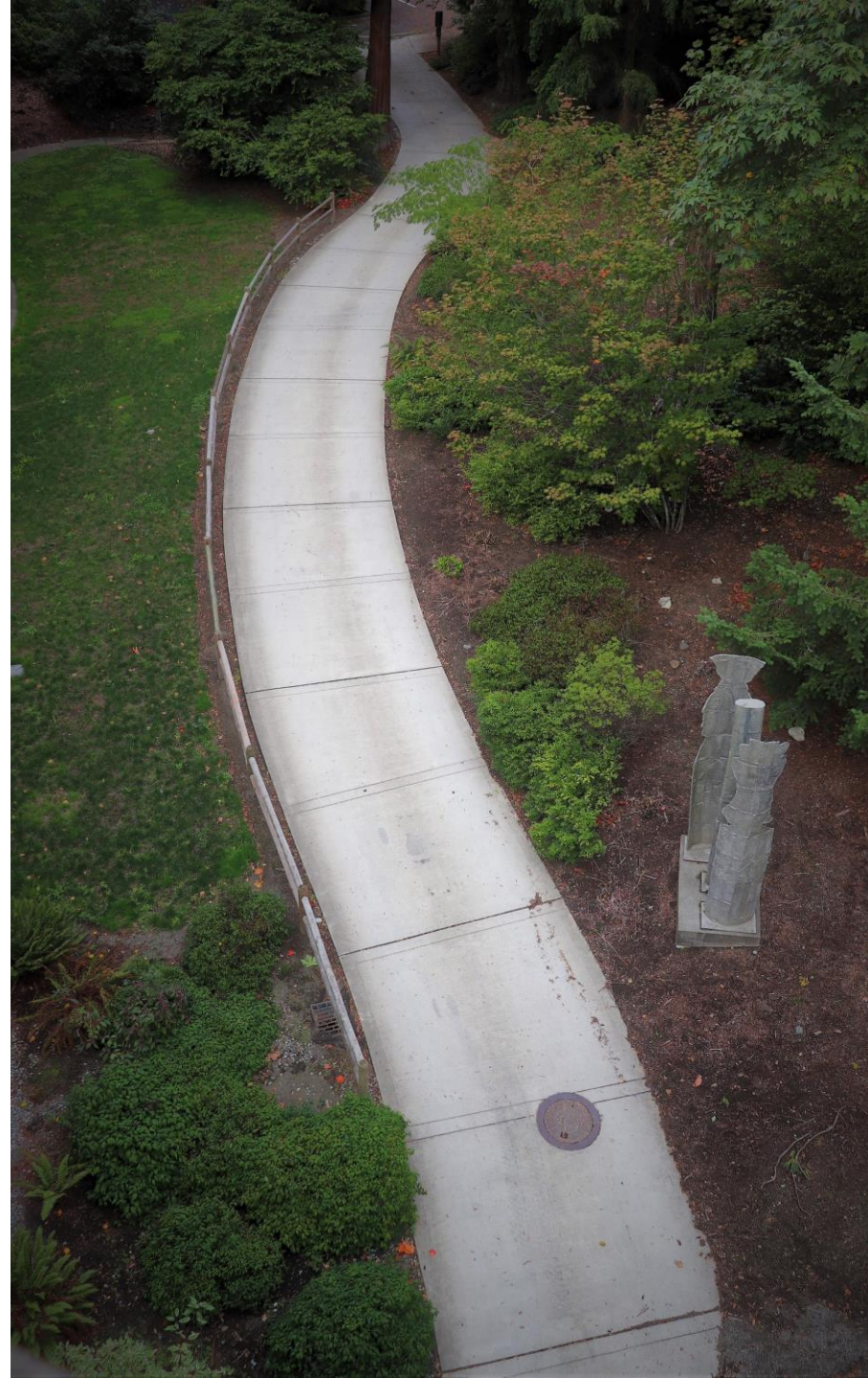
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# WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?



# Neighborhood Area Planning Program

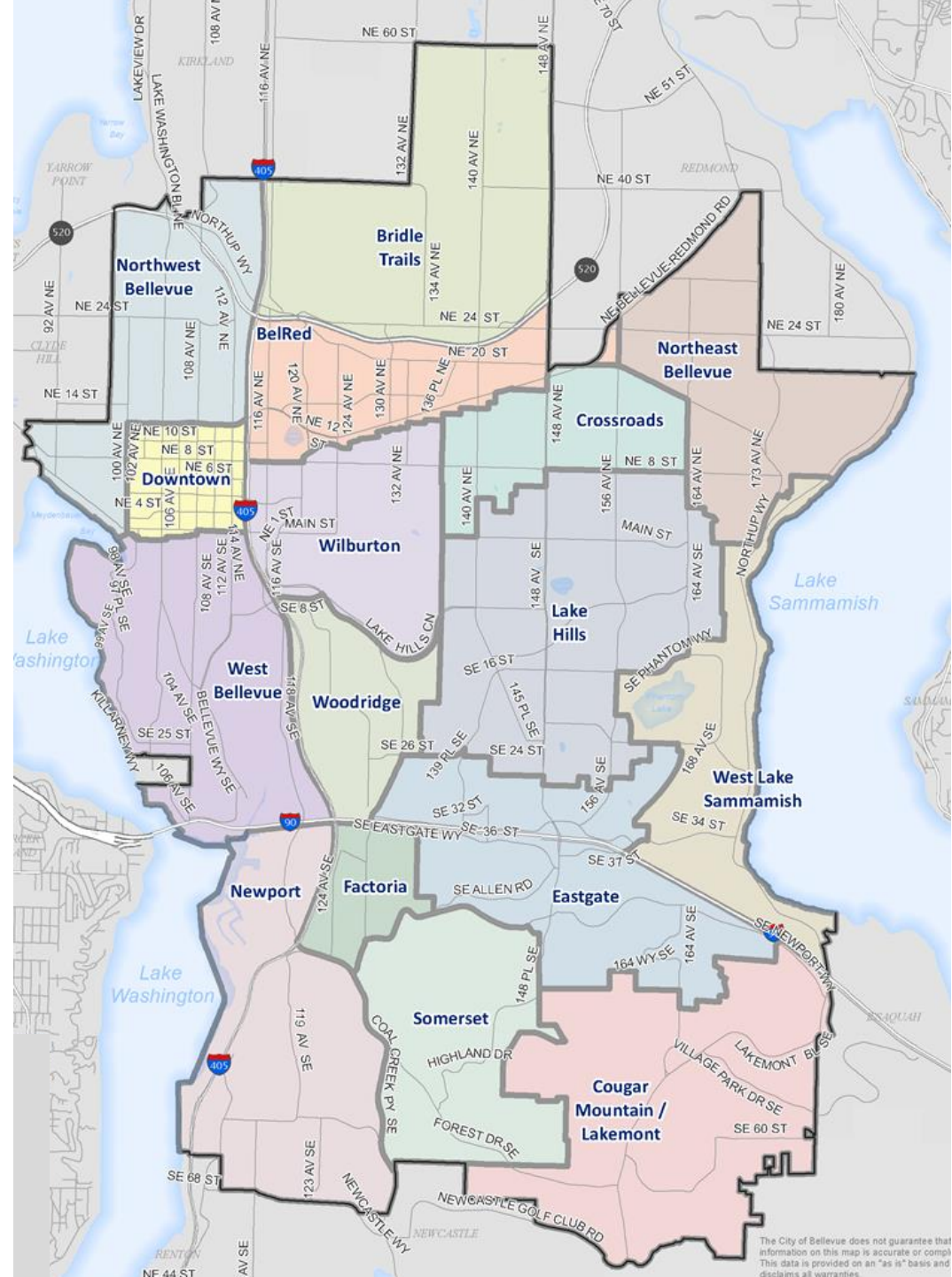
- **City-wide program kicked-off by City Council in August 2018 to update existing Plans**
- **Based on Comprehensive Plan**
- **Strategic, action-focused**
- **Ground-up community process**
- **Two neighborhoods per year**



# 16 Bellevue Neighborhoods

*BELLEVUE IS A COMMUNITY OF DIVERSE AND VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS.*

Bellevue residents live in a variety of distinctive, safe and attractive neighborhoods that provide amenities and opportunities for a high quality of life. The strong connections among neighbors contribute to these qualities and the ability of neighborhoods to respond to change.



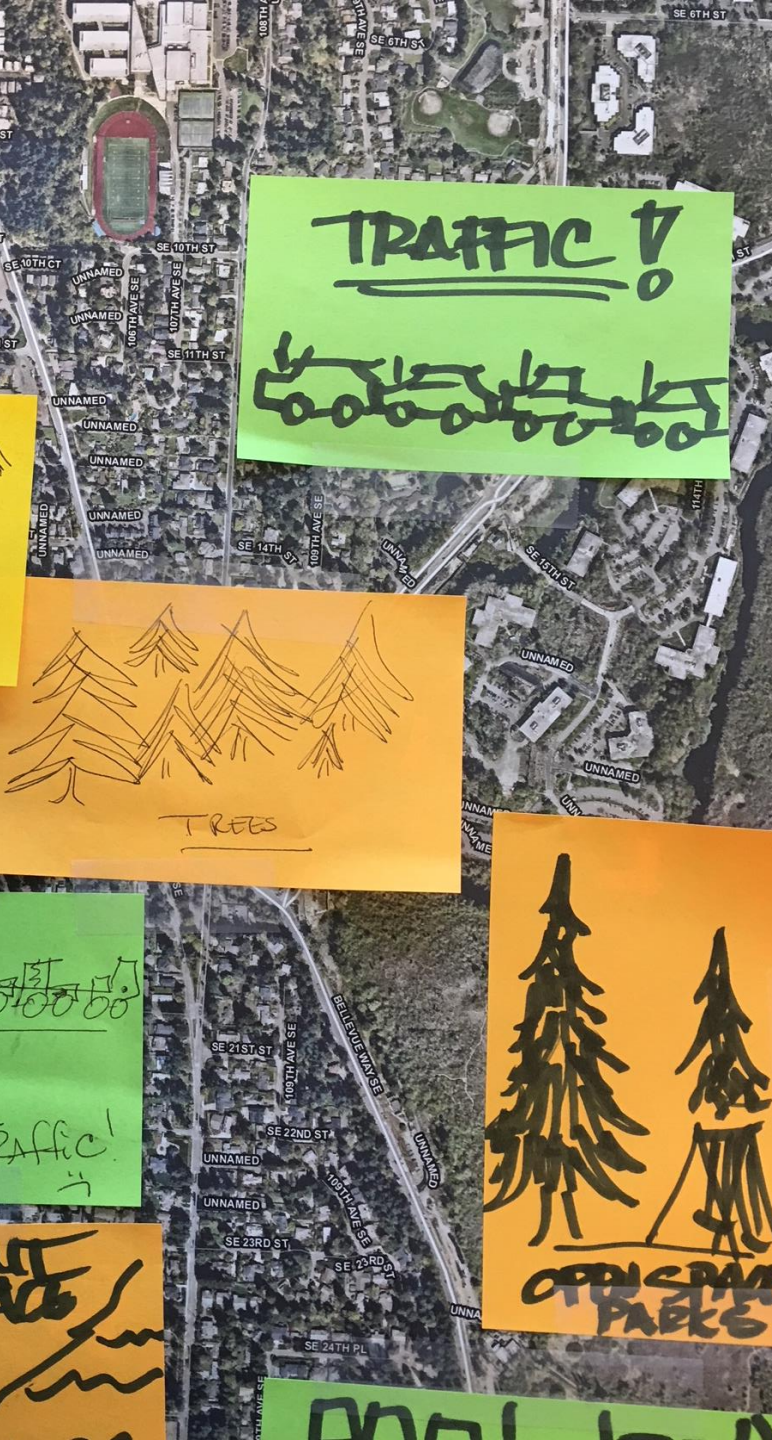
A large group of people is seated at tables in a conference room, engaged in conversation. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a patterned top and a name tag, is smiling and talking to someone whose back is to the camera. A white woven bag and a coffee cup are on the table. The background is filled with other attendees, some looking towards the camera and others in conversation. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter.

# WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT THIS PLAN?

# What should I know about this Plan?

Each neighborhood will partner with the City to update the existing Plan

The Plans are issue- and action-focused, meaning the top priorities of the community will be identified and further analyzed for the most appropriate strategies and actions





# What it is and is not

## A neighborhood area plan does

- Focus on neighborhood priorities
- Maintain consistency with the City's values and vision
  - City Council vision
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Land Use Code

## A neighborhood area plan does not

- Conflict with City-wide policy guidance or regulatory direction
- Result in actions that impact the entire city or region



# Outcomes




- **Neighborhood-based strategies and actions**
- **Inform future Comprehensive Plan updates**
- **Sense of ownership**



A group of diverse people are gathered around a large table, focused on drawing a map or plan on a large sheet of paper. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The text is centered in white, bold, uppercase letters. The background shows people in various clothing, some writing on the paper, and water bottles on the table.

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

# **This is our chance to...**

-  **Identify and address important local issues, community concerns, opportunities, and ideas**
-  **Empower each other to identify opportunities and constraints then develop strategies and actions together to improve our neighborhoods**
-  **Think critically about the ways our neighborhoods function and their impacts on our lives**



**And Importantly...**

**Through in-person and online engagement, we will identify the top priorities for our neighborhood**

***Therefore...***

***This is timely, relevant, and specific to our neighborhood's future.***



# HOW WE GET THERE

# Great Neighborhoods Central Tenets

- **Be on the ground, in the neighborhoods**
- **Listen and have a conversation with the community**
- **Understand the community concerns**
- **Organic and home grown is important**
- **A partnership between the City and community**
- **Focus on opportunities and ideas**
- **Call to action to empower the neighborhood**



# How we get there

**Partnerships and firm  
Commitment from both  
the City and the Neighborhood**

*Success depends on a  
collaborative relationship  
between the City and residents*



# Process

Phase 1

*Discovery*

Phase 2

*Develop and Refine  
Strategies*

Phase 3

*Review and  
Validation*

Phase 4

*City Review and  
Action*



Share information and identify neighborhood priorities

“Let’s get to know each other and share what we know.”

**Sept. – Jan.**



Strategic solutions and initiatives

“Let’s develop our plan for the future.”

**Feb. – Apr.**



Share initiatives and resolve issues

“Help shape our recommended plan.”

**May – June**



Legislative process, hearings and action

“Share your thoughts about the draft plan with Planning Commission and City Council.”

**Sept. – Dec.**

# WHAT HAVE WE DONE AND HEARD SO FAR?



# Neighborhood Engagement

## September Soft-Launch

- 2 Farmers Markets
- 1 Neighborhood Walk
- 1 Pop-up office
- 2 Small group meetings

*70 members of the public engaged during 16 hours in the community*



# Neighborhood Engagement

Top 4 Issues identified so far:

1. Walkability
2. Gathering Spaces
3. Ped/Bike Facilities
4. Land Use

Other issues identified:

- Traffic
- Parks
- Trees
- Sense of Community
- Neighborhood Character



# Neighborhood Engagement

*June 12, 2018 - Neighborhood Forum*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSCDES R\\_0RI&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSCDES R_0RI&feature=youtu.be)



A scenic view of a lake with houses and boats, overlaid with a large orange semi-transparent rectangle containing white text.

# HOW TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION AND STAY ENGAGED

# Upcoming Next Steps

## End of October – December

- Analyze input and report back to the community on themes
- Engagement will be in small-group settings and online

## January – April

- Poll the community for priority themes
- Hold additional public meetings to refine the themes
- Collaborate on the development of actions and strategies to address the top priorities

## May – June

- Develop a draft Plan
- Review and validate with community





# Through December

- **Pop-up Offices**
- **Walking tours**
- **Neighborhood photographs**
- **Small Group Meetings**
- **Neighborhood events**
- **Schools/youth participation**
- **Meeting-in-a-box**
- **Arts and artists**
- **StoryCorps/TED talks**
- **Traditional media**
- **Others? Let Us Know!**





# Great Neighborhoods

*...it begins now!*

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!***

# A SNAPSHOT OF NORTHWEST BELLEVUE

NO OUTLET

NE 29 ST

BELLEVUE

STOP

THE REGENT

# Northwest Bellevue

**9,200 persons**

**1,323 acres**

**Diverse and multilingual population**

**Balanced age distribution**

**38% renters**

**56% single family homes**

