

Downtown Bellingham Plan Comments from Boards and Commissions

Date Submitted:	Submitted By:	Comments/Recommendations:	Staff Recommendation: NC = No change to proposal C = Change to proposal DN = Discussion needed
2/11/14	Transportation Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connections with the Waterfront District are mentioned non-specifically on Page 44 and in POLICY 7.5. The City should encourage a grade-separated multi-modal connection to the Waterfront. 2. GOAL 7.3 should emphasize safety. Insert “safely” between “network” and “accommodates”. 3. The TC strongly supports POLICY 7.8. Insert “satellite” after “between” and delete the portion after “downtown Core”. 4. In POLICY 7.10 insert “temporary pedestrian zones” after “bike corrals”. 5. In POLICY 8.5 insert “, and connect to the transit system” after “long-term parking uses”. 6. In POLICY 8.10 change “the” to “that” before “neighborhood”. Add a sentence “This would apply to the City Center Neighborhood”. 7. Revise POLICY 8.15 to read “Provide safe and secure public bicycle storage facilities and on-street bicycle racks to meet the increased demand at transit centers, as well as near parking garages and public buildings.” 8. Clarify how the Transpo Parking Study and its recommendations fit into the Plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. C: Add a policy under Goal 7.3 to state: "Encourage a grade-separated multi-modal connection to the Waterfront". 2. C: Revise GOAL 7.3 to state: “Downtown’s sidewalk and trail network <u>safely</u> accommodates pedestrians and bicyclists and provides linkages to regional trail systems”. 3. C: Revise POLICY 7.8 to state: “Establish shuttles or other transit modes to transport people between <u>satellite</u> parking areas and the Downtown core, particularly for special events and the holiday season”. 4. C: Revise POLICY 7.10 to state: “Allow and support parklets, bike corrals, <u>temporary pedestrian zones</u>, and other creative uses of the right-of-way in appropriate locations to activate the street and provide public space”. 5. C: Revise POLICY 8.5 to state: “Peripheral lots and parking structures should be primarily dedicated to employee, resident and other long-term parking uses <u>and connect to the transit system</u>. Continue to price parking lots lower than on-street parking to maximize this type of use”. 6. C: Revise POLICY 8.10 to state: “Consider establishing a neighborhood parking benefit district(s) where net revenues from parking fees and fines are used to provide public improvements in the <u>City Center Neighborhood</u>.” 7. C: Revise POLICY 8.15 to read: “Provide safe and secure public bicycle storage facilities and on-street bicycle racks <u>to meet the increased demand at transit centers, as well as near parking garages, transit centers and public buildings</u>”. 8. C: Revise the language regarding the Downtown Parking Study on page 53 to read: “<u>See the 2013 Downtown Parking Study for additional recommendations. Note: See the City Center Implementation Strategy for recommendations intended to address the</u>”

			<i>parking goals and policies listed in this chapter</i> ".
2/11/14	Historic Preservation Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise GOAL 3.6 to add "social" before "economic" and "and environmental" after "economic". 2. Revise POLICY 3.17 to remove "small-scale" before "features". 3. Revise POLICY 5.16 to add "unique history" after "atmosphere". 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. C: Revise GOAL 3.6 to state: "Downtown's historic buildings are preserved to maintain a link with the past and contribute to the <u>social</u>, <u>economic</u> and <u>environmental</u> vitality of the City". 2. C: Revise POLICY 3.17 to state: "The City should, whenever possible, uncover, preserve and restore historic landscape features such as rail tracks, brick streets, granite curbs, glass sidewalk prisms, and other small-scale features that tell the story of Downtown's layered history. If preservation is not possible, the City should photo document artifacts prior to removal". 3. C: Revise POLICY 5.16 to state: "Support efforts to develop a unified brand image and advertising campaigns, highlighting easy access, energetic atmosphere, <u>unique history</u> and strong local economy".
3/12/14	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	Recommended approval of the Downtown Bellingham Plan during their March 12, 2014 meeting.	NC: Noted.