

## Downtown Bellevue Walking Audits

Walking is the way many people get around in Downtown Bellevue. As Downtown grows, more and more people will choose to walk – to work, shopping, transit, and recreation. On December 1 and 3, the public is invited to join the City of Bellevue and Feet First (a Seattle-based organization that promotes walkable communities) in a series of conversations and walks in Downtown Bellevue to help identify ways to improve the pedestrian experience.

The walks are part of the Downtown Transportation Plan Update, a comprehensive look for transportation strategies that will accommodate the expected growth in Downtown Bellevue over the next two decades. Each walk will take about 90 minutes and will begin with a short presentation by Feet First to describe the purpose of the walk and how to contribute ideas. If it's raining, bring a poncho or umbrella as the walks will go rain or shine!

At lunch time on Thursday, December 1st, the walk will cover the central part of Downtown, focusing on a sample of destinations for lunch, shopping, transit or errands. A short presentation will begin at 11:45 AM. Sign-in will be in the lower lobby of the Key Center Building at the northwest corner of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, across from the Transit Center. The walk will wrap up by 1:15 PM.

On Saturday morning, December 3rd, the walk will follow a route on the north side of Downtown. During this walk residents can share their experiences walking in Downtown Bellevue. The overview presentation will begin at 9:00 AM at Top Pot Doughnuts (10600 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Place), and the walk will conclude at 10:30 AM.

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<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm>