

## **Comments by Vic Bishop to PSRC on the web site comment system to the 2026 Draft Update to the 2050 RTP**

The Draft 2026 Update of the Regional Transportation 2050 Plan has a fundamental flaw as it relates to transportation in East King County. It eliminates from the plan about \$11 Billion of capacity projects on the I 405 Corridor that are an integral part of the I 405 Master Plan.

The I 405 Master Plan is the result of 3 years of analysis (1999-2001), a full NEPA FEIS, a USDOT Record of Decision issued in 2002, and fully adopted by every City, transit agency, King County, WSDOT and FHWA. The I 405 Master Plan includes 'up to two additional general-purpose lanes' from Tukwila to Lynnwood plus multiple interchange rebuilds, auxiliary lanes, hill climbing lanes, and HOV enhancements. The current 2050 RTP includes all of these elements. WSDOT has been building the elements of the Master Plan since 2002 and claims that it is over 65% funded and 55% complete and open to traffic. About \$1 Billion of I 405 projects are currently under construction. To truncate the Master Plan at this time is not acceptable.

The entire City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan is based on the completion of the I 405 Master Plan as well as the light rail completion to Seattle and Issaquah. The PSRC travel forecast model shows that after those projects are complete the I 405 Corridor will be the lifeblood of Bellevue and the entire East King County.

The relatively modest cost of \$11 Billion is what supports the 3/4 or so of all daily trips that the I 405 corridor serves. The \$182+ Billion Sound Transit light rail program is projected to carry about 3% of the total trips.

I have a list of projects that add up to \$11 Billion that were in the prior RTP and are not included in the proposed RTP. I will email that list separately.

<b>Eastside Transportation Association (ETA), Victor H. Bishop, P.E., Chair Emeritus</b>						
<b>ETA's PSRC Project List of I 405 Approved Master Plan Projects not included in the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation 2050 Plan</b>						
						2-2-2026
		<b>Estimated</b>				
<b>Capacity Projects</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>Leg.</b>	<b>PSRC App. D2</b>	<b>MTP</b>
		<b>\$ Million</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>District(s)</b>	<b>Project #</b>	<b>Status</b>
Projects Not /resubmitted for the 2026 RTP All "Change to Project Parameters"						
I 405 :I 5 to SR 167, ETL 2nd lane, SR 181 IC, <b>Tukwila, Renton</b>	\$	466	1	<b>11</b>	4364	Candidate
I 405: SR 167 Interchange SR 181 to SR 167, <b>Tukwila, Renton</b>	\$	291	1	<b>11</b>	5617	Unprogrammed
I 405 @ I-5 <b>Tukwila</b> Interchange Improvements	\$	1,083	1	<b>11</b>	4360	Unprogrammed
SR 167: 15th St. SW to S. 180th St. Widening, <b>Auburn, Kent</b>	\$	1,626	1		5325	Unprogrammed
I 405: Downtown <b>Bellevue</b> Access NE 4th to SR 520	\$	837	1	<b>41, 48</b>	5618	Candidate
I 405 @ I-90 Interchange: HOV Direct Connector Ramps - Phase 1 , <b>Bellevue</b>	\$	640	1	<b>41</b>	5441	Candidate
I 405: SR 169 to I-90 Widening and Interchange Imp., <b>Renton, Newcastle, Bellevue</b>	\$	1,072	1	<b>11, 41</b>	4315	Candidate
I 405: SR 520 Interchange, Direct Connection (one Pair), <b>Bellevue</b> to Redmond	\$	454	1	<b>48</b>	4383	Candidate
I 405 @ I-90 Interchange: HOV Direct Connector Ramps - Phase 2, <b>Bellevue</b>	\$	349		<b>41</b>	4376	Unprogrammed
I 405: NE 8th St. and SR 520 Interchange Improvements, <b>Bellevue</b>	\$	973	1	<b>48</b>	4382	Unprogrammed
I 405: No. Corridor HOV/ETL Direct Access Ramps., NE 195th St. Interchange,	\$	429	1	<b>1, 45, 48</b>	4398	Unprogrammed
I 405: North General Purpose Interchanges, NE 70th St. to 240th ST. SW, <b>Kirkland</b>	\$	1,107	1	<b>1, 45, 48</b>	4388	Unprogrammed
I 405 Corridor: SR 167 InterchangeArea Impovements, (Tier II), <b>Renton</b>	\$	1,091	1		4314	Unprogrammed
I 405: SR 520 to SR 522 (Widening - SR 520 to NE 124th St), <b>Belleue, Kirkland</b>	\$	174	1	<b>45, 48</b>	4387	Unprogrammed
I 405: SR 527 to I-5 ETL, <b>Bothell, Lynnwood</b>	\$	421	1	<b>1, 21, 32</b>	4402	Unprogramed
<b>Total cost of former RTP projects not included in 2026 Draft RTP</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11.015</b>	<b>Billion</b>			