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Kelly McGourty
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Dear Ms. McGourty:

On behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), I'm writing to share a brief set of comments on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan.

Through careful planning and a strong market response from new development, Downtown Bellevue continues to embrace and exceed expectations for employment and housing growth. Our city's core is one of the fastest growing regional centers and will remain the primary multi-modal hub of the Eastside's network. Recognizing future trip growth, the Draft Plan confirms how important key investments and new strategies will be for improving regional mobility and access to centers like Downtown Bellevue.

The BDA continues to support current commitments vital to Downtown Bellevue's growth as a sustainable regional center. The Regional Transportation Plan should advance the following projects and initiatives:

- I-405 Master Plan Congestion Relief and Bus Rapid Transit projects
- SR-520 capacity and interchange improvements
- Regional funding and project commitments in Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3
- City of Bellevue's Transportation Facilities Program, Capital Investment Improvement Plan, Downtown Transportation Plan Update, Bellevue's Transit Master Plan, Pedestrian and Bike Implementation Initiative
- Emerging smart technology for mobility projects and programs
- Transportation Demand Management investments and programs for regional centers and corridors
- Improved collaboration and integration at all levels for transportation planning and project delivery
- New, innovative partnerships among agencies and jurisdictions, including the private sector

Thank you for your leadership and the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan. We appreciate the diligent work of the Transportation Policy Board and PSRC staff who've moved the update forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick Bannon'.

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