



Eastside Transportation Association

“Dedicated to improving our quality of life and environment by reducing congestion through increased mobility”

TO: Mayor Chelminiak, Deputy Mayor Robinson, and Bellevue City Councilmembers
FROM: Eastside Transportation Association
RE: Bikeshare Permitting in the City of Bellevue

The Eastside Transportation Association (ETA) is comprised of transportation engineers, policy experts, former lawmakers, business representatives, and community leaders focused on improving mobility. The ETA continues to be a resource for public officials, transportation planners, media and the general public to improve mobility on the Eastside.

Therefore, we would encourage the Bellevue City Council to consider the three following recommendations:

- 1) Examination of the Right of Way Use Permit “#18-119395 TE” between the City of Bellevue and Limebike to operate and conduct business within the public right of way. The permit defines the “2018-19 Pilot” which began on 7/31/2018 and concluded on 8/1/2019, as: “The period beginning at system launch and **concluding** one year thereafter (Page 1|2)” **Emphasis mine.**

On page 3|4, PI-5, the permit further state that it is “limited to one year from system launch.” However, it does provide a condition to extend the permit via:

“Any extension or alteration of the pilot period will require **prior** notification of the Transportation Commission and City Council by the Transportation Director or the Director’s designee.” **Emphasis mine.**

To our knowledge no notification was given to the Transportation Commission and/or the City Council as required by the contract. A further examination of the contract would determine whether or not Limebike (or any operator) has satisfied the permit requirements provided by the City to operate within city limits. Any extension of the permit should also be contingent on whether other permitting requirements were adhered to.

- 2) The ETA also requests that the public, the Transportation Commission, and the City Council request an updated report of any and all data pertaining to the conditions upon which the permit was provided including, but not limited to: response times, locations and distribution of bicycles and the agreed upon maintenance and availability of bikes.
- 3) The ETA also requests the Council consider creating a Citizens Advisory Committee to consider the impacts of bike sharing, along with the overall PBII, in our communities to ascertain the cost, and benefits, of the program to the citizens of Bellevue. The ETA would be happy to participate along with other stakeholders.

The ETA appreciates the opportunity to work with City Officials, Councilmembers and Transportation Commissioners to ensure a high quality of life through safe operations of motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Please feel free to contact us at: pugetsoundeta@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.