



ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE | AUGUST 2024

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- **LinkUs - East/West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** The City assisted LinkUs in hosting an Open House on August 15, and we continue to coordinate on next steps with COTA and Kimley Horn through biweekly meetings and a new internal working group. In late July, the regional Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) plan was adopted, which includes multiple Bexley projects, including funding for future improvements to the Main Street bridge over Alum Creek and the City's local match component of the Livingston Avenue Streetscape project. This funding is pending voters consideration of the LinkUs sales tax increase ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot: bexley.org/linkus
- **Meet Your Street:** The second round of Meet Your Street business meetings take place this week. We'll provide business representatives from each corridor with a Land Use Strategy update, and for Main Street we're welcoming representatives from LinkUs to provide an overview of plans for the BRT line. All are welcome to attend any of the three meetings (including our home-based businesses)! RSVP at bexley.org/meetyourstreet
- **Bexley Mural Festival:** Bexley Mural Festival is nearly here! Save the date to celebrate our new murals along Main Street from 3-10:00 p.m. on September 21 (with smaller events on Thursday and Friday as well). Saturday will feature an Artist Alley (vendor marketplace), music curated by Blu Note Jazz Cafe, food trucks, interactive art activities and more: bexley.org/muralfest
- **EV Charging Stations:** 100% funded by Dynegy's GreenBack grant program, this week the City is working with our contractors to install four new dual-port 40-amp chargers throughout Bexley. As next steps with the proposed parking meter ordinance are determined by Council, the chargers will be (temporarily) free and open to the community starting as soon as the end of this week!
- **Land Use Strategy:** The Bexley community is invited to a Land Use Strategy Public Workshop on Monday, September 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Bexley City Hall. We'll share preliminary recommendations and seek feedback on desired end uses: bexley.org/landuse
- **What else?** Said farewell to summer interns and all-around rock stars Peyton Jackson and Nik Robinson; Attended Capital Kickoff on August 17; Appointed to MORPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Committee; Assisting Director Price with park wayfinding sign project
- **Up Next?** Re-engaging with OCMA's Conference Planning Committee for 2025 State-wide Conference; Assisting Mayor Kessler and Director Martin with 2025 budget layout; Collaborating with volunteer-group on Bexley Hometown Heroes Banner Program; Planning for a 2024 Annual Report