

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday January 23, 2013**

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members Present: Sandeep Singhal, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, John Perlic, Tom Pendergrass, Mike Snow, Colin Pate. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey, Ray Steiger, Iris Cabrera; Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from December 5, 2012 meeting.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Ms. Lisa McConnell; Commented on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Suggested that at the start of the Master Plan process a number of factors should be considered, including: Pea patch gardens, provision of green core jobs, native plants for slope stabilization, flood control using low impact methods to treat runoff, outside restaurants, places where kids can travel by bike to get lessons. Example sites of each of these were mentioned. The main concern was that a trail may be "held hostage" to the concept of dual use and that the focus should be on more likely opportunities.

Transportation Master Plan

The Commission reviewed a draft outline presented by staff and made several comments including: It would be helpful to know how the existing Comprehensive Plan relates to what's being proposed; how will the Planning and PW staffs and Commisisions work together; we need tangible ways to get buy-in from the public on goals, people react best to specific ideas; divide the "plans from others" group into more meaningful divisions; majority of people may not want major changes; asking the wrong questions can lead to unrealistic answers; need some milestones in the process; how are SEPA and land use alternatives going to be handled and how is the funding for the plan going to be spent. Staff was asked to bring revisions back to the Commission.

Memorial signs

The Commission reviewed a memorial sign policy as prepared by staff. The Commission discussed a number of issues and made several suggestions including: change the size of the sign to 30"x30", change the wording to include the word "please", include a cost for a memorial plate only, use the term "lineal descendants" to more accurately describe certain family members, define "representative", adjust the replacement time window be consistent across the document, change the time when the city may remove the signs to 5 years, define "unclaimed". Staff was directed to make these changes and submit the policy on to the City Council.

Pedestrian Safety

Staff presented maps and charts describing crash experience at signalized intersections. The primary causes of crashes at signalized intersections were discussed. Staff presented the idea of exposure as measured by land use, transit and other factors in order to determine crash rates at crosswalks. A lengthy discussion ensued. Staff was directed to continue to refine measurement of crash rates.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the Cross Kirkland Corridor, the January 10 Planning Commission where level of service, concurrency and project prioritization were discussed, changes in public works staffing and the I-405 executive advisory committee. **Pfundt:** Discussed a presentation where Seattle Greenways was discussed. The Commission agreed that the Kirkland Greenways group should present to the Commission. The City of Redmond is planning a conference call with Greenways staff from the City of Portland and Kirkland staff will also be involved. **Neir:** The Boardwalk Committee is was unable to meet but plans to meet before the next meeting. All others had no comments.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:44 p.m.