



**CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
**Date:** October 30, 2012  
**Subject:** LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE EASTSIDE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP'S  
DRAFT 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of the Eastside Transportation Partnership's (ETP) draft legislative agenda for 2013 (Attachment A).

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Our transportation system is the backbone of Washington's economy. It provides the vital connections that link our homes to our work places and carry products to market.

At its October 16, 2012 meeting, Councilmember Asher outlined the three points on the draft 2013 legislative agenda of the Eastside Transportation Partnership and recommended the City send a letter to ETP in support. Council then directed staff to bring back a draft letter for approval (Attachment B).

Transportation investments in key Eastside corridors are critical for a healthy economy. ETP is a collaborative effort among 20 King County cities, transportation agencies, and the private sector. ETP is committed to implementing high priority transportation projects, including roads and transit necessary for the mobility, safety and economic vitality of East King County, the Puget Sound region, and the State of Washington.

As a general legislative principal, the Kirkland City Council has consistently supported long-term sustainability efforts related to the City's transportation goals. Staff concur that the draft ETP 2013 Legislative Statement is consistent in this regard.

If the support letter is approved, staff will add the ETP agenda to the "Support" section of the City of Kirkland's 2013 Legislative Agenda.

**Attachments:** A. Draft ETP 2013 Legislative Statement  
B. Draft City of Kirkland Letter of Support

**DRAFT**



## **ETP 2013 Legislative Statement**

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We urge the 2013 State Legislature to:

- 1. Develop and fund a transportation package through an increase in the state gas tax and/or other revenue sources to pay for critical safety, maintenance and mobility improvements identified for I-405, I-90, SR 522 and SR 520 east of I-405.**
- 2. Increase funding options for local transportation needs; while maintaining funding for programs that support mobility, economic vitality and maintenance of the existing transportation system.**
- 3. Continue to evaluate tolling as a tool to help manage and finance specific projects in key corridors. Additionally, continue to monitor for impacts on other roadways as a result of SR 520 tolling and consider appropriate mitigation where necessary.**

ETP appreciates the magnitude of the State Legislature's task and looks forward to a productive and collaborative partnership throughout the 2013 session.

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**D R A F T**

November 7, 2012

Honorable Kimberly Allen, Chair  
Eastside Transportation Partnership  
C/O Wes Edwards  
King Street Center  
201 S Jackson St., Rm. 814  
Seattle, WA 98104-3856

RE: City of Kirkland's Support of ETP's Draft 2013 Legislative Statement

Dear Chair Allen,

As a participating member city of the Eastside Transportation Partnership, the Kirkland City Council agrees that transportation investments in key Eastside corridors are critical for a healthy economy.

Further, the Kirkland City Council supports the October 12 Draft 2013 Legislative Statement of the Eastside Transportation Partnership urging the 2013 State Legislature to:

1. Develop and fund a transportation package through an increase in the state gas tax and/or other revenue sources to pay for critical safety, maintenance and mobility improvements identified for I-405, I-90, SR 522 and SR 520 east of I-405.
2. Increase funding options for local transportation needs; while maintaining funding for programs that support mobility, economic vitality and maintenance of the existing transportation system.
3. Continue to evaluate tolling as a tool to help manage and finance specific projects in key corridors. Additionally, continue to monitor for impacts on other roadways as a result of SR 520 tolling and consider appropriate mitigation where necessary.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager at 206-587-3009.

Respectfully,  
Kirkland City Council

By Joan McBride, Mayor

cc via email: Kirkland City Council Members