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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director  
Ray Steiger, P.E., Capital Projects Manager

**Date:** March 3, 2009

**Subject:** Third Street/Kirkland Avenue Traffic Signal Controller

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council authorize Staff to construct new traffic signal controller for Third/Kirkland signal in its current location.

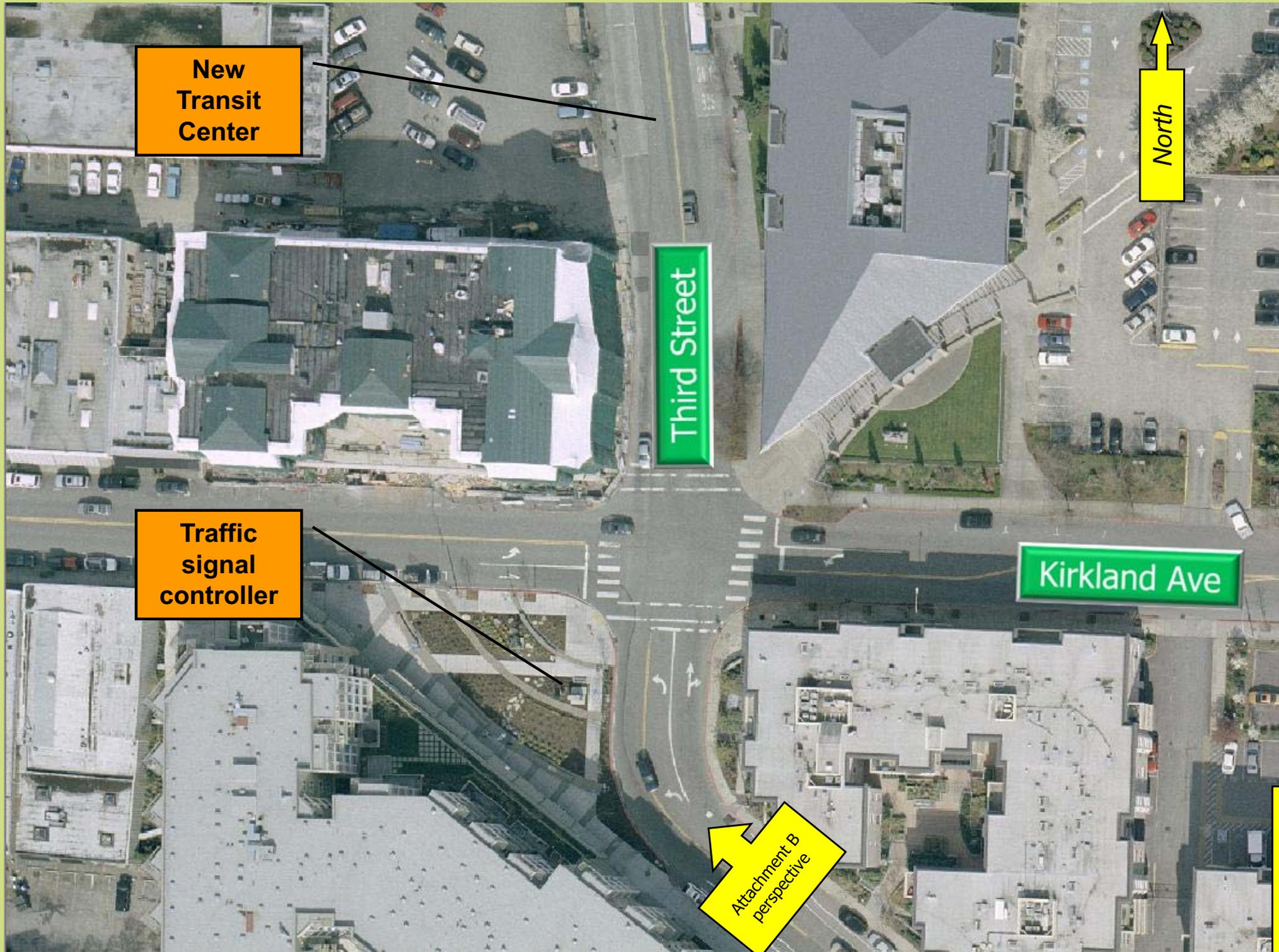
**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The location of the traffic signal controller associated with the new traffic signal at Third and Kirkland has been the subject significant public comments. Originally installed with condominium development in the southwest quadrant of the intersection, its location was immediately of concern to many as it partially obscured the Bear Island sculpture (Attachment A). In response to the community concerns, City Council requested that Staff explore various screening techniques or alternate locations for the controller.

During the process of looking at alternate locations within the southwest quadrant, the most financially and operationally feasible location, Staff solicited public comments and met with various stakeholders that were most likely impacted by the relocation. Overwhelmingly, feedback was negative and supported no change to its current location.

Staff recommends reinstalling the new traffic signal control boxes, the configuration is somewhat different from the existing single cabinet, in the same proximity that they currently exists. Additionally, Staff will look at various screening techniques of plantings or of other minor structural nature.

Attachments



**New  
Transit  
Center**

**North**

**Third Street**

**Traffic  
signal  
controller**

**Kirkland Ave**

**Attachment B  
perspective**

**Attachment A**



Traffic  
signal  
controller

Kirkland Ave

State Street/Third Street

North →

New Controller, service cabinet, and TSP controller (footprint)

Existing Signal Controller and Service cabinet

