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Council adopts Priority Goals and 2015-2016 City Work Program



The Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail, a 2013 - 2014 Work Program item, was completed in December 2014.

Five of the City Council's priority Work Program items from 2013-2014 are now joined by six modified or new initiatives in the recently adopted [2015-2016 City Work Program](#) (See pp 4-5).

Carried over from previously approved Work Programs are the implementation of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan, completion of the Comprehensive Plan Update and Transportation Master Plan, and the facilitation of the redevelopment of Kirkland Parkplace and Totem Lake Mall (see page 6). Efforts to improve fire and emergency medical services to the Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, site a new north end fire station and/or improve existing fire stations and operations are a modification to the [2013-2014 Work Program](#) to implement the Fire Strategic Plan. Also, the continued effort to sustain employee benefits through the implementation of the employee health care initiative remains on the Work Program.

New to the Work Program are: Updating the Capital Improvement Program to incorporate projects identified in the [Kirkland 2035](#) master plans and Comprehensive Plan; refurbishing City Hall (See pg 2), implementing an email archiving system, and proceeding to a 2015 or 2016 ballot measure for the proposed [Aquatics/Recreation/Community \(ARC\) Center](#) (See pg 3). Other new initiatives include actively engaging the Sound Transit (ST) Board to ensure that any ST ballot measure connects the Totem Lake Urban Center to the region

with high capacity transit and to partner with [A Regional Coalition of Housing \(ARCH\)](#) and non-profit housing agencies to site a permanent Eastside women's shelter in Kirkland.

Tasks accomplished from the 2013-2014 Work Program include the completion of the Public Safety Building (Kirkland Justice Center), completion of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail, and adoption of the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget while maintaining the City's AAA credit rating. The creation of a Neighborhood Safety Program in 2014 supports the Work Program goal to "engage and re-energize neighborhoods." Efforts will continue in this goal area.

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City Hall gets a fresh look on the inside to better serve the public

Development Services Counter to enhance customer experience

As part of the 2011 annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, the City anticipated accommodating the needs of its new 30,000+ residents. Many of those needs are met through services provided at City Hall such as utility bill payments, property development review, permit application and pick up and more.

With the relocation of the Kirkland Police Department out of City Hall to the Kirkland Justice Center in 2014, plans are now underway to refurbish City Hall and improve public areas. Most notable physical changes will include a centralized customer counter areas, including a new consolidated Development Services Counter, the renovation of the Council Chambers to better serve the public, and the relocation of the Parks Department Administrative Offices to City Hall.



Current City Hall counter area

Key improvements to the chambers will include creating a flat floor and movable chairs so that the chambers can more flexibly host community meetings as well as upgraded technology to provide better remote viewing of Council meetings over the Internet.

Improvements to the HVAC system, roof repairs and various deferred maintenance projects are also part of the project.

Construction impacts to the neighborhood should be minimal since most of the work will take place on the roof and within interior spaces. The demolition of two residential structures that are in disrepair on the south east corner of City Hall will provide a staging area for construction workers.

As the inside remodel work begins, City Hall customers may notice that staff will be temporarily relocated in a different part of the building as new furnishings, carpet and paint are installed. A Customer Service Coordinator will be located at the north entrance to help direct customer traffic.

Construction work is expected to begin this summer and be complete by spring 2016. Project updates will be posted to the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov, search "[City Hall Remodel](#)."

Plastic bag reduction program encourages consumers to "Bring Your Bag"

The City Council has adopted a plastic bag reduction policy ordinance which will restrict retailers from offering disposable plastic bags to consumers after March 1, 2016. The new policy provides an incentive to consumers to bring their own reusable bags to the store by requiring retailers to charge at least five cents for each large paper shopping bag. Retailers may continue to provide plastic bags for such items as bulk and frozen foods, meat and fish, take-out foods, and newspaper, dry cleaning, and pet waste. Over the course of 2015, the City will implement the

"Bring Your Bag" education and outreach campaign which will include the distribution of thousands of high quality reusable bags.

For more information on the plastic bag ordinance, please visit www.kirklandwa.gov/bringyourbag or contact the Kirkland Recycling Hotline at 425-587-3812 or by email at recycle@kirklandwa.gov.





Surveys show strong public support for ARC Center; City Council to consider ballot measure

In response to overwhelming public support for a proposed Aquatics/Recreation/Community (ARC) Center, the City Council will consider placing a measure on the ballot as early as November 2015. The measure would propose creating a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) as a way to fund the project through property tax collection. An MPD requires a 50% voter approval.

Also, in response to public concern about traffic impacts and the loss of open space, the City Council removed Juanita Beach Park as a potential site. Research on suitable properties in the Totem Lake area will continue. The North Kirkland Community Center remains as a possible site as well.



Extensive public outreach was conducted in early 2015. An on-line survey reflects that 62% of the 600+ respondents support a multi-use recreational facility. Similar results came from more than 1,100 people who texted their answers to a brief questionnaire. And of the more than 400 Kirkland voters who answered the random telephone survey, 75% expressed support.

The City Council and Park Board affirmed their support for a multi-use facility that offers the best cost-recovery potential and meets the broadest needs and interests of Kirkland residents. The city will continue to seek community partners and will be discussing the project with the cities of Bellevue and Redmond.

For survey results and more information on the proposed ARC Center and to subscribe to receive project updates, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandarc.

City of Kirkland 2014 Volunteer Highlights



Thank you to each and every City of Kirkland volunteer.

3,465
Volunteers



31,548
Hours

During 2014, the City of Kirkland engaged **3,465** volunteers who contributed **31,548** hours of their time and talents. These outstanding contributions represent a community benefit valued at **\$840K**.

\$840,000
Community Benefit
(Independent Sector value of vol. hour)

Volunteer Accomplishments

Green Kirkland Partnership	8,900 GKP Volunteer Hours	57.9 Acres of Natural Parkland in Restoration	4,800 new Plantings (trees, shrubs, ground cover)
Senior & Youth Recreation	3,269 Senior Lunches Served (Ages 60+)	448 Pee Wee Soccer games Coached	45 Pool days Guarded
Public Safety	13 Traffic Circles Maintained	75 Pedestrian Flag Crossings Monitored	1,730 hours Police Youth Explorers
Parks & Special Events	16 Juanita Market Fridays	78 Park Acres Improved (Additional to GKP)	451 Special Event Volunteers
Office & Media	22 broadcasts of Currently Kirkland Videod & Anchored	2,654 Office & Intern hours	
Emergency Preparedness & Response	7,306 EMT & Fire Corps hours	2,020 Emergency Prep Training & Exercise hours	(CERT, ARES, Map Your Neighborhood, Citizen Corps)

For more information on City of Kirkland volunteer opportunities, please contact Patrick Tefft, Volunteer Services Coordinators: 425.587.3012 or ptefft@kirklandwa.gov.



2015 - 2016 City Work Program

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The [2015-2016 Work Program](#) supports the following priority City Council Goals: Public Safety, Dependable Infrastructure, Balanced Transportation, Parks, Open Spaces and Recreational Services, Financial Stability, Housing and Economic Development.

- Continue the implementation of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan
- Complete the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Transportation Master Plan
- Complete a comprehensive update of the Capital Improvement Program to incorporate the projects identified in the Kirkland 2035 master plans and Comprehensive Plan
- Invest Fire District #41 funds and City revenues to improve fire and emergency medical services to Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate, site new north end fire stations and/or improve existing stations and operations
- Continue annexation-related facility investments by renovating City Hall with a focus on enhancing customer service and identifying options to expand Maintenance Center capacity for both Parks and Public Works to serve the larger City
- Implement the capital, financial, legislative and organizational actions necessary to facilitate the redevelopment of Parkplace and Totem Lake Mall
- Provide the electorate of Kirkland the opportunity to vote on a ballot measure in 2015 or 2016 to fund an Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center
- Actively engage the Sound Transit Board to ensure that any Sound Transit ballot measure connects the Totem Lake Urban Center to the region with High Capacity Transit
- Convert all employees of the City to an email archiving system to improve City responsiveness and transparency to the public, while also reducing the cost and complexity of storing email data
- Partner with A Regional Coalition for Housing and non-profit organizations to site a permanent Eastside women's shelter in Kirkland
- Implement the Healthy Kirkland Plan, the consumer-driven healthcare initiative, including establishing an employee clinic as part of the effort to achieve sustainability of benefits





City Council Goals

**Priority Goals for the 2015-2016 Work Program*



NEIGHBORHOODS: Achieve active neighborhood participation and a high degree of satisfaction with neighborhood character, services and infrastructure.



PUBLIC SAFETY*: Provide for public safety through a community-based approach that focuses on prevention of problems and a timely response.



HUMAN SERVICES: To support a regional coordinated system of human services designed to meet the basic needs of our community and remove barriers to opportunity.



BALANCED TRANSPORTATION*: To reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles and improve connectivity and multi-modal mobility in Kirkland in ways that maintain and enhance travel times, safety, health, and transportation choices.



PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES*: To provide and maintain natural areas and recreational facilities and opportunities that enhance the health and well-being of the community.



HOUSING*: To ensure the construction and preservation of housing stock that meet a diverse range of income and needs.



FINANCIAL STABILITY*: Provide a sustainable level of core services that are funded from predictable revenue.



ENVIRONMENT: To protect and enhance our natural environment for current and future generations.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*: To attract, retain and grow a diverse and stable economic base that supports city revenues, needed goods and services and jobs for residents.



DEPENDABLE INFRASTRUCTURE*: To maintain levels of service commensurate with growing community requirements at optimum life-cycle costs.

Park Lane reopens soon!





Kirkland Parkplace and Totem Lake Mall redevelopments move forward

Kirkland Parkplace

In February, the City Council unanimously adopted three ordinances that approve amendments to the environmental planned action ordinance, zoning code, and master plan and design guidelines related to the revitalization of Kirkland Parkplace. The adoption of the ordinances (1) amends an environmental document called a planned action ordinance that was approved in 2008 when plans to redevelop the retail center into a mixed use development were first submitted to the City by a previous developer; (2) approves changes to the zoning requirements requested by the current developer, Talon Private Capital, that add residential square footage, an increased incentive for a movie theater, a bank drive through, and a 10% affordable housing requirement; and (3) approves amendments to the Master Plan and Design Guidelines for Parkplace originally approved in 2008.

Totem Lake Mall

In March, the City Council unanimously approved the extension and amendment of the Redevelopment Agreement for Totem Lake Mall. In 2006, the City and the previous property owner entered into a redevelopment agreement, which is set to expire in 2016. CenterCal Properties, LLC, a retail development company, sought to have the City extend and amend the redevelopment agreement and have it reassigned from the previous owner to CenterCal. The City Council approved the initial extension of five-years with the ability to extend two additional years if certain criteria are met. The Agreement sustains the City's original commitment to public infrastructure improvements of \$15 million including improvements to NE 120th Avenue, a public plaza and possibly a portion of parking garage. Prior to the Council's action, the Planning Director issued an addendum to the SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) and approved changes to the conceptual designs contained in the Totem Lake Mall Conceptual Master Plan that was approved by the City's Design Review Board for the original redevelopment proposal.

For project background and to receive updates via email, go to www.kirklandwa.gov and search "Totem Lake Mall" and "Parkplace."



Site plan for Kirkland Parkplace redevelopment as proposed by Talon Private Capital



Rendering of the redevelopment of Totem Lake Mall called "The Village at Totem Lake" (CenterCal Properties)



Energize Eastside project moves forward into the environmental review stage

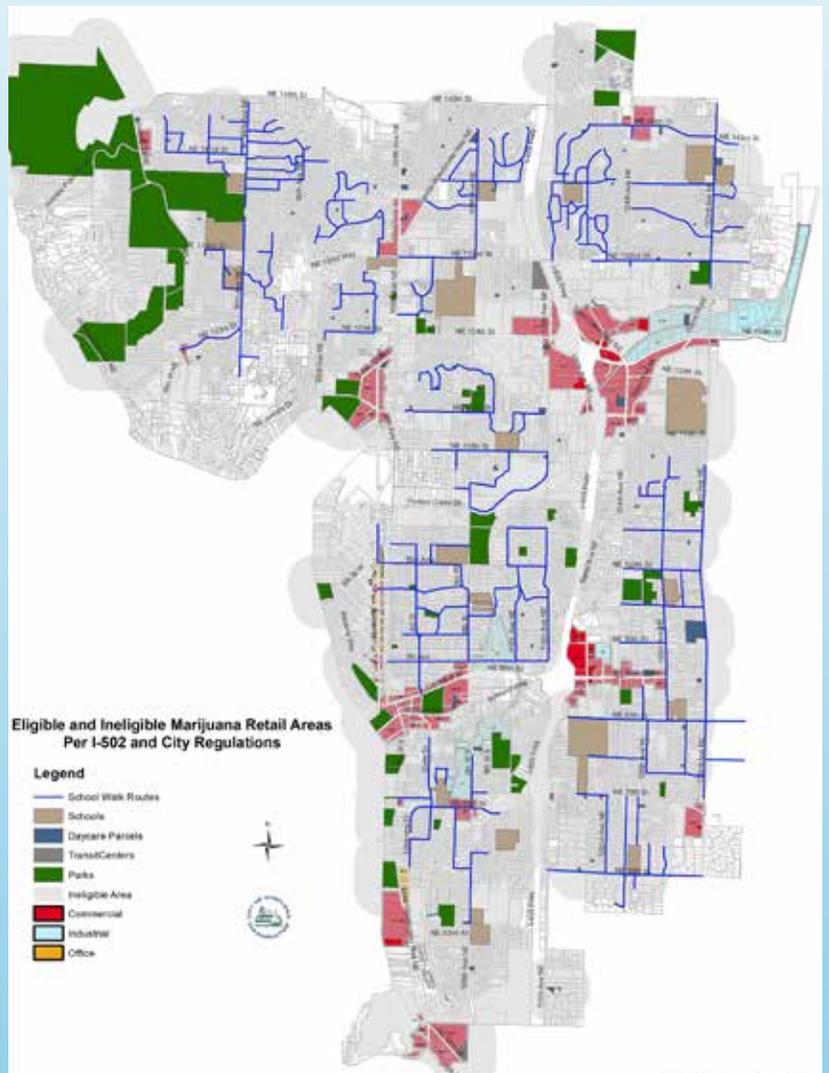
Public comment opportunities start soon



Energize Eastside is a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) proposal to build a new electric substation and approximately 18 miles of high capacity electric transmission lines extending from Renton to Redmond through Bellevue. The project is intended to address an electrical transmission capacity deficiency that could begin in 2017. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process is beginning and will be led by the City of Bellevue in cooperation with Kirkland and other cities. Various route alternatives will be evaluated through the EIS process, possibly including through and near Kirkland. Starting around April/May, there will be opportunities for public comment on the EIS. Kirkland residents are encouraged to participate in the process. To learn more about the EIS process, go to www.EnergizeEastsideEIS.org.

Interim zoning regulations for marijuana retail, processing and production facilities now codified

In March, the City Council unanimously adopted zoning regulations for retailing, production and processing of marijuana. The City's regulations are in addition to the regulations that the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) implemented as a result of Initiative 502 being approved by Washington voters in 2012. Kirkland's regulations prohibit marijuana sales in the Market Street Corridor Zones 1 and 2. Sales in all other retail zones as well as in the Totem Lake Zones 7 and 9A and in Light Industrial Zones (LIT) are allowed. In the LIT zones, marijuana sales are only allowed where at least 50 percent of the zone is bounded by commercial zones. Further, Kirkland regulations prohibit marijuana sales on properties abutting designated school walk routes and regulates odor pertaining to marijuana processing and production businesses. Per the WSLCB, the city of Kirkland is allowed two retail sites within city limits. The City has issued a business license to a retail site located in the Totem Lake light industrial area which had received State approval. Although the City has received notice from the State about a second retail site in the same area, it had not yet issued a business license as of the publication date. To view a zoning map and for more about the City's regulations, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/marijuanainkirkland.



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MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU
1 st Week	Design Review Board* @ 7 p.m.	City Council* Study Session · 6 p.m. Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)		Tourism Development Committee* @ 9 -10 a.m.
2 nd Week	Youth Council* @ 6:45-8:30 p.m.	Civil Service Commission* @ 4 p.m. Senior Council @ 5:30 p.m. Peter Kirk Community Center	Park Board* @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)	Planning Commission* @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
3 rd Week	Design Review Board* @ 7 p.m.	City Council* Study Session · 6 p.m. Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)	Library Board @ 6 p.m. Kirkland Library Cultural Arts Commission* @ 4 p.m.	
4 th Week	Youth Council* @ 6:45-8:30 p.m. Houghton Community Council* @ 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)		Transportation Commission* @ 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)	Planning Commission* @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

MEETS AS NEEDED
Human Services Advisory Committee Call: 425-587-3322

***Meetings held at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Avenue**

- Special meetings may be scheduled; regular meetings may be cancelled.
- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City’s website at www.kirklandwa.gov. Search the name of the board/commission.

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