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Public Involvement Report

Community Forum – Thursday, February 27, 2014



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Community Forum

OVERVIEW

The vision for the future of the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) is coming into focus. The City of Kirkland hosted a community forum from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on February 27, 2014 to present and get feedback on the draft CKC Master Plan. The forum, held at the Peter Kirk Community Center, was attended by approximately 50 people.

The Draft Master Plan includes goals and visions for the Corridor and gives guidance on intersection treatments, trail location, trail width, and locations where pedestrian, bicycle and other connections should be developed.

The project team arranged a gallery of project information boards near the stage and presentation area, offering attendees the opportunity to engage, ask questions, and share their site-specific input with the project team.

Presentation

At 5 and at 6 p.m., 30-minute presentations were delivered by Guy Michaelsen of the design consultant Berger Partnership. Guy introduced the project by reviewing the project’s vision, goals, timeline, and the role of the Master Plan. Delving further into the details of the Master Plan, he showed some options for potential trail profiles and corridor profiles with a brief overview of a long-term vision for incorporating transit.

He also discussed the Character Zones, which are divisions of the trail that take current surroundings and land uses into account when considering future uses, developing place-making themes, and design opportunities along the alignment.

Lastly, Guy discussed implementation strategy, project phasing, funding and grant opportunities, and coordination with other public and private projects.

Slides from the presentation are included in the appendix of this report (page 9). The full presentation can be found on the CKC website:

<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Cross+Kirkland+Corridor/CKC+Master+Plan+Slideshow+Feb+27+Forum.pdf>



Project managers present the overall vision for the CKC Master Plan with visitors



Community members asked questions and provided comments on the presentation

Display Boards

A gallery of display boards were set up and staffed by project team members. The display boards included comprehensive base maps with superimposed layers of potential Master Plan elements, and a scrapbook of ideas that are being considered within each Character Zone. The boards were designed to breakdown complex project information from the Master Plan and spark meaningful dialogue.

Images of the display boards are included in the appendix of this report (page 12).



Project staff discuss the overall vision for the CKC with attendees



Attendees view the project area maps and preliminary trail alignment plans



Details on the interim trail plan were discussed



Project staff answer questions regarding the corridor's Character Zones

Feedback

The input we heard from attendees during informal conversation at the display boards and after the presentation was largely supportive of the Draft Master Plan. Attendees were excited about the future vision for the corridor and look forward to making it a reality. Specific comments and questions received after the presentations were captured on flip charts. The following documents what was said during the feedback period:

Presentation 1 (5 p.m.)

Comment: Residential access looks like it is being phased out; this seems short sighted and prescriptive. It would be better to figure out how to manage this type of access

Comment: I think we should allow individual access points and ensure that these access points are sufficiently managed

Question: It seems like in plan you are taking all 100 ft. of the corridor width.

Response: We are for now, but planning for what it could look like in 20 years as well. We want to fully utilize the space while it's available because we don't know for sure if Sound Transit will use the corridor, and if they do it is along way out. It makes sense to fully use the space while it is available.

Question: What are your construction plans for the interim trail?

Response: The interim trail will be 10' wide, with finer-grade gravel. We will also construct safety improvements at street crossings.

Comment: Access to downtown seems to be missing. This should be part of the vision.

Response: We don't have direct access to downtown but envision wayfinding and visual cues will help to make that connection.

Question: What was envisioned as the users' motive for going down corridor? Is the trail planned to be a place for entertainment or reflection? Which is the intended purpose: entertainment or reflection?

Response: The idea is to design for both. To look at each section of the corridor—it's unique characteristics and adjacent amenities—and plan each section with these things in mind. Some places are better suited for entertainment, while others are best suited for reflection and taking in the views. Sometimes the design adds to a place, while other times it seeks to offer users and visitors an enhanced opportunity to enjoy what's already there.

Comment: I like having activities along trail. It will bring out more people, and with more eyes on the ground, it will also make the trail safer.

- Question: Will the city begin building this plan right away? Will they start by paving the trail?
- Response: That's part of the reason we are here tonight; to get feedback on whether we should build a "baseline" trail or fully build out a section at a time. Some of it will depend on funding.
- Question: What about the historic elements of the trail?
- Response: There is a section of the Master Plan that includes funding for developing innovative and enriching experiences with the trail's history—beyond informational plaques—that will inspire and educate even the most frequent users of the trail.
- Questions: Do we have the money for grading trail?
- Response: Yes. Funding is set aside for the trail grading and upgrading street crossings along the corridor. Contact Kari Page, Interim Trail Manager with additional questions: kpage@kirklandwa.gov

Presentation 2 (6 p.m.)

- Question: How will this project be funded? Will taxpayers foot the bill?
- Response: There will be a mix of funding sources and that mix will include grants. There will also likely be a voter approved levy to help pay for the project's construction.
- Question: Were any studies conducted to determine if the corridor is/was a wildlife corridor?
- Response: There weren't any specific studies but we know habitat on the corridor is used by a number of animals.
- Comment: There is a place for historical plaques and markers and they should be part of the program to interpret the corridor's history. I prefer them to less direct interpretations of history.
- Comment: I like keeping Highlands natural.
- Comment: I believe Woodinville is doing something similar with their trail.
- Comment: I'm so excited about this. These are amazing plans.
- Question: There are some amazing images that exemplify what our corridor could be. Could you make these images available online, and could you provide photo credits for them?

Response: The presentation will be online. Specific requests for photo credits will be responded to. You can also email the project manager: David Godfrey at dgodfrey@kirklandwa.gov.

Comment: We are very interested in incorporating art into corridor.

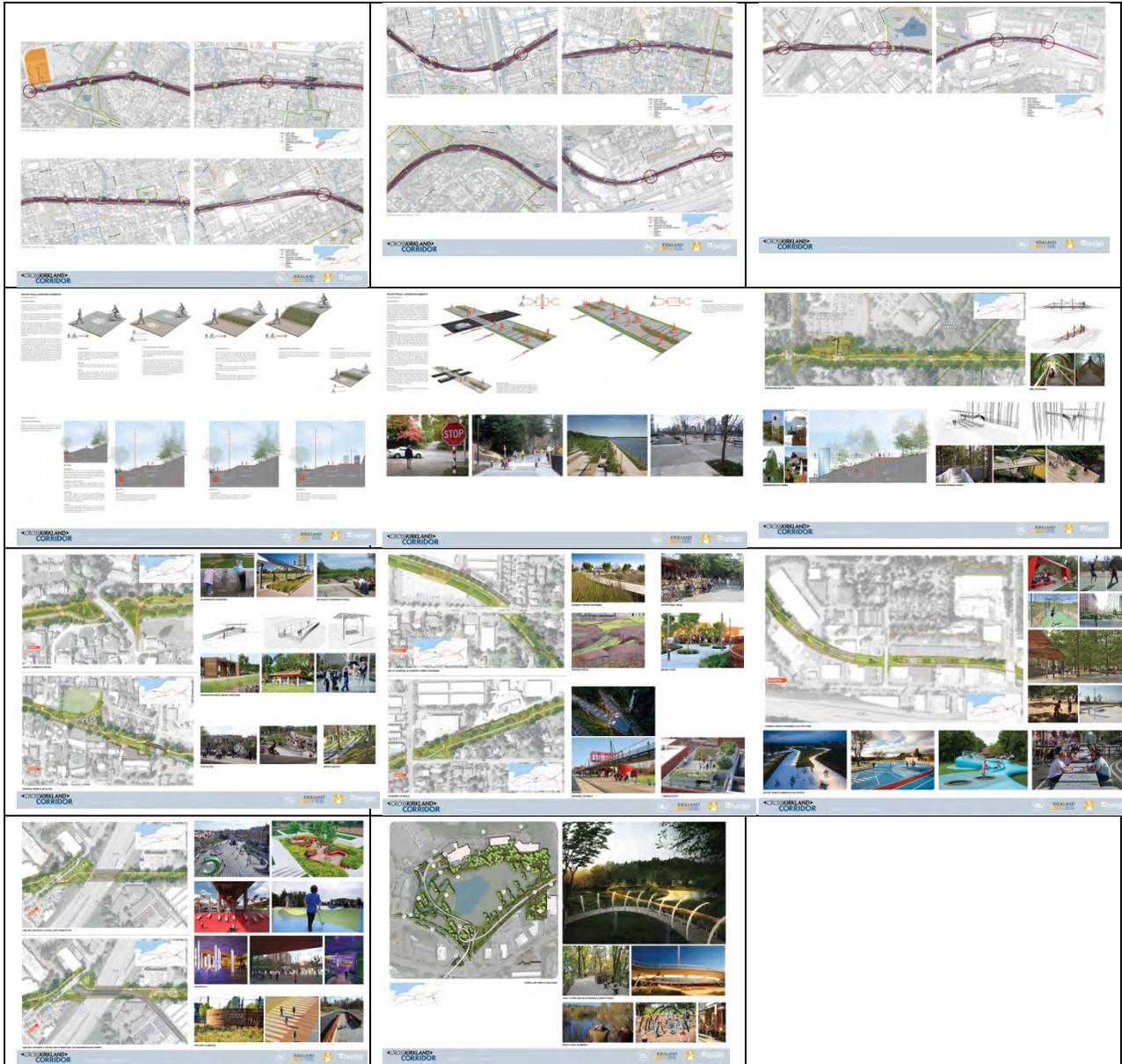
Notification

The City of Kirkland managed outreach and notification activities leading up to the event. Their efforts included issuing a press release, purchasing advertising space in the Kirkland Reporter, a Facebook campaign, flyers, and email blast to listserv subscribers, and an advertisement for the meeting on the outdoor signs along the corridor.

APPENDIX

- I. Display Boards
- II. Presentation Slides

Display Boards (Appendix I)



Presentation Slides (Appendix II)



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MASTER PLAN



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Everett is a city whose history and development stem from a *distinct quality of life*.
The story is ours for us to *redefine, grow*
and *strengthen* the quality of life.

The Cross Kirkland Corridor is a **community destination**,
a transportation connection and an **icon**
serving as a **catalyst for the entire city**.

The success of the Cross Kirkland Corridor will strengthen Kirkland as a **model community** for its residents,
and an **inspiration** for others to visit, experience and enjoy too!



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PROJECT TIMELINE

- DESIGN: CONCEPT DESIGN, PRELIMINARY DESIGN, FINAL DESIGN
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- ANALYSIS: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY
- DEVELOP: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN, PHASING PLAN
- DESIGN: CONCEPT DESIGN, PRELIMINARY DESIGN, FINAL DESIGN
- LISTEN: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PUBLIC MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS
- CONSTRUCT: CONSTRUCTION PHASES
- CELEBRATE: GRAND OPENING

- CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR
February 27th, 2014
1. Near Term Trail
 2. Role of The Masterplan
 3. Trail Profiles
 4. Corridor Profiles
 5. Future Transit
 6. Overall Corridor Considerations
 7. Site Specific Corridor Layout
 8. Character Zone Scrapbook
 9. Implementation & Phasing Priorities

NEAR TERM TRAIL

1. Refined Surfacing
2. Improved Intersection Crossings

ROLE OF THE MASTERPLAN

1. Vision / Strategies / Costs / Funding

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Master Plan Phase 1
2012 Phase 1 Reality

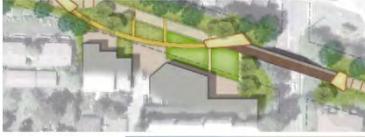
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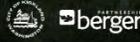
TRAIL PROFILES

INTERSECTIONS

MIXING ZONES

<p>CORRIDOR PROFILES</p>	<p>CORRIDOR PROFILES</p>	<p>FUTURE TRANSIT</p>
<p>OVERALL CORRIDOR CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trailheads 2. Restrooms 3. Parking 4. Lighting 	<p>SITE SPECIFIC CORRIDOR LAYOUT</p>	<p>SITE SPECIFIC CORRIDOR LAYOUT</p>
<p>CHARACTER ZONES</p>	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p> <p>Yarrow Woods</p>	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yarrow Woods Trailhead • Yarrow Woods Tower • Restroom • Wayfinding & Navigation Point • Park & Ride Access • 620 Trail Access
<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p> <p>Cochran Springs Parrot</p>	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p> <p>NE 52nd Corridor Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Wetlands • Stormwater 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p> <p>Houghton Ponds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-Shelters
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<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Houghton Connection :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor Portal (see Overview) • Activated Edge • Community Connection • Commerce Connection 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Houghton Connection :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeview Vista 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Buzz Zone Connection :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor Portal (see Overview) • Lakeview Elementary • Integrated Play • Activated Edge • Community Connection 
<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>6th Street Gardens & Everest Creek Crossing:</p>	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>6th Street Gardens :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Spots • Rain Gardens • Mixing Zones • Activated Edge 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Everest Creek Crossing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Lighted Creek • Everest Park Connection • Wetland Enhancement 
<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Everest Creek Canopy Walk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade Separated Crossing of 6th • New Crossing of Kirkland Way • Enhanced Tree Canopy 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Norfolk Catholic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th Ave. Portal Park • Gathering Lawn • Stormwater Feature • Cabaret Deck • Refurbished Portal 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Forbes Creek Crossing & Active zone:</p> 
<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Forbes Creek Crossing & Active zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forbes Creek Canyon • Integrated Play • Shelter • Bocce • Pickle ball 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Active zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Integrated Play • Shelter • Horseshoes • Play Lawns 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>120th West Totem Lake Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portal PickNet • Stormwater Features • Underworld Skate n' Play 
<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>120th Totem Lake Connector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Street • Stormwater Features • Skate n' Play 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Totem Lake Gateway Bridge:</p> 	<p>CHARACTER ZONE SCRAPBOOK</p>  <p>Totem Lake Gateway Park & Trailhead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology Overlook • Restroom • Activated Edge 

<p>IMPLEMENTATION & PHASING</p> <p>Priorities – Scale & Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build less fully over longer distance “get it paved” • Build more fully over shorter distance “fulfill the vision” 	<p>IMPLEMENTATION & PHASING</p> <p>Priorities – Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus On Connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit • Streets • Schools • Parks • Commercial • Trails • Bike Infrastructure • Major Intersection Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120th NE • 124/124 	<p>IMPLEMENTATION & PHASING</p> <p>Priorities – Other Catalysts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Activity Points / High Traffic Areas • In Combination w/ Other Public Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tatum Lake Park • Terrace Park • South Kirkland Park And Ride • In Combination w/ Adjacent Private Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google • Njytec • Tatum Lake Redevelopment • Multi-family Residential • Houghton Commercial District
<p>IMPLEMENTATION & PHASING</p> <p>Funding – Grant Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat Improvement/Enhancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream Crossings • Wetland Enhancement • Multimodal Transportation Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges/Grade Separation • Recreation / Health & Wellness • Pilot Projects • Private Philanthropy 	<p>IMPLEMENTATION & PHASING</p> <p>What are your Priorities?</p> 	 <p></p> <p>CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN</p>