

## CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR

### Public Involvement Report

Community Planning Day – Saturday, October 19, 2013



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## Community Planning Day

### OVERVIEW

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, the City of Kirkland hosted a city-wide event to showcase a number of projects related to the Vision 2035 planning process in a way that demonstrates the interconnected nature of the overall vision for the city's next two decades.

“Community Planning Day” was held at the Peter Kirk Community Center and Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Informational booths were set up throughout the building and were staffed by city personnel and project teams. Visitors passed through the hallways, visited with project representatives, and participated in interactive activities designed to increase awareness and understanding of oftentimes technical and complex project information. In addition to the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan, the following projects were in attendance: Capital Improvement Program/Capital Facilities Plan, Juanita Drive Corridor Study, Totem Lake Park Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, Surface Water Master Plan, and the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

### CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR PRESENCE

The Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) project was set up in the auditorium of KTUB. The project team arranged three interactive stations around the stage and presentation area, offering passersbys and attendees the opportunity to engage, ask questions, and share their site-specific input with the project team.

### Presentation

More than 150 people attended the October 19 event, and a majority spent time at the CKC activity stations, talking with project staff, and providing input on maps of the corridor before or after attending a presentation by Guy Michaelsen of the design consultant, Berger Partnership.

Two identical 30-minute presentations were made during the course of the day. The presentation reviewed the project's vision, goals, and timeline, as well as the corridor's key elements, and included a virtual walk-through of the corridor itself, with a detailed look at each of the project's Character Zones.

The presentation can be found on the CKC website at:

<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/CMO/CMO+Images/Cross+Kirkland+Corridor/CKC+Oct+19+Slide+Show.pdf>



## Stations

Three identical stations were set up and staffed by project team members throughout the day. The stations were designed to spark meaningful dialogue and to capture feedback.

Large, comprehensive base maps were provided at each station. The base maps identified area



schools, parks, street crossings, and other characteristics that will influence the master plan. The base maps were divided into Character Zones, each defined by neighborhood character, culture, topography, and landmarks. Character Zones are listed below, from north to south:

### **Yarrow Woods**

Stretches from 108th Ave NE to around Carillon Point

### **Houghton Porch**

North from Yarrow Woods, extends to NE 65<sup>th</sup>

### **Buzz Zone**

Extends north to the corridor intersection with 6th Street S

### **Everest Edge**

Bounded by 6th Street S and NE 85th Street to the north

### **Norkirk Edge**

Reaches north to the corridor crossing of 110th Ave NE

### **Highland Pass**

Continues north to approximately 116th Ave NE

### **Active Zone**

A rebranding of ParMac; extends north to 120th Ave NE

### **West Totem Lake Connector**

Active Zone ends but Totem Lake is yet to begin

### **Totem Lake**

East side of I-405 to the city limits



## YARROW WOODS



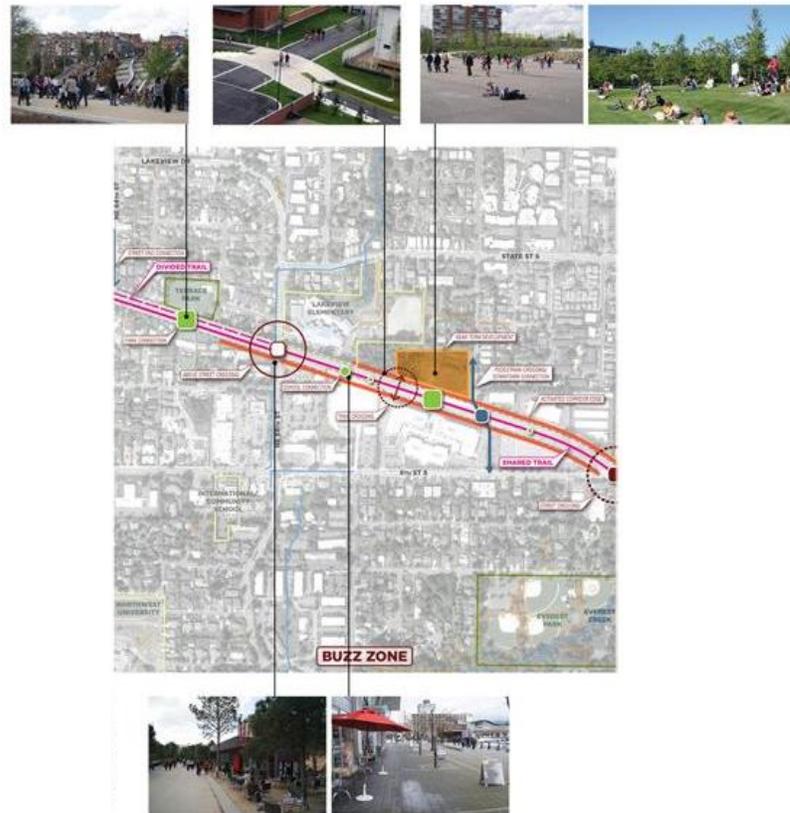
- How can bikes bypass the Park-and-Ride to connect to 520?
- Like daylighting of creeks
- Keep it simple: bike and walk only!
- Make trail development modular so that we can begin immediate usage, rather than having to wait for funding all these costly ideas
- Pave ASAP
- Where is link to 520 bike trail? [arrow points to south end point of CKC]
- Yes [to 520 bike trail comment]
- Safety?? [CKC intersection at Cochran Springs]
- More traffic control – at intersection of NE 52<sup>nd</sup> and street crossing
- Connection to Bellevue? [south end of CKC]
- Who will maintain the trail over the long term?
- Does the state have money available for the connection to the Park-and-Ride?
- Pea-Patches where you have SUN!
- Wayfinding signs? Ex. “1 mile to NW University, Google,” “Turn here for 68<sup>th</sup>,” etc.
- How will private property along CKC access the corridor? Management of illegal access? Hot tub encroachments?
- 520 connections TODAY!
- Regional connections – 520
- Train in residential areas is a concern
- Provide parking opportunities at trailheads

## HOUGHTON PORCH



- Great view [at NE 62<sup>nd</sup> ST]
- Too residential for trains
- Bike and walk!
- Not too residential for trains. Need trains to connect to other transit systems.
- Lakeview Elementary contact: Luke Johnson (teacher)
- Connection to East of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE?
- Parking impact on neighborhood

## BUZZ ZONE



- Concern: Views [arrow to condos across from Terrace Park]
- Future Transit-Oriented Development?
- Connect to Lakeview [trail crossing near Lakeview Elementary]
- Would like access to Met Market, etc. [at “school connection”]
- Me too [re: Met Market comment]
- Very Fun [arrow to renderings of parks and open spaces]
- Quietest way to downtown [via State Street]
- Beach!
- Start downtown and work your way out [from Everest Park]
- Current informal path [east of Lakeview Elementary]
- Pedestrians along buzz edge [at Google]
- School kids’ connection [at Lakeview]
- Alternative transit mode elements focused in developing zone
- Focus lighting in developed/active zone

## EVEREST EDGE



- Rest stop at Everest Creek
- Future TOD Station – How will land use change with the trail?
- Connection to park place and downtown
- Beautiful trail to commerce
- Remember Depot history [arrow to Pedestrian Crossing connection]
- Yes, incorporate this somehow [picture of historic building beneath Everest Edge map]
- No sidewalks, increases traffic [at Everest Creek crossing]
- Kirkland Depot gateway opportunity

## NORKIRK EDGE



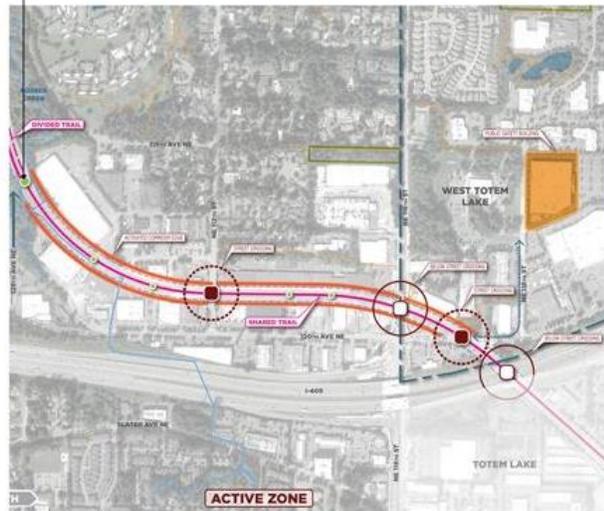
- Connect with Crestwoods and KMS Park and schools
- Lighted street crossings with blinking crosswalks [at NE 87<sup>th</sup> Street]
- Maps/signs to local cafes (e.g., Deru) [at NE 87<sup>th</sup> Street]
- Like daylighting
- Remove invasive species
- Electric bike charging at commute locations
- Hope recycling receptacles are all along trail. Compost too?

## HIGHLANDS PASS



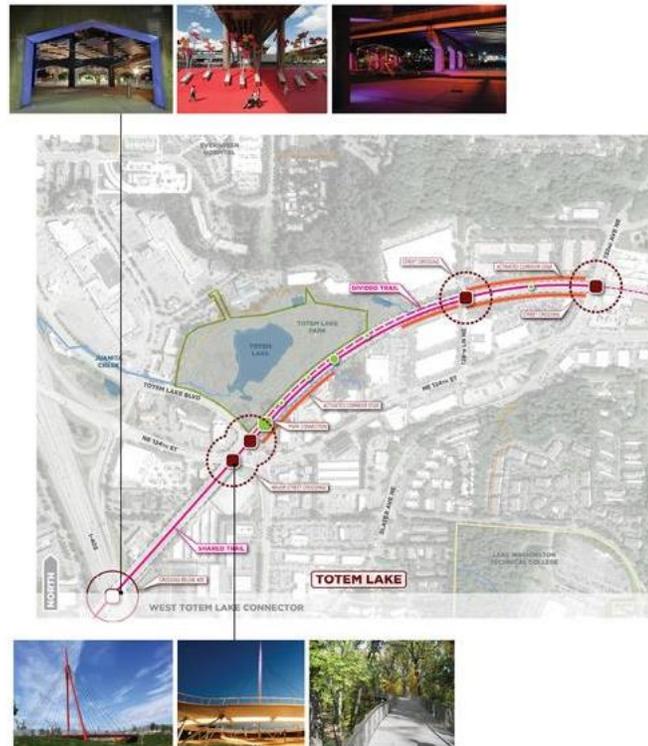
- Boardwalk and bikes: safe surface [CKC along Crestwoods Park edge]
- Artwork to be more natural in Highlands
- “Green” divider
- Want separated trails for safety’s sake [at Crestwoods Park edge]
- Add “woods trails” and connect to existing trails [at Founders Creek Park]
- Artwork to be more natural in highlands
- Trail first, then the rest?
- Regional connection? [along Founders Creek]

## ACTIVE ZONE



- Open up the underpass
- Upgrade and include historical markers ALL along trail. I know there's one out there now.
- Yes! [to historical markers comment]
- Pea Patches at Hopelink?
- Educate people on rules [of the trail]
- Possible artisan zone? [at NE 112<sup>th</sup> St]
- Public Safety building connection to CKC
- Supply driverless vehicles on corridor

## TOTEM LAKE



- Think about connecting to Burke-Gilman Trail
- Connection to Woodinville? Wineries? When?
- Start with Totem Lake enhancements with the idea that these enhancements would be a catalyst in attracting development there that we need! Also—in tandem—start at S. Kirkland P&R section and get that connection going!
- Consider safety rail barriers between sidewalk and roads with directional signs and arrows for crossing NE 124<sup>th</sup> and Totem Lake Blvd.
- Need to separate trail from road
- Totem Lake is currently hidden

## Comment Forms

The Cross Kirkland Corridor provided comment forms with three specific questions as an additional method for visitors to share feedback. The questions are listed below along with a bulleted summary of comments received. Full comments are appended on pages 18-22.

### **1. What are your favorite spaces and activities proposed for the corridor? What other ideas do you have for elements along the corridor?**

- Community gardens and edible landscaping
- Community service opportunities
- Streams—keep it natural
- Views
- Dislike intrusive art pieces
- Forbes Creek/Juanita Bay trail as a bike route to Juanita Road and 100<sup>th</sup> Ave/Simonds Road for regional connectivity to Bothell, Kenmore, Finn Hill, etc.
- Ephemeral art
- Trail bridges to pass over heavy traffic cross points
- Boardwalks
- Split trail
- Historical features
- Pet-friendly stations
- Recycling stations

### **2. Share your thoughts on trail layout, trail treatments and different trail profiles along the whole of the corridor.**

- What happens at the trail terminus?
- Access for all users
- Continuous study of users and needs over the lifetime of the trail
- Like diversity of opportunities/amenities among the Character Zones
- Don't forget about rainy, icy and sometimes snowy winter conditions and impact of winter drivers on corridor users
- Historic cannery preservation

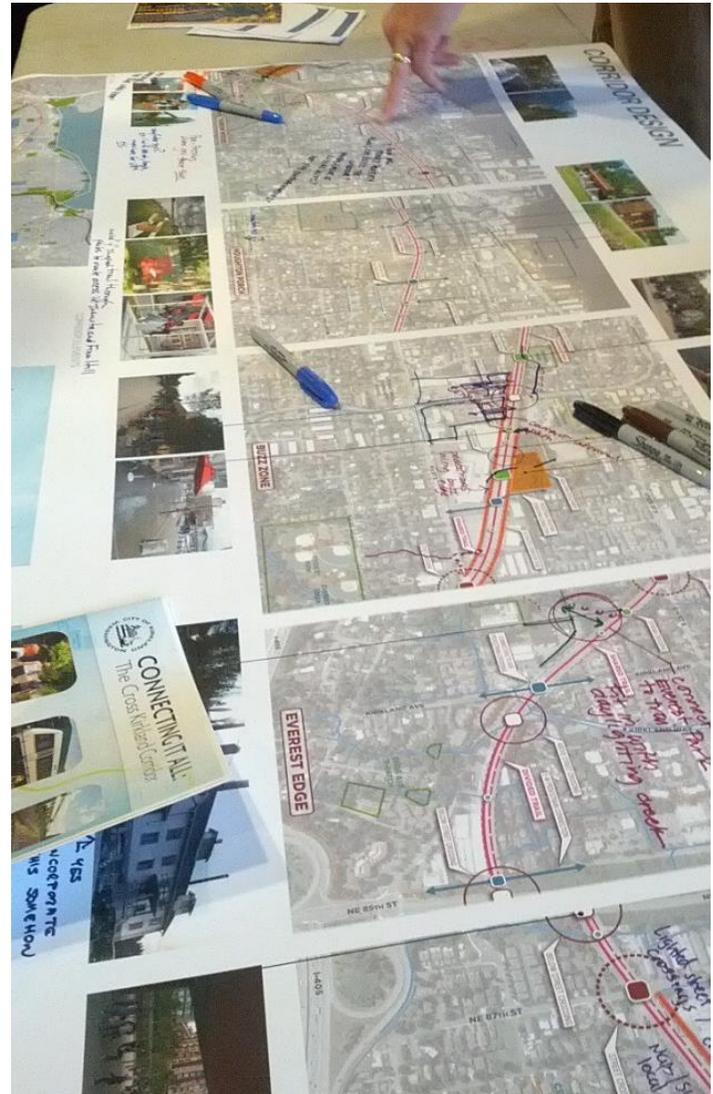
### **3. Share your thoughts on how we are planning for the corridor's ongoing evolution, including growth along the corridor and possible future transit.**

- User education and cyclist education programming for trail etiquette and safe use
- Like that the landscape architecture firm is local
- Transit option is desirable if the transit is quiet and doesn't pollute the air

## Key themes

A few key themes emerged from the feedback received.

- **Equitable planning** for all types of users
  - Pedestrians
  - Recreationalists
  - Cyclists
  - School children
  - Families
  - Neighbors
  - Slow- vs. fast-moving traffic
- **Connections** to destinations of interest
  - Park-and-Ride
  - Shopping
  - Schools
  - Transit-oriented development
  - 520
  - Cyclist connections and bikeways
  - Woodinville and wineries
- **Look and Feel**
  - Beauty and aesthetics
  - Nature
  - Preserving viewpoints
  - Invasive species control
  - Separated lanes of travel
  - Neighborhood access trails
- **Amenities**
  - Recycling/trash receptacles
  - Lighting
  - Crosswalks and safe crossings
  - Signage—directional, milestones, landmarks and wayfinding
  - Artwork



APPENDIX

- I. Roll Plot Maps
- II. Comment Forms



Appendix Roll Plot Maps

**CORRIDOR DESIGN**

**<CROSSKIRKLAND> CORRIDOR**

10th Street

11th Street

12th Street

13th Street

14th Street

15th Street

16th Street

17th Street

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MCKINSTRY

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Love viewpoints, opening  
underground creeks, 'eddies',  
art.  
Like idea of split trail  
for wheeled + foot traffic

Share your thoughts on trail layout, trail treatments and  
different trail profiles along the whole of the corridor.

So glad to hear Cannery  
mentioned. Hope it will be  
protected, saved + used!

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evolution, including growth along the corridor and possible future transit.

Really like future transit  
opportunity.

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Ephemeral Art  
Trail bridges to fly over the heavy traffic  
Cross points  
Boardwalks  
Historical Features, Modern features  
Pet friendly Poop Stations

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Don't forget about winter =  
Dark, Rain, ice, snow (maybe)  
Design low impact lighting, pervious  
Surfaces that drain well.  
Snow/Ice causes gridlock to cars but  
this trail is a great asset to travel through  
the city when the roads are locked up.  
Light the trail, texture the trail for non-slip during heavy rains.

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Need to design mixing points with greenways all around Kirkland to facilitate non-auto means to access the Corridor

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Emphasize potential  
for Forbes Creek / Juanita Bay  
Trail to eventually also be  
a bike connection to the

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Juanita Drive Corridor and  
100th Ave / Simonds Road Corridors  
for bike commuting to / from  
Bothell, Kenmore, Firin Hill,  
and points beyond.

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Spaces : love that streams set free!  
love naturalistic in urban surroundings  
activities : quiet seating ~~at~~ with view  
my views ~~at~~ of lake not to have intrusive  
art pieces - the lake view is so nourishing. by  
itself.

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different trail profiles along the whole of the corridor.

Like that there are 8 sections to  
satisfy many different ideas of urban  
living. Quiet, contemplative +  
busy, art-filled, or play.

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evolution, including growth along the corridor and possible future transit.

~~But~~ Appreciate "Berger" in local co. by  
local mean Pacific NW.  
Want to plan for transit - ONLY if that  
transit is QUIET + not emitting toxic  
fumes.

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Include community gardens and edible landscaping in the plan—maintained by volunteers and

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harvested to help the poor and needy through Hopelink etc. Focus these uses in areas with close parking because people will be carrying tools + produce.

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What happens at the terminus  
of this trail?  
Is there a plan for  
access for all users?  
Will there be a user reeducation  
when the trail is fully developed?

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Educate the users of the trail. There are rules for cyclist sharing a trail, but walkers and dog owners are clueless!

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