

# Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan Goals



## 01: CONNECT KIRKLAND

The Cross Kirkland Corridor is fundamentally about making connections: connecting to the city via the corridor but also connecting the city back to the corridor. The corridor can connect to existing transit, future transit and potentially become home to high capacity transit. Innovative alternative transit between the corridor and downtown Kirkland is another example of a potential connection. The corridor connects people-neighbors, kids and schools, businesses and their employees and customers-in a new model for contemporary communities.



## 02: SHAPE A PLACE UNIQUE TO KIRKLAND

More than a corridor that connects, the Cross Kirkland Corridor is a place, a destination, and an attraction. Kirkland is a city of diverse citizens, and the corridor will welcome and serve all citizens and visitors of all ages and abilities. The corridor will also capture the unique qualities that make Kirkland special-both in its design and in the programs and events it supports.



## 03: FOSTER A GREENER KIRKLAND

The Cross Kirkland Corridor master plan will shape the development of an ecologically and environmentally enhanced corridor even as it becomes an intensively used and integral part of city life. The corridor's greatest contribution to sustainability extends beyond its own project limits to offer the opportunity for all of Kirkland to become more sustainable. By providing sustainable, regional amenities, the corridor makes Kirkland 'greener.'



## 04: ACTIVATE KIRKLAND AND EVOLVE WITH TIME

The corridor can lead the whole city forward to achieve existing and new goals. It is designed to adapt and evolve over time to meet the needs of a growing city. The corridor offers balanced transportation solutions that today might include improved connections to transit, and also future possibilities which may one day include high capacity transit. The corridor is envisioned as a catalyst for change and growth as under-utilized areas of the city increasingly become home to new businesses and residents.

To view the CKC Master Plan, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor)



# City of Kirkland Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement

Developed by the City's Transportation Commission. Approved by the Kirkland City Council April 19, 2011

*“Ultimately, the City's interests would be met by implementing a welcoming, transportation-oriented facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, coupled with a high-capacity transit system that connects Kirkland to the region.”*

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### Introduction

In December 2009, the Port of Seattle purchased the Woodinville subdivision from the BNSF Railroad. The Eastside Rail Corridor, stretching between Snohomish and Renton via Kirkland, thereby became a publicly-owned corridor. The City of Kirkland has long been interested in the corridor as a potential facility for bicycle and pedestrian transportation, having identified the Cross Kirkland Trail<sup>2</sup> project more than 15 years ago.

With the corridor coming into public ownership, the City Council directed the Transportation Commission to conduct public outreach, then identify and document the City's interests in the corridor. This Interest Statement is the product of that work.

Outreach elements included gathering comments at the Wednesday Market, fielding three on-line surveys, meeting with Boards, Commissions and neighborhood groups, walking the corridor, and receiving testimony at Transportation Commission meetings. The 2009 Final Eastside Commuter Rail Feasibility Study<sup>2</sup> prepared by Sound Transit and PSRC also served as a reference.

This Interest Statement is not a proposal or a recommendation per se. Rather, it is intended to guide evaluation of proposals for corridor development. Proposals that satisfy more of the interests would rank more highly than proposals that satisfy fewer of the interests. The conclusions at the end of this document describe the type of corridor development that is likely to be practical and meet the City's interests given current information.

### Interests

#### Serve Transportation needs of Kirkland

Transportation on the corridor should be integrated with and support the City's transportation goals<sup>3</sup> to provide travel options within Kirkland and to points outside Kirkland. This implies an interest in how and when the corridor is developed in other cities as well.

#### Keep the corridor in public ownership

The region has determined<sup>4</sup> that the public interest is served by public ownership of the corridor, and the City of Kirkland supports this position. Keeping the corridor in public ownership may require the City to purchase its portion of the right-of-way, and Kirkland's ownership may help the City meet other interests as well.

The Eastside Rail Corridor (black line) touches many neighborhoods and parks in Kirkland



A section of the right-of-way in the Highlands neighborhood



Source: City of Kirkland

#### Council Goal concerning Balanced Transportation:

Kirkland values an integrated multi-modal system of transportation choices.  
Council Goal: To reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles. (September 2009)

## Summary of Interests

- Serve Transportation needs of Kirkland
- Keep the corridor in public ownership
- Actively use the corridor in the near future
- Maintain the corridor in good condition
- Contribute to economic sustainability
- Connect Totem Lake
- Protect neighborhood feel and atmosphere
- Plan for a multi-use facility
- Serve the transportation needs of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Design Transit to efficiently move people
- Plan any transit use in close consultation with the City of Kirkland
- Consider grade-crossing delay and safety
- Disclose and mitigate environmental impacts

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