



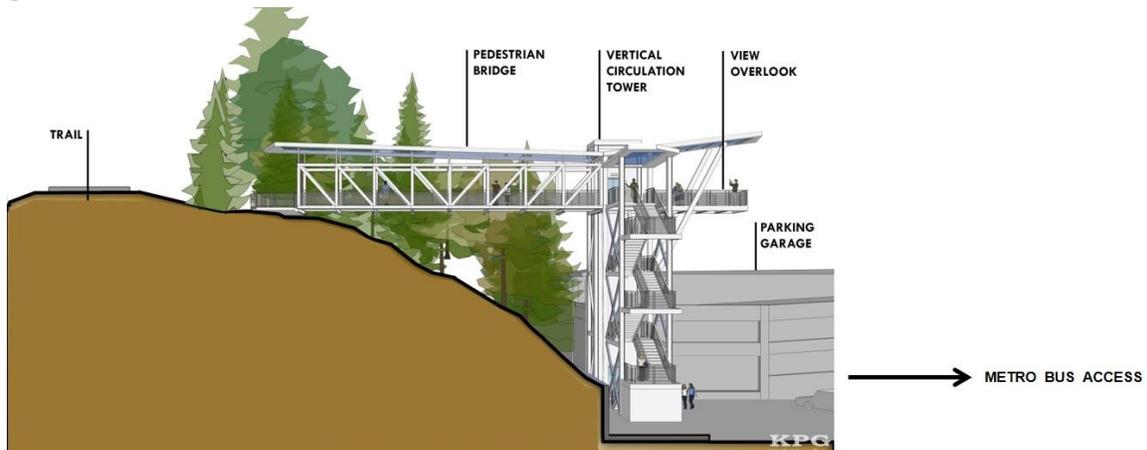
MEMORANDUM

To: Houghton Community Council
From: Frank Reinart, P.E., Project Engineer
Date: January 19, 2016
Subject: SOUTH KIRKLAND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTION TO CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR TRAIL – PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Kirkland is currently designing a more direct, convenient, and ADA-accessible connection between the King County Metro South Kirkland Park & Ride facility and the Cross Kirkland Corridor trail.



A 65-foot vertical elevation change separates the parking lot from the trail. The connection provided by this project will include an elevator tower, a five-flight staircase, and an elevated bridge structure.



Like the adjacent King County Metro parking garage building, the tower and bridge will be located on the Bellevue side of the Kirkland-Bellevue city boundary. Consequently, all design review and permitting for this project is being performed by the City of Bellevue.

The structure will improve access to a significant transit facility servicing both Kirkland and Bellevue. More significantly, it will encourage public consideration of multiple non-vehicular options for travel, being usable by pedestrians and cyclists alike.

The transparent design will create a variety of views and reduce the need for artificial light.

Funding partners for this project include the State of Washington and King County.



Design and permitting for the project is expected to be completed later this year. Construction will follow through the winter of 2016-2017. The City plans to complete the project summer 2017.

If desired, we would be pleased to provide the Houghton Community Council an update on this project later this spring.