

**Kirkland Transportation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday April 28, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Don Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:08. Members Present: Michael Snow, Morgan Hopper, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, Joel Pfundt, Tom Pendergrass, Sandeep Singhal. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Ray Steiger, Public Works Department

**Approval of meeting notes from February 24 meeting**

Approved unanimously.

**KTC presentation at Youth Summit**

Morgan Hopper and Don Samdahl reviewed the presentation that was made at the Youth Summit, where the principles in *Transportation Conversations* were described. They noted youth opinions on the subjects of pay parking, transit use, development of the Eastside Rail Corridor, use of HOT lanes on I-405, and how youth would spend a hypothetical \$100 on transportation.

**Transportation Conversation**

The Commission reviewed the April draft document. The Commission offered numerous small changes to the document and directed staff to prepare a final version for presentation to Council at the June 15 study session.

**Public Comment**

Jim Hunt commented on the Transportation Conversations document suggesting that CTR programs, a shuttle bus to events and work on neighborhood plans be included in the document. The Commission agreed but asked that rather than adding the comments as bullets, they be incorporated into the document in another manner.

**BNSF Corridor update** video of this presentation and subsequent discussion is available on line at [http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=13&clip\\_id=1828](http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=1828)

Doug Engle of GNP railway addressed the Commission. Mr. Engle discussed how GNP operated on the corridor today and excursion service they would like to provide in the future including on the Redmond spur and on the south part of the subdivision. He described GNP's vision for a new excursion train. Mr. Engle explained that GNP is interested obtaining \$50 million from Sound Transit for refurbishment of the rails and development of a minimal trail.

The Commission then asked Mr. Engle questions (Begins at 20:00 on video). Question topics included the inspection of bridges, ability to electrify, frequency and speed of a future excursion service, how a trail made from excess ballast would work.

Staff presented an outline for public involvement (begins at 28:30 on video). The Commission clarified the role of the Commission and the role of the stakeholders that have been contacted so far. Staff reported some of the comments from the stakeholders that have been contacted. The Commission was interested in identifying the nature of the product that will be created at the end the work. Staff will continue to contact stakeholders and then propose a process for the Commission at the May 19th meeting.

**Work plan**

The Commission added annexation and transportation planning for the annexation area, transit and Totem Lake to the work plan. A new structure for the work plan was proposed using three categories: 1) items that the commission will proactively work on and for which results are expected, 2) items that will be monitored and 3) routine items that are necessary for the functioning of the group.

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### **Updates**

Ray Steiger gave a brief update on the current CIP process.

Commission agreed to try to hold its regular June meeting on June 15 following the study session. Tom Pendergrass offered to attend the May 25 neighborhood meeting. Commission is planning to cancel the August regular meeting.

Commissioners had no comments except that Joel Pfundt noted the governor will be signing legislation concerning SR 520 tomorrow.

### **Meeting adjourned**

8:56, motion by Sandeep, seconded by Pfundt, passed unanimously.