

**Kirkland Transportation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday May 19, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Don Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:08. Members Present: Michael Snow, Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, Joel Pfundt, Tom Pendergrass. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Ray Steiger, Public Works Department, Erin Leonhart, City Manager's office

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

Approved unanimously with the following change: "Ballast" should be substituted for "minimal" in the description of GNP's presentation.

**Council Goals**

Erin Leonhart discussed the Council goal on balanced transportation and asked for Commission ideas on the effective measurements that would track progress toward achieving the goal. The Commission had ideas for several measures including: Number of users, transit ridership, CTR mode split, % of facilities completed, car ownership/ household and adoption of multimodal concurrency. Staff will come to a future meeting to follow up on these ideas and to discuss other goals that the Commission might be interested in such as financial stability, infrastructure and environment.

**Work Plan**

The Commission reviewed the draft work plan prepared by staff and proposed several additions/changes including: add "urban center" to Totem Lake, clarified what the Totem Lake project was, adding three items from the Transportation Conversations 1) Develop new multimodal level of service methods, 2) Develop goals and prioritization for project categories where it does not currently exist, 3) begin to capture new ideas or opportunities for progress in the area of pollution, climate change and health.

**Public Comment**

Video of public comments is available on the city website at:

[http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=13&clip\\_id=1852](http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=1852)

*Todd Woosley* commented on two items: 1) BNSF; suggested possibly dividing the corridor into rail in the commercial areas and trail in the residential area. 2) Impact fees and the need to keep impact fees in coordination with the actual impacts made by development. *Georgine Foster* commented on the need for buses on I-405 and that a future phase of Sound Transit would be the appropriate place to plan for rail on the corridor. *Jim Hunt* thanked the Commission for the ERC webpage and commented that the King County Council may not have heard the interests of Kirkland.

**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=1852](http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=1852)

Greg Walker of Sound Transit addressed the Commission. (begins at 13:00 on video) Mr. Walker explained the origin of the Sound Transit funding, the requirements of the funding and the timeline for completion of an RFP. The Commission asked Mr. Walker questions. Question topics included SEPA, compatibility with the existing Sound Transit system, station location and service frequency.

Staff presented a process for public involvement (begins at 53:00 on video). This information is to form the basis of a memo to Council for June 1. The Commission was generally satisfied with the memo and the Commission commented on the ideas that were proposed: A survey might be helpful later in the process, web based comment cards would be useful, a focus group might be good in the future. A video "tour" of the corridor may be useful. The Commission discussed it's potential role in a public process and how to prepare a memo for the June 1 Council meeting.

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### **Transportation Conversation**

The Commission reviewed the May draft document and discussed the portions that should be included in the work plan.

### **Updates**

Ray Steiger gave a brief update on Transportation Benefit Districts and Dave Godfrey described CPPW grants that city is applying for.

Commissioners had no comments.

### **Meeting adjourned**

9:00, motion by Wilson seconded by Neir, passed unanimously.