

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday February 24, 2010**

Call to Order

Don Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:03. Members Present: Jon Pascal, Mike Miller, Morgan Hopper, Joel Pfundt. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Dave Snider, Ray Steiger, from the Public Works Department

Approval of meeting notes from January 27 meeting

Motion by Pascal second by Miller, approved unanimously.

Public Comment: video of Public comments are available on line at http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=1770

Karen Story

Proposed a method for creating an interim trail on the BNSF right-of-way. She suggested spreading gravel between the rails to create a trail surface. Ms. Story expressed the need for a interim trail to be completed quickly.

Sharron Riddle

Ms. Riddle supported development of trail on the right-of-way and supported the idea of an interim trail. She encouraged the Commission to walk the right-of-way.

Karen Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen is a member of the steering committee of the Eastside Trail Advocates. Ms. Rasmussen read a statement from the Eastside Trail Advocates.

BNSF Corridor update video of this presentation is available on line at http://kirkland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=1770

Pam Bissonnette from King County gave a presentation on the County's process with the Port of Seattle to develop the Eastside Rail Corridor. She described the current negotiations and the important role of Sound Transit. The negotiations will determine the ownership and rights of various parties. After negotiations are complete, King County and Sound Transit plan to conduct a regional public process in order to help determine the how the corridor should be developed.

After the presentation, the Commission discussed how the City of Kirkland should be involved. The Commission saw two principle questions: 1) commenting to King County on what Kirkland's role should be in the process and 2) What are Kirkland's main interests in how the corridor is developed. Staff was directed to bring suggestions on these two points to the next Commission meeting. Two other points were raised: 1) Kirkland should advocate for interim use and 2) does the city want to own a portion of the ROW. Staff was directed to invite Eastside Trail Advocates, Cascadia, Sound Transit and GNP railroad to the next Commission meeting to give presentations.

Transportation Conversation

The Commission reviewed the Concerns and recommendations sections of the expanded document. There were many proposed changes. Staff was directed to make changes to the document and prepare a new draft for the next meeting.

CIP

Ray Steiger and Dave Snider described the current CIP process and its schedule. An update from the recent council meeting was also given with the fact that approval was given to moving forward with a \$20 Transportation Benefit District.

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Updates

Commission agreed to move its meeting regularly scheduled meeting for May 26th to May 19th.

Neir: Discussed a report from several years ago authored by the PSRC concerning the cost of transportation and the fact that publicly funded direct costs make up a small cost of the total funding picture. Also mentioned Seattle's recent support for rail on SR 520 and wondered if Kirkland had supported this concept in the past.

Miller: Discussed the Transportation Conversations document with Mayor McBride who was enthusiastic in her support for it. She is also looking forward to a discussion between the Council and the Commission.

Pascal: Attended a meeting of the Eastside Trail Advocates.

All others: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:52.