

**Kirkland Transportation Commission**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Chair Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members Present: Tom Neir, Mike Snow, Sandeep Singhal, Joel Pfundt, Carl Wilson, Morgan Hopper. Kirkland Staff Present: Ray Steiger, Dave Godfrey, Dave Snider, Public Works Department; Audience: Georgine Foster, Dwight Baker, Jim Hunt, Tom Jones, other

**Approval of meeting notes from February 23, 2011 meeting.**

Approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Received comments encouraging the use of the Eastside Rail Corridor as an area for a private street car, possibly sharing a yard with one on the Redmond spur. He felt that this would be a good tourism opportunity. Dwight Baker commented on the Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement. He noted that it was broad and not too specific. He urged the Commission to not proceed with the statement until additional professional, in-depth studies were completed. The Commission received an email from Mr. Bob Forgrave, asking the Commission to not actively support dual use rail/trail on the corridor. He stated that Sound Transit is planning to use the I-405 corridor for BRT.

**Bellevue Transportation Commission**

Mr. Tom Tanaka and Ernie Simas from the City of Bellevue Transportation Commission discussed reasons why they were visiting. These included reaching out to other Commissions, learning what others are doing, sharing common interests, identifying topics of common interest such as level of service standards, impact fees, ITS and the Eastside Rail Corridor. It was agreed that the Commissions should share agendas and materials. The Commission was interested in possibly holding a joint meeting with the entire Bellevue Commission.

**Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement**

The Commission reviewed the results of outreach on the draft statement and then offered comments on how to improve it. The Commission directed staff to prepare a revised final version based on the Commission's comments and to have it reviewed by the Commission in time for presentation at the April 19 City Council meeting.

**CIP/Funding for ERC**

Mr. Dave Snider described a request to look at the existing CIP funding and determine if funding is available to use toward possible purchase of the Kirkland section of the Eastside Rail Corridor. The only meaningful amount of funding is currently dedicated to pavement maintenance. The Commission unanimously felt that it would not be wise to use such funding. They encouraged use of a bond and simultaneous purchase and development of the corridor. They also offered alternative funding mechanisms such as borrowing from the Port of Seattle.

**Metro Strategic Plan**

Staff described the proposed Metro Strategic Plan and accompanying mechanisms for evaluating, adding and deleting service. The Commission commented on the material including: the factors may not be independent, some of the evaluation factors (e.g. revenue from fare box) are outside the control of the local agencies. Restructuring of unproductive routes should be a first step to improve their performance. Some questions included: how are corridors added, how are new corridors evaluated, what are the comparison routes for the peak hour services? Overall, the Commission was supportive of the methods proposed by Metro as an alternative to the "40/40/20" approach.

**Lake Washington Boardwalk**

Commissioner Neir presented a concept for a boardwalk along Lake Street and Lake Washington Boulevard. It would include a 17' wide sidewalk that would be used by pedestrians and slower moving cyclists. Space would be provided for musicians, vendors, art and other enhancements. Hurdles include the need to remove parking

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on the western side of the street, funding and public support. The Commission supported further development of the concept including

#### **Updates from Commissioners and Staff**

Staff updated the Commission on changes to Route 255, bidding on 6th/Central, 114th/85th intersection projects and the Parkplace development agreement. Samdahl: reported on Metro Transit strategic plan update at ETP. All others: None.

**Meeting adjourned** Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:17 p.m.