

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

Call to Order

Called to order at 5:58 p.m. Members Present: Don Samdahl, Michael Snow, Carl Wilson, Tom Neir, Tom Pendergrass, Sandeep Singhal. Members Absent: Morgan Harper, Joel Pfundt. Kirkland Staff Present: Kurt Triplett, Dave Snider, Ray Steiger, Kari Page, Erin Leonhart.

Approval of meeting notes from June 15 meeting.

Approved unanimously.

Eastside Rail Corridor Discussion

City Manager Kurt Triplett gave overview of his perspective of the corridor and negotiations. Discussion of Kirkland purchase potential. Kurt has contacted Sound Transit, Port of Seattle, King County to discuss Kirkland's interest of purchase. Our interest would be more of a rail/trail concept.

Open for Commission questions:

- How would that disrupt the "regional" corridor? *This would preserve it*
- If we bought it, how would it be different? What is the point? *Unknowns may force it on to the market*
- Wouldn't it be more logical for County? *Hasn't happened yet – County has a real challenge financially.*
- What does this do for our timing (their timing)? *ST – RFP still underway. King County – processing their budget tough times.*
- Who could they sell it to? *Really anybody*
- What about the issues about the challenges are difficult? i.e. alter the path of the corridor. *Possibly trade pieces / What are other types of train arrangements?*

Council would like to see more background & analysis. How can we get more background for the Council? King County has spent \$500,000 on a fairly comprehensive appraisal of the corridor.

We need to get a better handle on the operational side. Don summarized KTC role in process. Are other cities interested? Kurt thinks Renton, Bellevue may be looking at it in future. 6:37 Kurt wrapped up and left.

Other considerations:

- Tom N. We need a deliverable along with our final interest statement
- How are we reflecting public feedback? - benefits, restraints

Public Comment

Jim Hunt

- Re: page 3 City of Bellevue interest statement, Bellevue's regional transportation is not equal to peds and bikes

Georgine Foster

- If we are doing a regional corridor, then people need to make a plan (region needs to help pay for)

Doug Ingle (GNP CEO)

- Still love the website. Tolls on the bridge, HOT lanes, gas prices...what happens to the transportation system? No single authority in charge of the corridor. Kudos to TC for working on this. Remember it is rail banked and keep that at the forefront.

Tom Jones (Cascadia)

- Briefing note to Bellevue Sound Transit re: tunnel. Tunnel will be a nightmare to haul the dirt away. Put it on the rail haul (build the bridge first). FRA (rail/transit operations) Denver, CO on April 10. Save \$\$ on construction. *(Staff get briefing paper out to Transportation Commission re: Bellevue City Council)*

Brian Staples

- Letter to City of Bellevue. We must really pursue the legal ownership. People just don't know what is going on. Meandering alignment: switch back and forth. *(Ray gave him card so he could call me)*

City Council Goals and Performance Measures

Erin Leonhart from City Manager's Office came to review/comment on goals and performance measures.

Soliciting Comments on Council Goal IV. Balanced Transportation.

- Tom P: ITS? We need to look more to ITS and let people know about it (example, was 100th Ave. southbound to Eastbound NE 124th St)
- Tom N.: How can we incorporate people using taxis? We should include taxicount somehow.

Some general comments on the VIII. Environment category:

- Soil removed from catch basins? Tons or dump trucks?
- Where is water quality of lake measure? Significant comments and input on measures.

Erin will incorporate thoughts/ideas.

Work Plan

Determine transportation actions/investments that would be helpful for development of Totem Lake.

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Staff will send out notice and information about the upcoming Totem Lake summit (some commissioners may want to attend)

Transportation planning for annexation area

Staff to get a list of county projects

- King County analysis of LOS/concurrency/etc.
- Impact fees

CIP Process Update

Dave S. TIP introduction/discussion. Highlights ~ 5 projects with grants. ITS notification now \$1.8M. Promote what we are getting.

Future discussions TC would like to know about:

- Big changes between this year and last year?
- KPEC?
- How does money come to us?

Transit Interest Statement

- What is the time frame? (not sure of when Council wanted this)
- Active Transportation Plan as a source of interest
- King County service changes in 2009 caused the Transportation Commission to generate a Transit Interest Statement; staff will track this down and reissue it to Commission for review/comment

Other thoughts to consider:

- Transit hubs; park-n-rides; productive routes vs social side (life line routes); look at pricing to/fare box considerations

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

- Sandeep/Tom P. to the Park Board meeting September 8.
- Follow-up with the Electric Charging Station (Tim Llewellyn, Dave G.) – presentation to KTC.
- Tom N: remove parking along LW Blvd/Lake Street on west side (at lake). Check in with Lakeview/Houghton neighborhoods/planner regarding where did the removing parking thought go?
- Next meeting: September 22.
 - Bring the public outreach slide show and work through it (get folks out there)
 - Summarize the public comments: we must pay attention to comments
 - Show the pinch points and connection points (aerial)
 - Show just the trail as a cross section (alternate perspective)
 - Resend “notes from eastside rail corridor discussion” to the KTC

Meeting adjourned

Moved/approved to adjourn 8:46 p.m.