

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday December 16, 2009**

Call to Order

Jon Pascal called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members Present: Mike Miller, Morgan Hopper, Don Samdahl, Sandeep Singhal, Joel Pfundt, Tom Neir . Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Department, Ellen Miller-Wolf, City Manager's Office Others present: None

Approval of meeting notes from October 28 meeting

Notes approved unanimously with the following corrections:

1. Eastside Tolling Study should be bolded
2. In the second paragraph under Eastside tolling study: ... revenue should be spent in the corridors where it is collected...
3. Under updates: Reminded Commissioners that they should ~~plan on~~ missing only no more than 2 or 3 meetings during the upcoming year if possible.

Motion by Neir, second by Pfundt.

Public Comment: None

Implementation of Alternative Transportation Funding

Kendra Brealin of Fehr and Peers gave a presentation on a funding report that was prepared for the Joint Transportation Committee of the State Legislature. The basic message was that alternatives to the gas tax are possible and some are on the horizon, but for various reasons, most are not yet ready for implementation. On the other hand, because revenue is down, something needs to be done. Some ideas that might be easier to implement include indexing fuel tax to inflation or simply raising the gas tax.

Transportation Conversations

Commission reviewed the latest draft and made comments including: Page 5, be more proactive and less passive. Page 6, add more examples of how we would implement, simplify discussion near the bottom of the page. Tie to Comp Plan and Land use discussions. Page 7, add discussion that these issues are long standing and that the principles may be applied to other issues in the future. Page 9, mellow wording on first bullet. Table 2 and others should be changed to reflect column headings as Recommendations not issues. Page 10, concerns, first bullet maintenance as well as capital projects. Page 11, try and make recommendations more positive and clear Page 12, watch for and avoid acronyms. Page 13, Under Background add more about health. Under recommendations 2nd bullet create a new paragraph describing implementation. Page 15, BNSF is too specific, focus on ATP with BNSF as an example.

The Commission decided that the document should take a two step development process. First should be a document that describes the principles, followed by a larger document that includes recommendations. The principles document should be taken out for public comment, followed by the broader document. Meetings with the Business Roundtable, the Planning Commission and KAN are scheduled.

Pavement maintenance

Daryl Grigsby reviewed information about pavement maintenance costs using a handout. Commission discussed the use of the terms "declining" or "increasing" deferred maintenance and suggested that the meaning be better defined or that the term not be used. Some of the other terms on the sheet also need more definition. The Commission did not recommend initiating a transportation benefit district and a street utility. Comments on the condition of pavement in the annexation area should be added.

SR 520 EA

The Commission discussed a summary prepared by staff. The Commission questioned how benefits from the project would be available without construction of a new bridge.

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Elections

Don Samdahl was nominated for chair and there were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Samdahl was elected unanimously. Joel Pfundt was nominated for vice-chair and there were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Pfundt was elected unanimously.

Updates

Samdahl: Reported that at the last ETP meeting, Sound Transit explained the alternatives developed for the East Link environmental process.

Pfundt: Reported on Metro service changes in Redmond.

All others: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 Moved by Samdahl, second by Pfundt.