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MEMORANDUM

To: Kirkland Transportation Commission

From: Don Anderson, P.E., Project Engineer

Date: January 19, 2010

Subject: INFO PACKET & UPDATE FOR
THE KOLLIN NIELSON MEMORIAL NAMING of the I-405 BRIDGE over NE 116th
STREET

Prior actions by the Commission and City Council in 2009 supported the community-based proposal to name the state-owned facility of the I-405 bridge over NE 116th Street in honor of Kollin Nielson, who tragically lost his life while employed on the Washington State Department of Transportation I-405 Nickel project in 2007 due to a drunk driver.

The Kirkland Transportation Commission at its public meeting on June 24, 2009 received public testimony in support of this action, and unanimously supported the proposal. Commissioners requested the state coordinate with Kirkland staff and come back before the commission to finalize a memorial plaque location, any proposed signage, and related issues. Kirkland City Council sent a letter signed by the mayor in support of the proposed naming as vetted in public process by the Kirkland Transportation Commission.

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Also attached are background info on this proposal, the proposed signage and plaque information, discussion on a planned memorial ceremony, and proposed next steps by WSDOT to achieve these ends.

WSDOT staff will make a brief presentation at the January commission meeting, take questions and receive appropriate input from the commission.

Attachments: Washington State Transportation Commission Letter of Oct. 28, 2009 with Resolution No. 696
WSDOT Info Packet



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October 28, 2009

Paula Hammond, Secretary
Washington State Department of Transportation
PO Box 47316
Olympia, WA 98504-7316

Re: Adoption of Resolution No. 696

Dear Secretary Hammond:

I'm writing to inform you that the Commission adopted Resolution No. 696 on October 20, 2009 (enclosed) naming an I-405 overpass for Kollin Nielson who tragically lost his life to a drunk driver while working on a state construction project. This resolution was in response to the passage of Senate Joint Memorial 8007 and expresses appreciation to Kollin Nielson for his contribution to the construction of this bridge, respect to his surviving family members, and the Commission's commitment to raise awareness on drunk driving, by naming the I-405 Bridge over NE 116th Street the "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge".

We hope the Department will move forward in a timely manner with the fabrication and installation of the appropriate signage on this bridge to reflect the naming. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission Office at 360-705-7070.

Sincerely,

Reema Griffith
Executive Director
Washington State Transportation Commission

Enclosure

cc: Senator Mary Margaret Haugen
Senator Rodney Tom
Senator Eric Oemig
Senator Fred Jarrett
Representative Judy Clibborn
Representative Roger Goodman
Representative Ross Hunter
Representative Deborah Eddy
Representative Larry Springer
Teresa Berntsen, Policy Advisor, Governor's Executive Policy Office
✓ Mayor James Lauinger, City of Kirkland
Lorena Eng, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, WSDOT
Kathy Kratzer, Project Engineer, Kiewit Pacific Company
Sara Nielson



RESOLUTION NO. 696

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2007, Kollin Nielson, tragically lost his life due to an incident involving a drunk driver while working on the state Department of Transportation's Interstate 405 Kirkland Project in support of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson was thirty years old and an employee of Kiewit Pacific Construction Company. He was the Project Engineer over the grading, drainage, and paving work, which included many critical operations such as surveying, erosion control, traffic control, and subcontractor coordination. He was a critical part of the construction team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson is survived by his wife, Sara, and his young son, Luke; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington, where his parents instilled in him a great work ethic. He was deeply committed to his faith and very active in his church, no matter where his career took him. These virtues were very evident in the way Mr. Nielson lived his life. He worked hard, played hard, and always treated everyone with the utmost respect, dignity, and honesty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes Kollin Nielson and endorses the community's strong support for this naming.

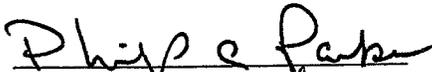
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses its appreciation to Kollin Nielson for his contribution to the construction of this bridge, its respect to his surviving family members, and its commitment to raise awareness on drunk driving, by naming the I-405 Bridge over NE 116th Street the "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge" in his honor.

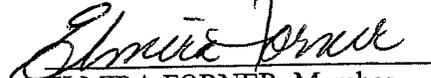
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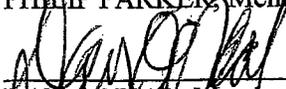
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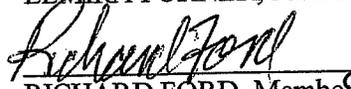

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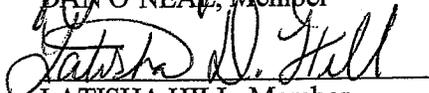

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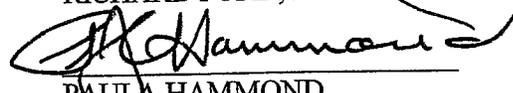

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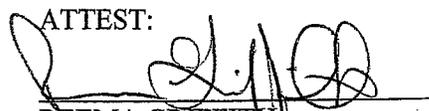

DAN O'NEAL, Member

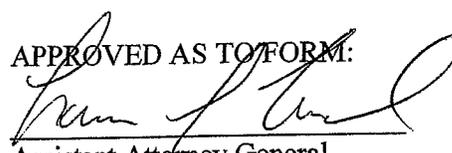

RICHARD FORD, Member


LATISHA HILL, Member


PAULA HAMMOND
Ex-Officio Member
Secretary of Transportation


TERESA BERNTSEN, Governor's Designee

ATTEST:

REEMA GRIFFITH
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant Attorney General

I-405 Corridor Program

Update on Kollin Nielson

NE 116th Street Bridge Memorial

Stacy Trussler

I-405 Corridor Deputy Project Director, Construction
Northwest Region

Paula Hammond

Secretary of Transportation

Dave Dye

Deputy Secretary

Steve Reinmuth

Chief of Staff

Kirkland Transportation Commission

Jan. 27, 2010



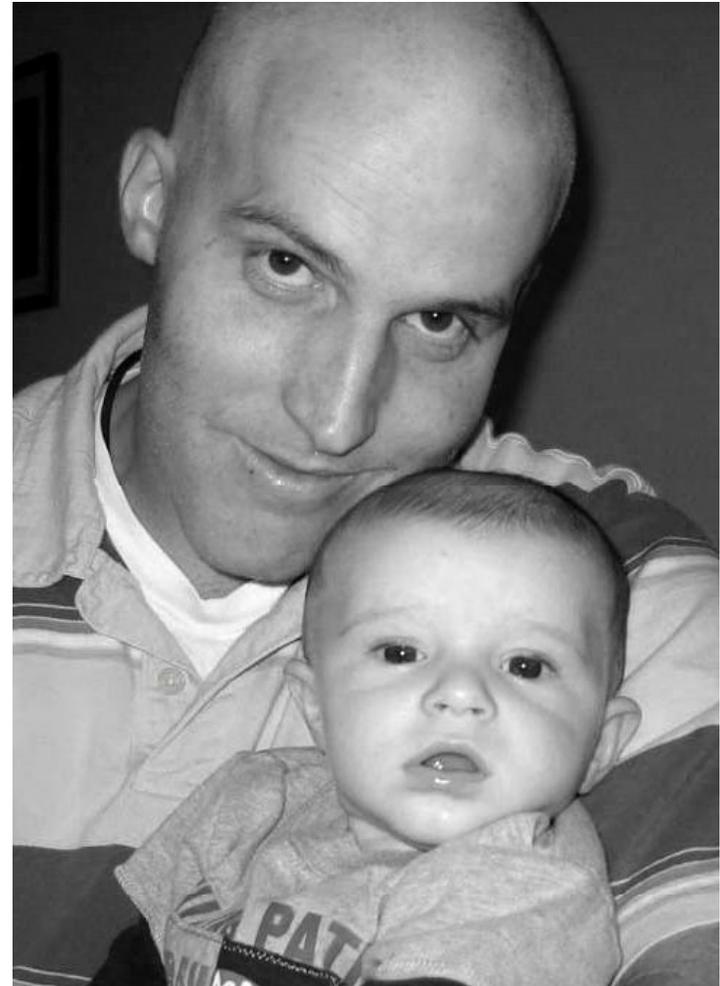
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Kollin Nielson/NE 116th Street Bridge Memorial

Kollin Nielson, 1977-2007

On June 22, 2007, Kollin Nielson tragically lost his life due to a drunk driving incident while working on the Washington State Department of Transportation's Interstate 405 Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Widening Project.

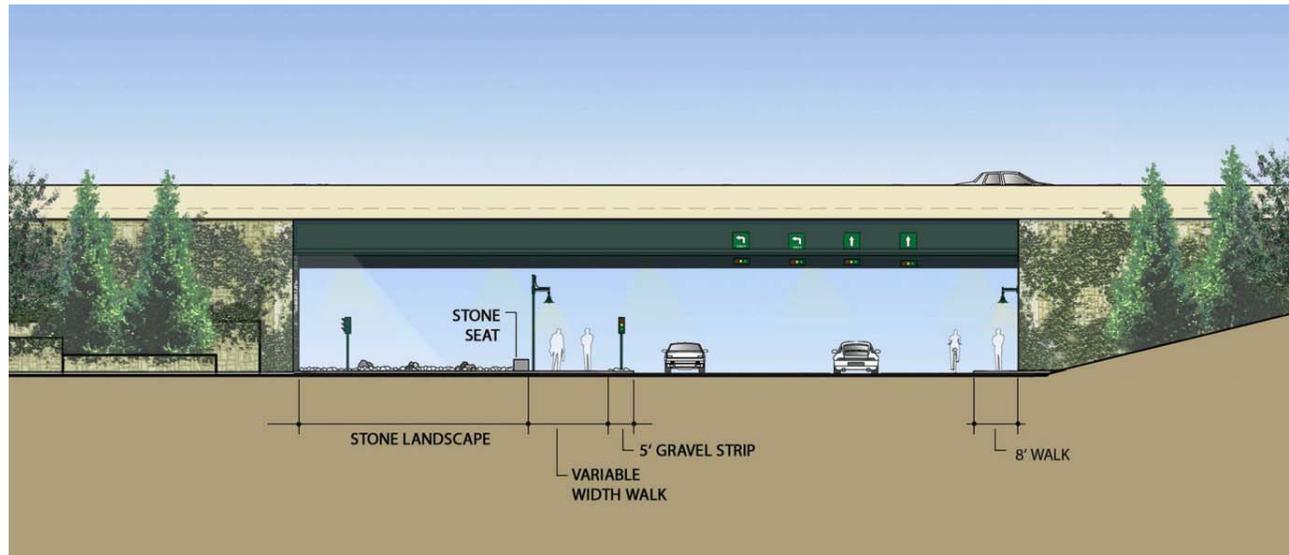
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Kollin Nielson/NE 116th Street Memorial Bridge Proposal

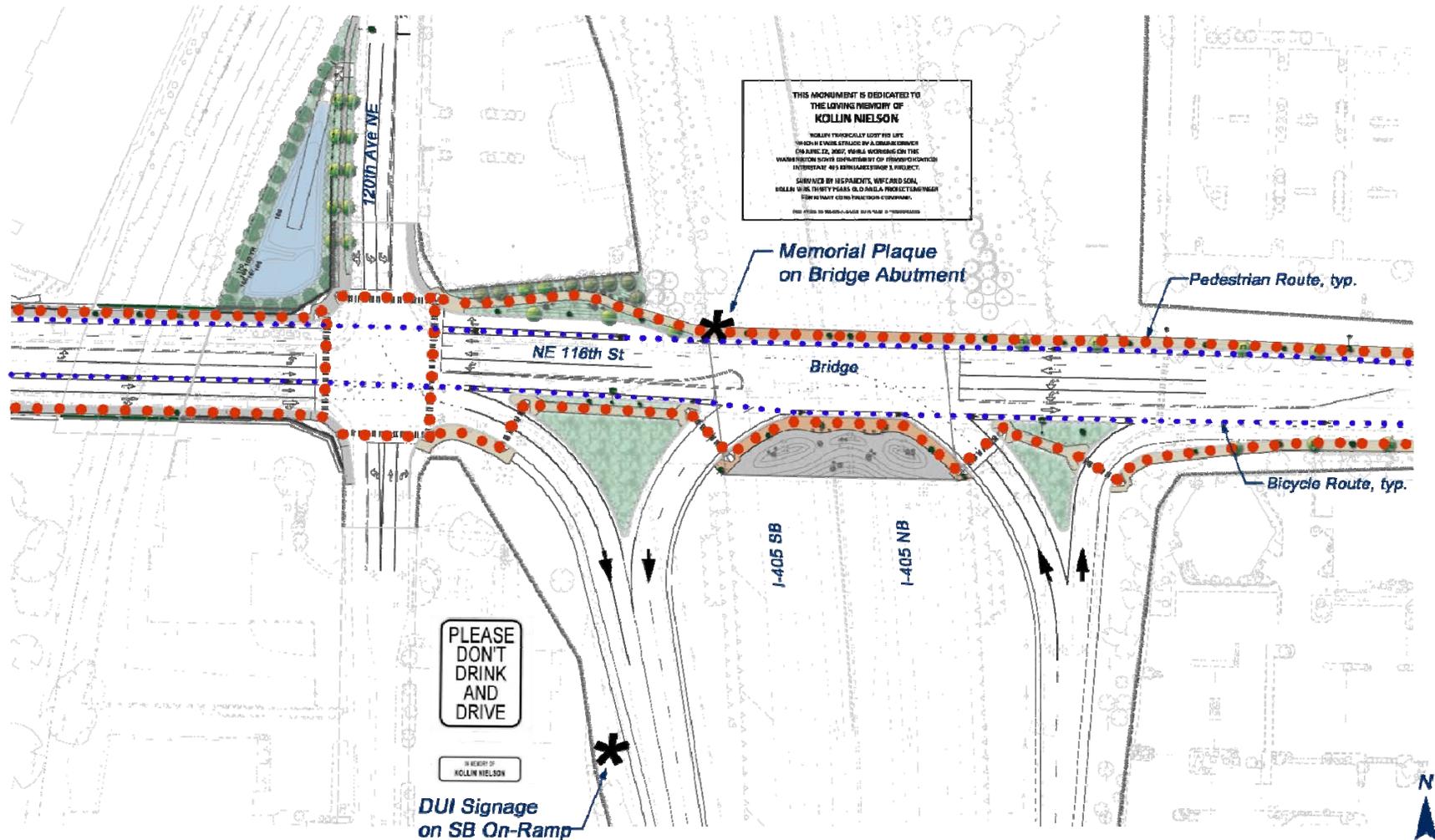
Facility Location

- The facility to be named is at the I-405 interchange crossing over NE 116th Street in Kirkland.
- WSDOT completed a widened bridge over NE 116th as part of the Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 construction project.
- WSDOT will be completing the NE 116th Street interchange by adding new arterial lanes, sidewalks, lighting, and bike lanes in the next construction phase (to begin 2011).



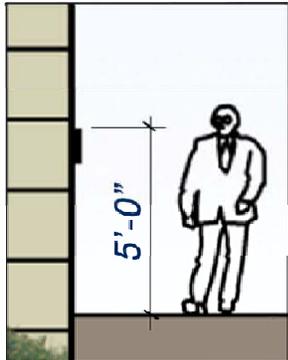
Proposed plaque location

Kollin Nielson / NE 116th Street Bridge Memorial Site Plan

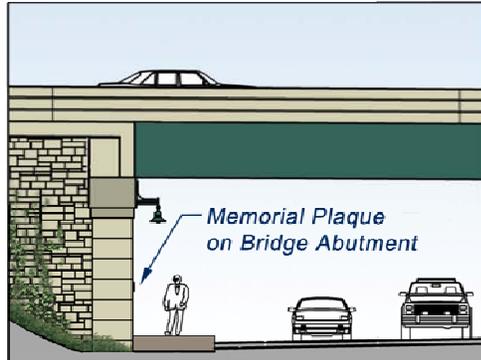


Pedestrian friendly site

Kollin Nielson / NE 116th Street Bridge Memorial Plaque Details



Elevation



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**SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, WIFE AND SON,
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Bridge Memorial Plaque



Perspective

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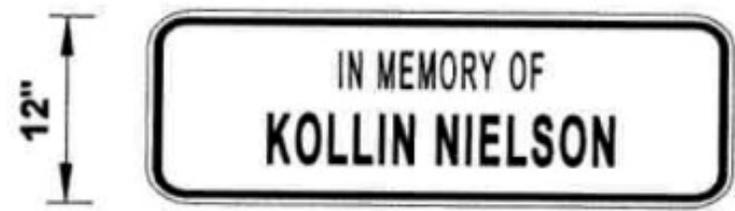
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Highway sign specifics



I20-201



I20-203

Kollin Nielson/NE 116th Street Bridge Memorial

Progress Report

- June 24, 2009: Kirkland Transportation Commission held a public hearing.
- July 7, 2009: the Kirkland City Council issued a letter of support to the Washington State Transportation Commission.
- Oct. 20, 2009: the Washington State Transportation Commission voted unanimously to rename the I-405 bridge over 116th Street in Kirkland the Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge.

Next Steps

- Brief Kirkland Transportation Commission on January 27th, 2009.
- Reading Paper to Kirkland City Council (first or third Wednesday) in February.
- Hold dedication ceremony at the 116th Street Bridge on Friday, March 19 or 26, 2010.



Questions?

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