

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

An audio recording of the meeting is available on the [Transportation Commission Page](#) of the City website.

Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brayden Brackett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith DeBolt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Jacobson | <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Marpert | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa McConnell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic |

Kirkland Staff Present: Joel Pfundt, Kari Page, Blair Daly and June Carlson, Public Works Department; and David Wolbrecht, City Manager's Office

Review of past meeting notes

No action was taken on the notes from the December 5, 2018 meeting.

Items from the Audience

None.

Bike Share Pilot Program Community Engagement Results

Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator; and David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator presented the results of Kirkland's Civic Engagement regarding the problem statement "Bike share bikes are showing up in Kirkland. How should the City respond to the introduction of bike share on the Eastside?". The presentation began with a brief explanation of why the City might want to permit bike share and the City's policy guidance related to bike share.

The presentation described the techniques used to collect feedback, demographic representations in the responses received, initial thoughts on the bike share pilot, and the community's thoughts on the potential positive and negative impacts of the bike share pilot. There was general support from the community for doing a bike share pilot permit.

The Commission was generally supportive of moving forward with the one-year bike share pilot and suggested the following items be considered during the pilot program. The City needs metrics to measure benefits/effectiveness of the pilot and will need to do another survey to measure community response towards the end of the pilot. A couple of the key concerns that need to be addressed in the bike share permit are how to minimize the impacts of parked bikes on pedestrian mobility/access and how to address the use of bike helmets. Commissioners also observed that bikes blocking sidewalks is likely an indication of a lack of bike parking and that there is little difference between properly parked bikes and properly parked vehicles. Also, the potential mobility benefit that this kind of transportation mode can have for young and lower income people who may not be able to afford a vehicle was noted.

Annual Transportation Master Plan Report Card

Blair Daly, Transportation Planning Graduate Intern, presented the draft Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Annual Report Card. The Presentation began with describing the policy support for the annual report card in the TMP, outlining the existing annual performance reports the City already does, and proposing an infographic format for the draft report card. The presentation then walked through each measure proposed for the report card.

Commissioners were supportive of the infographic format and the general direction of the report card being based on the measures in the TMP. They offered the following comments on the format and content:

- Highlight safety more in the report card
- Reformat to be consistent with TMP hierarchy of safety, walking, biking, transit and motor vehicles
- Better explain and review Key Transportation Projects
- An evaluation of travel time and/or system performance is missing from the report card
- Rotate crashes bar graph 90 degrees and rename to collisions
- 10-minute neighborhoods concept/measure is confusing
- How do we measure across the walk measures in a more holistic way?
- Split measures to show a 2015 baseline and progress since 2015.

- Consider interesting ways to show percent complete, for example percent complete for crosswalks could be shown using a crosswalk
- Greenways measure would be more useful if it showed a map
- Including both numbers and percent complete would explain things better
- CIP Expenditures – Include 2015 allocation of dollars, and separate maintenance because it is funded on an annual basis while project funding varies year-to-year

Regional Transportation Project Update

June Carlson, Transportation Strategic Advisor, and Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, provided an update to the Commission on regional transportation projects, including I-405 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Kingsgate Park and Ride Transit Oriented Development, I-405/NE 132nd St Interchange, I-450/NE 85th St Interchange and Inline BRT Station, NE 85th St Connector between I-405 Inline BRT Station and 6th St, North Eastside Mobility Project, SR 520 and Montlake Interchange, and proposed new Sound Transit Route 544.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Kirkland Intelligent Transportation Strategic Plan – Work continues and a presentation to the Commission will occur in the future
- 2019-2020 City of Kirkland Budget – Provided link to adopted City budget
- Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan – Revised draft being presented to Council at their February 5 Study Session
- Kirkland's Community Van will launch in late February
- Recognized Commissioner Perlic's leadership as Chair

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Commissioner McConnell – Eastside Rail Corridor is developing a name for the corridor; Regional Trail Coalition is forming to create more cohesive regional trail network; and commented on pedestrian related Totem Lake Design Guidelines and encourage other Commissioners to review as well.
- Commissioner DeBolt – Asked for clarification regarding Transportation Master Plan Report Card "sidewalk on one side of the street standard", does it need to be continuous on a block face to be considered meeting this standard?

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:30 PM.