

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, April 24, 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brayden Brackett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker	<input 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: Kathy Brown, Joel Pfundt, Kimberly Scrivner, and Iris Cabrera Public Works Department

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the March 22, 2019 meetings were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

Bike and Scooter Share Pilot Programs

Kim Scrivner, Transportation Planner, provided a presentation to the Commission. She began her presentation by stating that no applications for a right of way use permit were received from bike share operators to participate in the City's bike share pilot program. The presentation then shifted to scooter share, which City Council had requested be evaluated for implementation in addition to bike share. The presentation began by pointing out that 2018 saw a significant increase in trips made by shared micro mobility and much of that growth in trips was in scooter share. The remainder of the presentation described the definitions of rules of operation for scooter share in Washington State and the City of Kirkland, and lessons learned from other cities. A summary of feedback from bike share operators on why they did not apply to operate in Kirkland was also provided.

Commissions provided comments and asked several questions. These were primarily focused on understanding how scooter share might be safely and successfully operated in Kirkland. A number of challenges were identified, and the Commission recognized that much of the micro mobility industry is moving towards a focus on scooters.

Vision Zero Plan

Kim Scrivner, Transportation Planner, and Iris Cabrera, Transportation Engineer, presented on the City's Vision Zero Plan development. The presentation began by stating that the first goal in the City's Transportation Master Plan is zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. The presentation then laid out four core principles for vision zero and a status report of early work that has been done on the Vision Zero Plan. Then an update was provided on the type, severity and contributing factors related to disabling or fatal crashes (i.e. collisions) in Kirkland and regionally. Information was then provided on the many different elements that will be consider as part of the upcoming Vision Zero Plan development.

Commissioners commented on the importance of involving other City departments in development of the Vision Zero Plan, particularly the Police Department. There were also questions about the data, including how a disabling crash is determined; how the data could be normalized into a rate, so it is easier to compare year-to-year; and how changes in mode split effect the data. The Commission also was interested in how the increase in the availability of mobile devices, as well as aggressive driving and congestion factored into the data that was reported. Commissioners also shared their ideas for safety related programs that could be implemented to decrease fatal and disabling collisions.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- TMP Progress Report – provided final 2018 version

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- 2019-2021 Planning Work Program – Highlighted specific items. Commissioners suggested joint meeting with Planning Commission regarding NE 85th St/I-405 BRT Station Area Plan
- DSTT Closure
- SR 520/Montlake Interchange Construction – Construction will bring changes in June
- Community Van – Bike rack available
- Other items?

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Dueker – Requested more transportation performance data in the future
 - Transit boarding and alighting data
 - Traffic volume by arterial

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:10 PM.