

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday October 26, 2016**

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

Call to Order

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

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker | <input type="checkbox"/> Grace Guerrero | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa McConnell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Neir | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Pendergrass | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Snow |

Kirkland Staff Present: Kathy Brown, Thang Nguyen, Joel Pfundt, Public Works Department.

Others Present: Graydon Newman, King County.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the September 28, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

METRO CONNECT Plan

Graydon Newman provided an update on the METRO CONNECT long-range transit plan. The plan is anticipated to be adopted by the King County Council in early 2017. It proposes a 70% growth in Metro transit service hours by 2040. It includes a 2025 and 2040 outlook. These are setup to approximately coincide with full implementation of ST2 and ST3. The plan will provide more clarity for the community, jurisdictions and partner agencies. As such, it was developed with a great deal of outreach to the community and jurisdictions. It includes both a service and capital element that will be implemented over time to create an easy-to-use transit system. In order to create this transit system the number of frequent routes will be increased and service quality will be improved through capital improvements. The plan depends on partnerships and more service will be dedicated to where there is more support for transit. Commissioners commented on the conceptual nature of the plan and it was noted by Newman that a more detailed implementation plan will be developed in 2017. Commissioners also asked about the conversion to an all-electric fleet of buses, the consideration of driverless technologies in the future, and the possibility of partnering with Lake Washington Institute of Technology on training the mechanics of future high-tech buses.

Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines

Thang Nguyen presented on the proposed update to the transportation impact evaluation process. The overall outline is intended to codify and simplify the way transportation impact analysis is done, as well as ensure that it is done in a way that supports implantation of the City's Transportation Master Plan. An outline for a proposed new section in the Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) was presented. It would provide an overall structure for the analysis, and include: different levels of review, thresholds for each review level, exemptions, review process, appeal process, level of service standards and transportation demand management. The KMC would refer to a newly developed administrative guideline that would provide more technical detail about how the analysis would be carried out, interpreted and if needed, what type of mitigation would be appropriate. Nguyen also provided examples of how a project would be reviewed under the existing and proposed system. The Commission expressed strong support for a continued focus on multimodal level of service and site accessibility.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Complete Streets Ordinance – Unanimously approved by City Council on 10/18/16, Nominated for TIB Complete Streets Award by three organizations
- 6th St Corridor Study – There will be an open house on 11/2/16
- Metro Alternative Services Project – Survey complete, scheduling next meeting
- Next TC meeting on December 6, 2016 in Council Chambers
- Summarized meeting City staff had with Chris Rall from Transportation For America

Commissioner reported on the following:

- Dueker offered the observation that City needs to continue to think about its own transit needs

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- McConnell provided an Eastside Rail Corridor update, noting that \$10m of the \$13m necessary for the Wilburton Trestle has been secured and there will be an event at the Trailside Café at the Bellevue REI
- Pendergrass encouraged the City to collaborate with the Lake Washington School District on school walk routes

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:20 PM.