

**Kirkland Transportation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

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

**Call to Order**

Chair Perlic called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Xander Fiss | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grace Guerrero |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Marpert              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa McConnell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Snow   |

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

Others Present: Jeanne Acutanza – Acutanza STS.

**Review of past meeting notes**

Notes from the July 26, 2017 and September 27, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved. September meeting minutes were revised to state that Commissioner McConnell did not attend the Northup Way project ribbon cutting.

**Items from the Audience**

None.

**Totem Lake Field Trip Debrief**

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, presented a picture slide show that summarized the Commission's October 14, 2017 field trip to the Totem Lake Business District. The observations from the Commission included:

- Sidewalks are narrow and have vegetation encroachment, an 8' sidewalk is the bare minimum, 12' works much better and 6' isn't enough to be comfortable
- Sidewalks are for more than just walkers in an urban setting, also people waiting, business display space, lingering, biking, dog walkers, 8' is really inadequate
- Extend walk times and add ped count down signals at 128<sup>th</sup> traffic signals near I-405
- Totem Lake Transit Center well suited for layover and charging for electric buses
- Activate the CKC under the freeway with something like basketball courts or other activities
- BRT needs better connections and wayfinding (including maps) The current situation is pretty intimidating for new transit riders
- Bus connections for within the neighborhood and better connections to other neighborhoods, use CKC

**Totem Lake Enhancement Plan & Transportation Study**

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, presented the latest information on the Totem Lake Transportation Study. The presentation included the existing conditions gap analysis, future conditions gap analysis, and pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicle network hierarchies.

Commissioners commented about the need for additional transit on NE 124<sup>th</sup> St east of I-405. They also wondered if 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between NE 116<sup>th</sup> St and NE 124<sup>th</sup> St would work for very well as a retail street considering all of the transportation needs that it serves. Commissioners also asked if the new connection to the north of Totem Lake in the proximity of Totem Lake Way and NE 126<sup>th</sup> St would be a good low volume street connection, as well as a connection for pedestrians and cyclists. It was also suggested that this planning should show what is going on in Redmond and planning should be coordinated with adjacent cities.

**6th St Corridor Study**

Jeanne Acutanza, Project Manager, presented a summary of the latest draft of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study and how it addressed the Commission's comments from their July 26, 2017 meeting. The presentation also described past discussions with the Commission, the goals of the project as well as the next steps.

The Commissions suggested that future studies should be more specific in how they relate to the Transportation Master Plan. Particularly future studies should describe more specifically how they address safety. The importance of the large investments included in the study was highlighted in particular by the Commission. It was also suggested that Kirkland work with the City of Bellevue to remove the center islands just north of the CKC where the lanes are very narrow and difficult for cyclists to use.

**Updates from Commissioners/Staff**

Staff reported on the following:

- 2018-2019 Work Plan – Presented final draft of Work Plan. Work Plan have final minor edits corrected and then will be presented to Council before the end of the year.
- Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan and Connections Update – Presentation to Council October 3, 2017, Open House October 10, 2017, and public hearing on October 26, 2017. No connection map, just policies.
- I-405 Projects Update – Executive Advisory Group meeting on October 17, 2017.
- REMINDER: Next Commission meeting is December 13, 2107
- Boards and Commission dinner feedback – Some suggestions were changing up the night, different season, more social time.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Commissioner McConnell went the October 17, 2017 spike-pulling event for the Eastside Rail Corridor. An interim trail will be built on 4 miles of the ERC in Renton and 1 mile just south of the CKC.
- Commissioners asked about the status of bike share policy in Kirkland.

**Meeting adjourned** unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:45 PM.