

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday December 6, 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:

<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, Joel Pfundt, Frank Reinart – Public Works Department.

Others Present: Paul Davis, Lyft; Aaron Gooze, Fehr & Peers; Paul Farrier, HDR; and Jeanne Acutanza, The Transpo Group.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the October 26, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

First and Last Mile Partnerships

Paul Davis, Transportation Partnerships Manager at Lyft, provided background on Lyft and Lyft by the numbers. He described Lyft's partnership services, including: first/last mile services, suburban solutions by subsidizing rides from one bus stop to another, and addressing parking congestion by subsidizing rides and rideshare validation. He described Lyft's four partnership goals, which are:

- Partner with communities to create multimodal networks.
- Drive more users onto regional transit systems.
- Reduce single occupancy vehicle travel and car ownership.
- Reclaim parking spaces for more productive uses.

Aaron Gooze, Senior Transportation Engineer/Planner at Fehr & Peers, described the Go Centennial Pilot. This pilot project was a public private partnership, including Bloomberg Philanthropies Innovation Team award, Lyft and Xerox. It included performance measures, expansion of services and usage analysis. He also talked about the big picture for Kirkland and how TNCs could address Kirkland issues, such as infrequent transit access to key hubs/destinations, park and ride overcrowding, and access to downtown Kirkland. He also offered existing and future conditions in Kirkland that could provide opportunities.

Commissioners asked about flexibility, funding, Lyft services, using electric vehicles, and the process to design a pilot. Commissioners also requested some additional background data be provided.

100th Ave NE Transportation Improvements Design

Frank Reinart introduced the topic and introduced Paul Farrier, Project Manager from HDR. Paul presented the project goals of safety/mobility, community and decrease congestion. He then described the alternatives developed for nonmotorized transportation, Juanita-Woodinville Rd intersection, Simonds Rd intersection, right-of-way pinch point and Cedar Creek culvert. He then described the evaluation process which assessed the alternatives based on best value and the highest scoring best value alternative. The next steps will be to finalize the preferred alternative and begin 30% design.

Commissioners expressed concern about the highest scoring best value alternative at Simonds Rd, which they stated was bad for bicyclists and pedestrians. They were also concerned about the use of the flashing yellow left turn arrow for permissive lefts. They also expressed support for additional street lighting, bike lane separation and access management. They asked about undergrounding utilities and the development of a phasing plan. There was also concern about the impacts of the new Fire Station #27.

6th St Corridor Study

Jeanne Acutanza, Project Manager from The Transpo Group, presented community survey and outreach results, information from data collection and a draft list of potential solutions. She stated one of the outcomes of the community outreach and survey was the development of four values:

1. move people (not just vehicles) efficiently throughout the entire corridor (not just 6th/108th)
2. connect community and neighborhood destinations, safely
3. be designed to reduce congestion
4. provide capacity into the future to help the city achieve future growth objectives

The values will be used to evaluate potential solutions. The potential solutions will also be evaluated on how well they address the needs based on the data that was collected and analyzed. Solutions include transit signal priority, access management, bicycle improvements, pedestrian improvements and ideas to address parking needs. She also outline the next steps. The Commission reviewed the list of potential solutions and offered suggestions which will be added to the list and evaluated. Staff stated this would come back to the Committee for review.

Election for 2017 Chair and Vice Chair

Elections were held. John Perlic was elected Chair and Lisa McConnell was elected Vice-chair.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Provided a handout on the upcoming Metro HOV Parking Pilot which will be launching soon
- Metro Alternative Services Project
- Transportation impact analysis guidelines

Commissioner reported on the following:

- McConnell mentioned upcoming PSRC Every Person Counts Training
- Perlic requested an update on ST3
- Pendergrass and McConnell offered appreciation for the additional street sweeper sightings this fall
- Snow mentioned he has started to see people parking on Finn Hill to catch transit for the first time
- Kurt stated that the Advanced Transportation Technologies Conference in Bellevue was interesting and expressed appreciation to the City for supporting Commissioners who attended

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