

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, May 24, 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 6:04 PM.

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Xander Fiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Grace Guerrero
<input checked="" 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: Kathy Brown, Joel Pfundt, Rod Steitzer – Public Works Department.

Others Present: None.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the March 22, 2017 and April 26, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

Transportation Impact Fees

Kyle Butler, Senior Operations and Finance Analyst, presented information on the status of transportation impact fee collection. He also described where impact fees are spent and how they are generally allocated. The Commission requested the transportation impact fee schedule that shows how much different uses pay. The Commission liked to see that the funding was being spent on a multimodal set of public street improvement projects.

Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, provided a presentation on the latest draft of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan. He also described the existing policy support and proposed methodology for developing a new street connection map for the neighborhood plan. Staff reviewed the process that was used to develop this draft of the neighborhood plan, and reviewed specific transportation related portions of the plan with a focus on the Transportation Chapter. Project schedule and proposed implementation steps were also covered.

The Commission suggested improving the explanation for how sidewalks segments are identified and clarifications and corrections to the sidewalk and pedestrian maps, including properly classify extruded curb as intermittent sidewalk. The Commission also mentioned the importance of street lighting in relation to Goal 14 regarding safety, particularly in commercial areas, street crossings, transit routes and schools. They also asked about the possibility of adding additional transit routes on Finn Hill. They would be curious to find out more about where potential transit riders would like to go, if more transit was available. In relation to parking, the Commission expressed skepticism that on-street parking is feasible or necessary in the commercial areas, and encouraged exploring using excess surface parking lot capacity to provide overflow parking for parks in Juanita. As part of Implementation steps the Commission suggested that the City study how pedestrian and bicycle facilities could be improved on 90th Ave NE/NE 131st Way between NE 134th St and NE 132nd St. The Commission was also supportive of the proposed approach for developing a new street connection map.

2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Rod Steitzer, Capital Improvements Supervisor, presented to the Commission the draft 2017-2022 TIP. His presentation included a description of how the six-year TIP relates to the Capital Facilities Program and Capital Improvement Program. The six-year TIP is a state required document that must be adopted by the City Council each year after a public hearing. It is primarily used to ensure that the City is eligible grants and is consistent with previously adopted City documents. The presentation then summarized major changes to the TIP between 2016 and 2017. It also described the timeline and next steps.

The Commission asked a number of project related questions and staff either responded or said that they would follow up after the meeting.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Bicycle Friendly Community Award – The City has received a Bronze level rating from the League of American Bicyclists.
- Village at Totem Lake development update
- SR 520 Transit Route Restructure and One City Center – Staff will send out a schedule of Phase II community outreach which will take place in June. Commission members were encouraged to attend open houses and fill out the survey. This is one of the topics that will be covered at the June Commission meeting, in advance of a July 5 City Council Study Session.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- McConnell shared that SB 5402 was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Inslee creating the Cooper Jones Bicyclist Advisory Safety Council
- McConnell requested displays presented as part of the Village at Totem Lake Development Update
- McConnell suggested a Totem Lake field trip for Commissioners as part of the Transit Implementation Planning process
- Dueker asked that he be given time in June to do a presentation to the Commission on where people work and the pace development. He is also going to develop some conclusions that he would like the Commission to consider endorsing. Chair Perlic asked that information be shared in advance.

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