

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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 6:01 PM.

Members Present:

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

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

Others Present: Jeanne Acutanza and Paul Sharman, The Transpo Group.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the January 25, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

Larry Toedtli commented on 6th St Corridor study. Including stating that the study identifies the Cross Kirkland Corridor and 108th Ave NE / 6th Street transit corridor and that maybe just one should be selected. He also commented on the high cost of relocating power lines associated with widening 108th Ave NE for transit, the prioritization of transit improvements on 108th compared to other City projects, the potential for the proposed traffic signal at NE 60th St to promote neighborhood cut-through traffic, and mid-block crossings.

Anna Rising commented on the 6th St Corridor Study and Houghton / Everest Neighborhood Center Plan Update. She stated that traffic should be the number one concern, the 9th Ave Signal is for access to the Everest Neighborhood, cut-through traffic is a big concern and that increased development would make these concerns worse.

6th St Corridor Study

Jeanne Acutanza, Project Manager from The Transpo Group, provided a presentation. She first described the background growth and traffic forecasting that is the underlying basis for forecasting travel in this corridor. She presented the future and proposed corridor investments by mode. This included presentations on proposed transit signal priority treatments on 108th Ave NE and 6th Street, as well as the transit travel time performance benefit for these proposed projects. She also presented on corridor investments that were considered but not recommended. She completed her presentation by describing the background growth, traffic generation and intersection operations in the Houghton / Everest Neighborhood Center.

The Commission asked about interconnecting traffic signals and staff said that this would happen and is happening with new signals that are being installed. The Commission also asked about the level of cut-through traffic, future plans for transit service in the corridor and the potential for transit signal priority. The Commission also discussed the benefits of wider sidewalks, especially on the east side of 6th St, and the poor quality of the 6th St pavement. The Commission thought that the land used estimates needed to be better explained and wanted to know more about other modes of travel, including mode split assumptions. There was support for consolidating driveways with redevelopment and educating people on not blocking intersections when there are long queues. The Commission also asked about their role in land use decisions.

Totem Lake Connector Ped-Bike Bridge

Aaron McDonald, Senior Project Engineer, briefed the Commission on the status of the Totem Lake Connector Ped-Bike Bridge. As part of his presentation he first emphasized the level of private development and public investment that is happening in the Totem Lake Urban Center. He then describe the process this project will go through with the community, Council and Commissions. He also discussed the goals of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and how the proposed project will respond to each of these goals. He completed his presentation by going over the schedule and current project challenges.

The Commission was very supportive of the project and saw that the project had the potential to connect the different quadrants of Totem Lake together. They also encourage staff to carefully balance the various design elements of the project.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Metro Alternative Transit Service Project Updates
- SR 520 Link Connections Service Integration

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Snow described the Finn Hill / South Kenmore Alternative Services Project outcome, which included Metro identifying three options to move forward with – Trip Pool, Community Van and School Pool
- McConnell reported on Neighborhood Safety Program recommendations
- McConnell stated that she will be attending the Bike Summit in Olympia on Tuesday, March 21 if anyone wanted to carpool

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 9:20 PM.