

**Kirkland Transportation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, April 26, 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 6:01 PM.

Members Present:

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfield | <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, Aaron McDonald, Rod Steitzer – Public Works Department.

Others Present: None.

**Introduce New Commissioners**

- Xander Fiss
- Terry Marpert

**Review of past meeting notes**

Meeting notes were not available at the time of the meeting.

**Items from the Audience**

None.

**Totem Lake Urban Center**

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, provided a brief presentation on this upcoming project. The purpose of the project is to improve the identity and appeal of the Totem Lake Urban Center, and improve the transportation network in the Totem Lake Urban Center for users of all modes of transportation. Staff also described the status and rationale for this project, as well as the key tasks that will be undertaken as part of the study.

Commissioners recommended to staff that the study focus on the importance of creating new connections for all modes, as well as enhancing existing connections. The Commission was very supportive of designing future projects in Totem Lake to ensure that they are safe and comfortable for the movement of people by all modes of travel. The Commission felt that the existing infrastructure does not support the land use vision described in the current Totem Lake Business District Plan. The importance of connecting people to key destinations, such as the Cross Kirkland Corridor, Village at Totem Lake and transit was also emphasized by the Commissioners. The Commission also encourage staff to involve businesses and residents from throughout the area in the study process. The Commission asked for information about the status of the Village at Totem Lake development.

**Totem Lake Connector Bridge**

Aaron McDonald, Senior Project Engineer, briefed the Commission on the status of the Totem Lake Connector Ped-Bike Bridge. Staff described work completed; presentations, meetings and key milestones that have been performed; the design and selection process; and the four design values/touchstones that underpin the project. The consultant team has also analyzed the desired level of service and width for the bridge, and the staff and consultant are currently suggesting a 14-foot wide bridge. Staff then presented the four alternatives that have had detailed studies done in order to get Commission guidance on their preferred alternative. Once a preferred alternative is selected, that alternative will progress to 30% design.

The Commission was supported the 14' foot recommendation and its balance between level of service and project cost. The majority of the Commission (five members) preferred the Skipping Stone alternative, while the Half Arch and Suspended Ring were each supported by one Commissioner. There was a desire to combine the Skipping Stone and Suspended Ring alternatives, but a recognition that the design challenges and costs may make this not feasible. The Commission wanted to make sure that pedestrian/bicycle scale lighting would be part of the project and liked the idea of the bridge as art.

**2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program**

Rod Steitzer, Capital Improvements Supervisor, handed out information and did a brief presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program, as well as the Capital Facilities Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. The Commission asked clarifying questions about the information provided and it was decided that staff would return at the in May Commission meeting with revised materials.

**Updates from Commissioners/Staff**

Staff reported on the following:

- Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan – The Commission requested a copy of the project scope be distributed once it is finalized with the consultant team.
- SR 520 Transit Route Restructure and One City Center
- 6th St Corridor Study and Houghton-Everest Center
- 2016-2017 Work Plan Update

Commissioners reported on the following:

- McConnell attended the City of Kirkland's April 19 forum on bicycling in Kirkland
- Fiss requested a future presentation on connections between neighborhoods and the CKC
- Dueker asked that the City report on development

**Meeting adjourned** unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 9:02 PM.