

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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 approximately 6:00 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 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, Kari Page, Joel Pfundt and Kathy Robertson – Public Works Department.

Others Present: Barrett Hanson, Lisa Hodgson, Karly Westby and Anne Broche - WSDOT. Paul Cornish and Cynthia Padilla – Sound Transit.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the February 28, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

2018 Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) and Streetlight Fund

Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, presented a brief background on the NSP and the 2018 schedule. NSP program criteria and project recommendations were presented to the Commission, including the recommendation by the neighborhood scoring Panel to move the higher scoring (109) project HL1 (Stair Improvements for CKC connection along NE 100th Street at Cotton Hill Park) into the Moderate Priority, while moving the lower scoring (106) project FH1 (Radar Speed Sign on 131st Way east of 94th Ave NE) into the Top Priority. The Commission also heard about the following Panel recommendations for future rounds of the NSP:

- Project Limit: Keep project limit at \$50K (allowing up to \$60K), keep allowing RFBs to go beyond, continue to look for ways to reduce costs.
- Project Funding: Consider increasing funding from \$350,000 to \$400,000 (or the actual CPI calculated increase).
- Process/Cycle: Stay with 1 year process – reenergizes neighborhoods, keep momentum going, motivated by annual accomplishments, tribal memory.

Staff also presented the Neighborhood Streetlight Fund, which is \$190,000 of onetime funding to install streetlights. The criteria were presented along with Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN) recommendations:

- Use half the money this year following technical criteria only
- Half next year – after review of first year

The Commission had the following recommendations on future NSP process.

- Respect ranking scores and do not adjust project scoring based on if they are located within parks
- Make sure that crash data is used appropriately, make sure evaluation criteria takes into account the risk of crashes

I-405 Project (NE 85th St Bus Rapid Transit Station)

WSDOT and Sound Transit staff presented information related to the NE 85th St BRT Station and received comments from the Commission. A brief project background was provided including the ST3 representative project, recap of August 2017 Charrette and existing conditions. The 24+ initial design concepts were presented to the Commission. The initial design concepts were presented in six project groups:

- Group 1 – Loop Interchange Concepts
- Group 2 – Alternate Location Concepts
- Group 3 – Alternate Interchange Concepts
- Group 4 – Single Intersection Concepts
- Group 5 – Non-Signalized Interchange Concepts
- Group 6 – Separated Transit Interchange Concepts

The final step in the presentation was presenting an evaluation of the concept groups compared to the Items of Importance developed at the August 2017 Charrette. WSDOT recommended that the representative project and the Separated Transit Interchange Concept be moved forward for further design refinement and evaluation.

The Commission had a number of questions and comments regarding the various concepts. They included a more detailed understanding of how each mode would use the interchange (transit, vehicles, bikes and pedestrians). Each mode has its own unique operation issues that need to be addressed. Another issue raised was how people would access the station from nearby neighborhoods, such as Rose Hill and Downtown Kirkland. The Commission asked for examples of other locations that have experience with "high capacity" roundabouts in an urban freeway interchange that also includes ramp metering. The Commission suggested providing emergency access facilities for pedestrians on all levels of the interchange. There was also concern about how to provide safe and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle crossings at the proposed NE 85th St and 114th Ave NE roundabout, grade-separation was a suggested solution. There were also questions about how this project would integrate with the NE 85th St Bus Lane project and suggestions to integrate the project with the City's Neighborhood Greenways.

The Commission was generally supportive of the alternatives that WSDOT and Sound Transit were recommending to move forward with.

2018-19 Work Plan

Joel Pfundt presented a revised version of the 2018-2019 Work Plan for Commission review and comment. The version presented responded to comments made by Councilmembers at their February 20, 2018 Study Session on the Work Plan. It was developed based on comments from the Commission at their February 28, 2018 meeting and a subsequent meeting with the Commission Chair and Vice-chair. During the discussion Commissioner Fiss volunteered to research autonomous, connected, shared and electric vehicle technology (ACES) for the Commission, as this is a future item of interest for Council. The Commission was supportive of the revised Work Plan and staff will present it to City Council for action at a future Council meeting.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Invitation: NE 85th St BRT Station Charrette, April 19, 10:30-12:30, Peter Kirk Room
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Update – New interim approval from FHWA
- 6th St Corridor Study is now available on the Website
- Totem Lake Transportation and Enhancement Plan going to City Council for review and adoption
- Bike Share – staff is working on a permit in coordination with what other Cities are doing
- Recognition – Commissioner Snow was recognized for faithful and able service on the Commission over the past 8-years.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Perlic – Announced new Commissioner appointments:
 - Lisa McConnell was reappointed to a four year term ending 3/31/2022
 - Faith DeBolt was appointed to a four year term ending 3/31/2022
 - Brayden Brackett was appointed to a youth seat/two year term ending 3/31/2020
- Dueker – Updated version of concurrency memo includes a new conclusion.

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 9:00 PM.