

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 24, 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 6:00 PM.

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Xander Fiss	<input checked="" 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: Joel Pfundt, Stephen Padua and Laura Drake – Public Works Department.

Others Present: None.

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the December 13, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

Neighborhood Greenways Design Guidelines

Stephen Padua, Transportation Planner, and Laura Drake, Project Engineer, presented the draft Neighborhood Greenways Design Guidelines for review and comment. The presentation included providing the policy basis and background for implementation of neighborhood greenways provided in the Transportation Master Plan. He then described the Design Guidelines that will be used to guide the prioritization, implementation and performance monitoring of future greenway projects in Kirkland. As well as the Art Book which will guide the inclusion of art in greenway projects.

The presentation also provided an update on the status of the design and construction of the City's first two neighborhood greenways on NE 75th St and 128th Ave NE. Design is scheduled to be complete in April and construction will take place in July 2018. Before and after data will also be collected.

The Commission had questions and provided comments on the Design Guidelines. Prioritization criteria were discussed, including the importance of all neighborhood centers, funding opportunities and number of arterial crossings. There was concern by the Commission that barriers could impede the long-term implementation of greenways and this should be addressed in the Design Guidelines. It was also important to the Commission that we not lose sight of the purpose of greenways as a connection to places, and therefore provide wayfinding through signage and technology. It was also stated that the needs of on-street vehicle parking need to be balanced with facilities for bikes. The stormwater section should also be revised to integrate better with the rest of the document. The concept of partnering with others, such as stormwater, was strongly encouraged and the Commission asked that staff look at expanding it. There was confusion about how the greenway fit into the typology on page 5 of the document and questions about page 11. As for performance measures, the Commission supported before and after data collection, and suggested looking at delay at major intersections for pedestrians and bicyclists as an additional performance measure. The Commission also requested that staff look at the cost to implement greenways in other cities for benchmarking purposes. On a side note, it was suggested to look at allowing bikes just on the gravel north-south trail through Bridle Trails State Park, which would be an additional north-south connection.

Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan (KTIP)

Stephen Padua presented background information, project schedule, outreach, existing conditions and data analysis to the Commission regarding KTIP. The expected product from plan includes plans up to 2035, a prioritized project list, recommended partnerships, recommended investments and recommended funding sources. The project also has a project web site at www.kirklandwa.gov/ktip. The current schedule is to have the plan complete by summer 2018.

The Commission requested that staff clarify the data presented and also provide AM data along with the PM data presented. There was a suggestion to consider an eastbound transit queue jump at the NE 85th St and 114th Ave NE intersection. Also, the Commission discussed the NE 85th St I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Station, and the importance of

connections to and from the station. Also discussed were the importance of providing pedestrian, bicycle and flexible transit connections to other key transit stations and centers.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) Update

Joel Pfundt updated the Commission on the decision by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration to terminate Interim Approval for No. 11 for RRFBs. The implications for the City are the following:

- Existing Sites will remain until the end of their useful service life
- Projects underway will install a RRFB because they were approved prior to December 21, 2017
- Projects in design will be determined on a case-by-case basis in coordination with funding partners
- Future Projects will replace the RRFB with a similar MUTCD approved treatment. The City will also continue to use other treatments at uncontrolled crosswalks, such as:
 - Crosswalk lighting
 - Median islands
 - Curb extensions (curb bulbs)
 - Raised crosswalks

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Draft Letter of Support for I-405 Express Toll Lanes – Staff working with Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, on the letter. Commission offered their support for the letter and suggested making the opening to the letter more clear regarding the Commission's position on the topic.
- Work Plan at Feb 20 Study Session – Chair will present changes and highlight particular key items. Then it will be opened up to Council/Commission discussion. All Commissioners are invited.
- I-405 – WSDOT special presentation to City Council on January 16. Outreach to community begins late January.
- SR 520 – WSDOT special presentation to Council in March-April. Will invite WSDOT to attend Commission meeting as well. Metro and Sound Transit will be starting up transit route restructure process again in March or April.
- Concurrency Memo (Dueker) – Attached for discussion next month.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Commissioner Ahrensfield mentioned upcoming lunch time training opportunity on February 14, 2018 regarding how the public sector is addressing staffing shortfalls. This is presented by American Public Works Association, Management and Public Administration Committee.
- Commissioner Fiss stated he attended the December 20th opening for the SR 520 Trail across Lake Washington. Commissioner McConnell said that she was there as well.

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:20 PM.