

**Kirkland Transportation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, September 26, 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 6:04 PM.

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brayden Brackett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith DeBolt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Jacobson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Marpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa McConnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic

Kirkland Staff Present: Joel Pfundt and June Carlson, Public Works Department and Janice Coogan, Planning Department

Others Present: Curt Warber, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

**Review of past meeting notes**

Notes from the July 25, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Items from the Audience**

None.

**New Commissioner Welcome and Introduction**

Chair Perlic welcomed Doug Jacobson as the newest member of the Transportation Commission, and Commissioner Jacobson introduced himself to the other Commissioners.

**Eastside Rail Corridor Update**

Curt Warber, Project Manager for the Eastside Rail Corridor, provided the Commission with an update on the status on various components of the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail (ERC). The presentation included updates on the interim trail implementation in Bellevue and Renton, Funding Commission, branding effort, and major capital projects to be implemented between 2019 and 2022. King County Parks capital projects are 100% levy funded.

Some of these capital projects are funded through the current King County Parks Levy in partnership with WSDOT. These are the Wilburton Gap Bridge and associated trail, paved trail in south Bellevue from Coal Creek Pkwy to Ripley Lane and interim trail almost to NE 8<sup>th</sup> (connects to 116<sup>th</sup>).

The proposed base levy request that will be on the ballot in 2019 will include the Wilburton Trestle, 118<sup>th</sup> Ave NE connection and NE 8<sup>th</sup> St Crossing. The NE 8<sup>th</sup> St Crossing must be built by 2022 before Link light rail operations begin. The levy on the ballot may also include a number of additional projects, including completing an interim trail on the north section of the ERC between Slater Ave and NE 145<sup>th</sup> St. Only one levy will be on the ballot in 2019, but the exact size and project list is still to be determined.

The Commission was also informed that the connection between the ERC and Northup Way, which would connect to the SR 520 Trail, was originally hoped to be funded in the current levy. It now needs funding through passage of the new levy. Also, the Commission learned that a study of the condition of the tracks and solicitation for a rail operator must be completed in the north section of the ERC before the tracks can be removed. This process is currently under way.

**Draft Rose Hill and Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan**

Janice Coogan, Senior Planner, provided the Commission with a summary of the Neighborhood Plan update process. The North and South Rose Hill Neighborhood Plans are being combine into one neighborhood plan that also includes the Rose Hill Business District. The Commission was provided a brief description of the lands use in each neighborhood.

The Commissioners then had an opportunity to comment on the first draft of the updated neighborhood plans. The Commission's comments focused on how the plan policies can be worded to support a multimodal transportation system that works for all modes. There was a particular interest in making sure that the policies supported NE 85<sup>th</sup> St

as a multimodal corridor, adequate street lighting, the latest developments related to Sound Transit planning, and potential pedestrian and bicycle connections. The Commission also wanted to make sure that access management on arterials was appropriately addressed in the neighborhood plans. They had comments on Design Guideline sidewalk widths needing to be wider than 10 feet, which will need to be addressed through a separate process, because it is not included directly in the Neighborhood Plans.

### **North Eastside Mobility Project**

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, gave the Commission a brief update on the status of the North Eastside Mobility Project (NEMP). The NEMP builds on past efforts to evaluate transit integration of SR 520 transit service with Link light rail at the UW Station. The first effort was in 2014 and coincided with the opening of University Link. The second effort was the Link Connections SR 520 effort in 2017, which was done in parallel with the One Center City planning effort. The impetus for this third look at transit routing in Kirkland relates to the March 2019 closure of both the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and the SR 520 Montlake Freeway Station.

The NEMP did early outreach in June 2018, including a presentation to the Transportation Commission. Then in August 2018 two scenarios were presented to stakeholders. In October 2018 an action and no action alternative will be presented to the community. A presentation will also be done to the Commission at their October 2018 meeting in order to receive their feedback. Any changes from this process would be implemented in September of 2019.

The Commission was also presented with the ten service design guidelines that guide the new transit service plan, a basic description of what the action alternative will likely include when presented to the Commission in October, and also a schedule of upcoming community outreach meetings.

### **Updates from Commissioners/Staff**

Staff reported on the following:

- Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan – The draft will be available in October, in conjunction with a community outreach process.
- I-405/NE 132<sup>nd</sup> St Interchange – The Interchange Access Hearing was held on September 25, 2018.
- City Hall for All event on October 6, 2018 – Will include a town hall meeting to discuss the potential of permitting a pilot bike share in Kirkland.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- McConnell – There will be an open house on the Wilburton Segment of the ERC on October 9, 2018.
- Jacobson – Asked about what to do when you have an issue with a Lime bike in Kirkland even though they do not have a permit to operate here. The answer is contact Lime at 888-546-3345.
- DeBolt – Has been involved in SchoolPool as part of City of Kirkland efforts on Finn Hill. Participated in ebike world record effort at Magnuson Park and definitely seeing more ebikes. Did ped-bike counts at NE 132<sup>nd</sup> St and 116<sup>th</sup> Way NE as part of Cascade Bicycle Club's annual count program. As more people are riding ebikes suggested that there are more opportunities for educating new riders.
- Bracket – Agreed that ebikes are a very attractive way to get around Kirkland and education is important.
- Perlic – Reported on what took place at the I-405/NE 132<sup>nd</sup> St Interchange Access Hearing. Next meeting on the NEMP will be important, please come prepared.

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