

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 5, 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> John Perlic |

Kirkland Staff Present: Kathy Brown, Joel Pfundt, Armaghan Baghoori and Kimberly Scrivner, Public Works Department

Others Present: Aaron Gooze, Fehr and Peers

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the October 24, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

None.

Draft Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan

Aaron Gooze, Fehr and Peers Project Manager for the Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan (KTIP), presented the latest draft of the Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan (KTIP). The presentation included an update on the status of the project, a summary of the outreach, as well as a summary of the updates made to the document and specific projects since the presentation to the Commission at the October 24, 2018 meeting. Next steps include final plan revision based on Commission feedback, a February 5, 2019 City Council Study Session and then scheduling City Council action at a future meeting.

The Commission provided the following comments on the projects included in the KTIP:

- Project 1: South Kirkland Park & Ride Traffic Signal
 - Note that the project is in Bellevue and effects primarily Kirkland transit service
 - Transit only on NE 37th PI could have big implications for park & ride access, provide options since detailed analysis has not been done
- Project 3: Market Street BAT Lanes
 - Project should make sure safe and convenient pedestrian crossings are associated with transit stops
- Project 4: Totem Lake Transit Center Bus Stop Consolidation
 - Note continued coordination/evaluation with NEMP
- Project 5: Downtown Kirkland Transit Center Restructure
 - Pedestrian safety improvements, such as improved lighting and center platform
 - ORCA Card vending machine
 - Adjust project extent to not include frontage along Kirkland Ave
- Project 7: NE 85th Street BAT Lanes
 - Change project name to NE 85th Street Transit Improvements
 - Include an option that would extend eastbound queue jump to far side of intersection
 - This project will widen the intersection and make pedestrian crossing longer

These comments will be integrated into the plan prior to presentation to City Council.

Community Connections and Other Transportation Programs

Armaghan Baghoori, Transportation Program Coordinator, presented on the status of a variety of programs the City is working on to encourage people to choose alternatives to driving alone. The presentation included the following programs, which are at various stages of implementation:

- Community Connections
 - [Community Van](#)
 - [TripPool](#)
 - [SchoolPool](#)

- Community Ride (pending NEMP)
- [Kirkland Green Trip](#)

The presentation also summarized the ORCA and Transit for All event, which was held at City Hall on December 8, 2018. Upcoming programs were also described, including the King County In-Motion program, expanding SchoolPool and future visits from the ORCA To-Go van in Kirkland.

Commissioners appreciated the update and provided comments and questions. Commissioners suggested reaching out to clinics, hospitals and other service providers to promote Community Van. They had questions about the difference between Access service and Community Van, as well as asked if the Community Van vehicles will include bike racks. Commissioners asked about where else Community Van had been implemented. Other locations include Duvall, Bothell and Vashon Island.

There was support on the Commission for continuing and expanding the SchoolPool program to provide additional incentives and more schools. Commissioners also asked about the ability to connect Ridershareonline.com to a smart phone app because it is the website is difficult to use. The Commission was also supportive of continuing to reach out to the community to promote these services through events like Crossing Kirkland and Bike Everywhere month.

North Eastside Mobility Project (NEMP)

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, presented the results of King County Metro's NEMP community outreach efforts along with the draft NEMP comment letter that will be presented to City Council for their consideration at their December 12, 2018 Council Study Session. Commissioners noted the importance of capacity being available for riders on the Link trains and how critical it is that the changes be clearly communicated to everyone in the community. Commission also expressed interest in seeing results specific to Kirkland residents.

Election for 2019 Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners unanimously elected Commissioner McConnell as Chair and Commissioner Ahrensfield as Vice-Chair for 2019.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Bike Share – Community outreach to find out what people think about piloting a bike share permit is underway. A town hall meeting occurred during the City Hall for All event on 10/6/18. Next will be discussions with neighborhood associations, a community survey, and finally a community meeting on 12/6/18.
- Kirkland Intelligent Transportation System Strategic Plan – Early work continues, will report to the Commission in the January
- I-405/NE 85th St Inline Station and Connection to Downtown Kirkland – Early planning and engineering continues

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Commissioner Ahrensfield – Attended presentation on curbside management, which is a growing issue in the transportation profession
- Commissioner Jacobson – Attended Kingsgate NEMP Open House, individual route sheet particularly effective at explaining changes; Attend ERC RAC, four proposed names for ERC are Eastway, 425, E, and Eastrail; Curb ramp work associated with Lake Front Project needs better signage for pedestrians
- Commissioner DeBolt – 321 participants in Thoreau Elementary SchoolPool program
- Commissioner McConnell – Potential bill in upcoming legislative session requiring density around transit; NSP will produce a project list in January-February; Requested information from NEMP survey specific to people who live in Kirkland

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:30 PM.