

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday February 27, 2013**

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members Present: Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, John Perlic, Sandeep Singhal, Tom Pendergrass, Colin Pate. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey, Public Works Department; Paul Stewart, Planning Department.

Approval of meeting notes from January 23, 2013 meeting.

Approved as presented.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Scheuerman: Commented that the City of Bellevue is exploring using the Eastside Rail Corridor. Also pointed out that \$50 million from Sound Transit could be used for corridor development and that Sound Transit should be consulted before the rails are removed.

Ms. Lisa McConnell: Commented on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. She attended the ERC RAC meeting and continues to support the city's plan to remove rail and move forward with construction of an interim trail. She indicated that she felt that many other citizens also support moving forward. Additionally, she urged the Commission to avoid piecemealing the trail – to view it as a whole and then understand how it fits into the City and neighborhoods.

Cross Kirkland Corridor Update

Staff presented an update on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The Commission commented in particular on the notion of a trail crossing under a driveway between Google buildings. There were concerns about the fact that the trail would have to be lowered over a long distance among other items. The Commission asked to see the design before it was constructed.

Comprehensive Plan

Deputy Planning Director Paul Stewart gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan update describing the process including community engagement, RCW requirements, key points of interest to Council and the communications strategy. The Commission asked questions regarding visioning and expressed the need to balance vision with preparing plans that can be accomplished. Also discussed the sequencing of decisions between Land Use and Transportation facilities and the type and magnitude of future land use requirements. The Commission is interested in having future meetings with the Planning Commission.

Transportation Master Plan

The Commission reviewed a chart presented by staff which showed various tasks, their purposes, need for public outreach, and Commission role. The Commission was in basic agreement with the materials presented but offered comments about the need of making sure that new ideas were incorporated. Chair Pfundt asked the Commission to review the chart and return comments to staff within two weeks.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the road levy funding and the I-405 executive advisory committee. The Commission requested a future presentation from WSDOT on tolling **Pfundt:** Discussed the first meeting of the Kirkland Greenways group which he attended and described the next community bike ride set for March 9. **Pate:** Commented on a bike lane treatment where parallel car parking is on the left of the bicycle facility. **Pendergrass:** The number of households with children is declining in Kirkland this may have implications for transportation. **Singhal** Commented on the Route 245 and continuing funding. All others had no comments.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:42 p.m.