



# Totem Lake

## On Track News Bulletin

A Public Private Partnership Working to Revitalize Totem Lake

Fourth Quarter, 2016

## What Projects Can We Anticipate in 2017?

### Totem Lake Park

In 2017, the City will officially acquire the Totem Lake Park property from the King Conservation District. This property is a wonderful addition to the entire area and will provide a convenient and beautiful outdoor living room for the nearby Village at Totem Lake. The City's Capital Improvement Program will invest over 47 million to begin implementation of the park plan.

Initial work will include redevelopment of the adjacent "Yuppie Pawn" site into a park gateway and focal point as well as improved trail connections to the nearby [Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail](#). Construction of park improvements is anticipated to occur in 2018 and 2019.



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### Totem Lake Business District Enhancement

The Totem Lake Urban Center faces some challenges in mobility and identity. A major freeway divides the east and west side of the district which limits mobility for cars. A confusing urban landscape compromises the pedestrian environment. The business district struggles from a lack of identity and a "sense of place." But the redevelopment of the Village at Totem Lake provides an opportunity to fix these problems by integrating design efforts between the mall and the business district, extending the mall enrichment to the streetscapes and public spaces beyond which will unify the entire district.

The City Council showed their support by approving funding for a **Totem Lake Enhancement Plan** in 2017. The plan will identify a system of links, such as paths and wayfinding elements to create an interconnected system of public spaces, provide new concepts for intersections and streetscapes and will include new connections to the CKC. The plan will also identify locations for art and public amenities such as benches, coordinated lighting and directional signs. Upon retention of a consultant team, the project is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2017. There will be opportunities for input at key stages of the plan's development.

### NE 124th Bridge

Cross Kirkland Corridor travelers who find themselves stranded at Totem Lake Boulevard and Northeast 124th Street, which combined carry more than 50,000 vehicles per day, take heart. The City is working on a design solution to connect the two ends of the CKC that is sure to make this crossing memorable.

Join the conversation between the design team (COWI) and the public about the bridge's form, function and constraints. The process will delineate bridge style, color, expanse, and its access points. Knowledge of these details will make the bridge project more competitive for funding.

**The first of three public discussions** of the bridge design will take place at an open house on **February 2 at 6 p.m. at the Kirkland Justice Center** in Totem Lake.

## NE 124th Bridge (continued from page 1)

Construction could begin in 2018. 2018 also is the year King County plans to extend the walking and bicycling path along the Eastside Rail Corridor from the northern end of the Cross Kirkland Corridor to Woodinville.

Once complete, the bridge will provide a safe and efficient connection to the northern segment of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and—via King County's trail extension—Woodinville. In the process, it will also provide an experiential entrance into Totem Lake Park and serve as a northern icon for the city—something that says this is Kirkland.

**“We are building a bridge not just for today but for the future residents who don’t yet exist here,”** says the project's Managing Engineer, Aaron McDonald. “This is the place where denser housing is going to be developed and more transit connections will be provided to help people not only live in the region but move throughout the region.

## Dates to Keep in Mind

DATE/TIME:	LOCATION:	TO DISCUSS:
2/2/2017 · 6:00 pm	<b>Kirkland Justice Center</b> 11750 NE 118th St, Kirkland, WA 98034	The first of three open houses on the Totem Lake Pedestrian Bridge
2/28/2017 · 6:00 pm	<b>City Hall, Council Chambers</b> 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033	Study Session on Totem Lake Projects
3/6/2017 · 12:00 pm	<b>Café Velocé</b> 12514 120th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034	Totem Lake Conversations
6/19/2017 · 12:00 pm	<b>Café Velocé</b> 12514 120th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034	Totem Lake Conversations
10/9/2017 · 12:00 pm	<b>Café Velocé</b> 12514 120th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034	Totem Lake Conversations

## 2016 Totem Lake Business Information

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Totem Lake 2016 Sales Tax Numbers	\$1,303,300	\$1,229,973	\$1,239,616	1,278,128
<b>Quarter 4 2016: Total Business Licenses: 955 • Total FTEs: * 13,145 • Total Number of Employees: 14,229</b>				

\*FTE is a full time equivalent employee

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