

Totem Lake

On Track News Bulletin

A Public Private Partnership Working to Revitalize Totem Lake

Fourth Quarter, 2017

TOTEM LAKE CONNECTOR BRIDGE

Following a thorough public input process, the Kirkland City Council unanimously approved moving forward with the "Skipping Stone" design for the Totem Lake Connector Bridge. The structure, designed to serve both pedestrians and bicyclists, will be elevated above the intersection of Northeast 124th Street and Totem Lake Boulevard that carries upwards of 50,000 vehicles every day. It is part of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan. It will serve as an important element in helping to provide additional transportation solutions for people to use when traveling in the Totem Lake Urban Center, where over 1 million square feet of commercial, office and institutional space and 3,000 residential units are currently in the permit and construction stages.

THE BRIDGE WILL ACT AS A KEY LINKAGE in the new spine of the Eastside's emerging active transportation network, and will enhance the attractiveness and accessibility of Totem Lake for Kirklanders and regional residents alike.

The chosen design has a strong fluid form that engages the connection between Lake Washington and Totem Lake. The sense of motion of a skipping stone implies a reconnection between the community and nature. The council selected the design that was highest rated among four competing concepts, with project cost, environmental, geotechnical, structural, constructability, and operations/maintenance considerations all being part of the evaluation process. The expected total project cost is around \$17.6 million (in today's dollars). The construction cost of the bridge is around \$15 million. Construction has yet to be programmed pending additional funding being acquired. The City will be actively pursuing additional funding through grants and other outside sources for construction to supplement funds from the Capital Improvement Program and the Federal Surface Transportation Program that have already been secured. The final design is scheduled to be ready in March 2018. When the requisite funds have been secured, a call for construction proposals will be made. Construction is expected to take approximately two years. More information about the project can be found online at www.kirklandwa.gov/totemlakeconnector.



Rendering of the 'Skipping Stone' designed Totem Lake Connector bridge

TOTEM LAKE GATEWAY

(Totem Lake Boulevard, 120th Avenue Northeast, Totem Lake Way)

Kirkland earned a \$4.83 million grant in November 2017 from the Transportation Improvement Board that will help fund a series of improvements on Totem Lake Boulevard, from NE 124th St to NE 128th St, and 120th Ave NE from Totem Lake Boulevard to NE 128th St (bookending developer improvements on 120th Ave NE). Those improvements

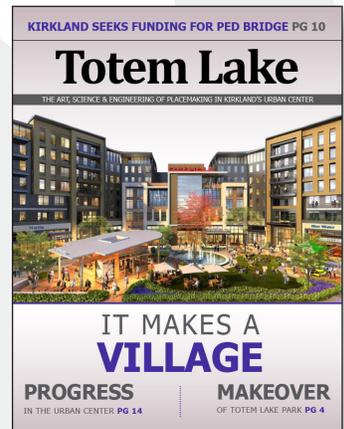


will restore the sections of roadway that are settling due to soft subgrade conditions and create 10-foot-wide sidewalks. The project will also install lighting that complements the pedestrian plazas and walkways created by the Village at Totem Lake. Kirkland's engineers expect to finish that design by spring 2019. The work may begin in late 2019, depending on environmental review and permitting. Kirkland's project engineers expect construction to last nine to 11 months. The most intensive area of work is on Totem Lake Boulevard, just south of Totem Lake Park. There, crews will remove the existing roadway, replace 900 feet of narrow sidewalk with 10-foot-wide sidewalk, replace the 1970s-era retaining wall and then rebuild the road. The project's last major task is to grind and repave Totem Lake Boulevard, from Northeast 124th Street to Northeast 128th Street, plus sections of 120th Avenue Northeast.

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2017 Totem Lake Business Information

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Totem Lake 2017 Sales Tax Numbers	\$1,595,516	\$1,468,340	\$1,572,580	\$1,506,466
Quarter 4 2017: Total Business Licenses: 998 • Total FTEs:* 13,724 • Total Number of Employees: 14,834				

*FTE is a full time equivalent employee