

**Kirkland Transportation Commission**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday April 22, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Jon Pascal called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members Present: Don Samdahl, Norm Storme, Sandeep Singhal, Mike Miller, Joel Pfundt, Morgan Hopper, and Tom Neir. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Ray Steiger Public Works Department; Others present: Bob Forgrave

**Approval of Meeting Notes**

Meeting notes from the March meeting were approved, with the following corrections:

In the item on Central Way, add the word "not" before the word "supplant". Add a sentence as follows: The Commission is interested in using the funds for other projects.

moved by Samdahl, seconded by Holder.

**Comments from the Public**

Mr. Bob Forgrave addressed the Commission about bicycle and pedestrian issues. He showed pictures of situations he felt were unsafe. He asked the Commission to consider extruded curb to protect bicycle lanes instead of paint stripes. Liability risks presented by existing bicycle facilities were a concern of Mr. Forgrave's. Mr. Forgrave also expressed concern at the fact that developers build sidewalks along their frontage instead of contributing to a fund that would allow completion of sidewalk where it is needed most.

Commission members thanked Mr. Forgrave for his presentation and raised possible negatives with extruded curbs including the fact that maintenance would be difficult and cyclists have no ability to exit the bike lanes except at intersections. They also pointed out the requirements of state law and federal court decisions which make Mr. Forgrave's sidewalk proposal hard to implement.

**State of the Streets**

Ray Steiger presented information about the State of the Streets report. The basic question before the Commission was how to fund pavement maintenance in a way that is sustainable. This begat other questions around the funding of other types of projects and the sources of revenue for these projects. The Commission engaged in a long and detailed discussion. They supported the idea of focusing maintenance resources on arterial streets and requested more information. Areas of interest included: differences in lane-mile and centerline-mile calculations, funding scenarios based on various bid price and inflation scenarios, relationship between funding capacity projects and collecting impact fees and transportation benefit district funding. The Commission asked that staff advise them before going to City Council with an update.

**SR 520 Variable Tolling Environmental Assessment**

The Commission reviewed the material presented by staff and clarified other points that they wanted presented to Council. These included: explain the implications if the Assessment's assumptions are in error, address how the extra transit riders and Park & Ride users will be accommodated, and illustrate how potential diversion onto the arterial system be monitored and mitigated.

**Updates from Commissioners/Staff**

The Commission agreed that a retreat should be held on May 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 at McAuliffe Park or Heritage Hall. The main topic of the retreat will be vision/transportation perspectives. Mike Miller asked that the Commission have a discussion on sustainable funding. Don Samdahl mentioned that he saw a presentation on Transportation 2040 at the June ETP meeting. No other commissioners had updates.

**Motion to Adjourn made by Holder seconded by Miller at 8:55. Approved unanimously.**