

**Kirkland Transportation Commission**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 6:03 p.m. Members Present: Mike Snow, Tom Pendergrass, Sandeep Singhal, Joel Pfundt (chairing meeting), Tom Neir, Morgan Hopper. Kirkland Staff Present: Ray Steiger, Dave Godfrey, Thang Nguyen Public Works Department, Paul Stewart Planning Department, Marie Stake, Ellen Miller-Wolf City Manager's office. Audience: Jim Hunt, Lisa McConnell, Brian Staples, others

**Approval of meeting notes from December 8, 2010 meeting.**

Approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Brian Staples -Eastside Trail Advocates Congratulated the Commission on the Eastside Rail Corridor Interest Statement. Suggested that perhaps impact fees could be collected from rail operators for mitigation. Mr. Staples also commented that the Business survey talked about reducing congestion on I-405, but the PSRC/Sound Transit study did not show a rail line effective in reducing congestion on I-405.

**Totem Lake Transportation Planning**

Paul Stewart discussed the Totem Lake Neighborhood Plan describing the planned growth in jobs, population and housing. He also discussed the transportation network in the plan and potential connections. Ellen Miller-Wolf discussed the economic development aspects of the area. She listed factors that might be holding development back and discussed the need to emphasize positive aspects of the neighborhood. Ray Steiger discussed capital projects that are planned including the Costco Home conversion to Public Safety building. The Commission discussed the material that was presented. They agreed that it was important to emphasize the positive aspects of the neighborhood but felt that the existing development doesn't support the City's transportation vision. The Commission agreed that areas are accessible from the freeway, but not from the neighborhood. Thang Nguyen presented the Totem Lake Green Trips program and web interface.

**Eastside Rail Corridor Discussion**

Marie Stake presented a plan for obtaining comments on the draft interest statement. The Commission and staff discussed options and decided that a web based survey should be fielded with two main questions: 1) is there anything missing from the interest statement? 2) Is there anything that should be removed from the interest statement? If possible KAN should be used to help get the word out to the neighborhoods. The business roundtable and neighboring cities should also be polled. Commissioners agreed to attend Planning Commission, Park Board and Houghton Community Council meetings.

**Level of Service**

Staff gave a brief presentation on level of service measures for transit, around the idea of travel between nodes. The Commission discussed and gave suggestions for improvements such as focusing on travel time, frequency, span of service and need to transfer. Directed staff to come back with revised information on both transit and bicycle level of service at the next meeting.

**Updates from Commissioners and Staff**

Staff updated the Commission on Impact Fees; change in use impact fees will be waived for a two year period. Singhal: requested a presentation at the next meeting on the South Kirkland Park and Ride. Pfundt: Described transit and carpooling challenges at the Lake Washington Technical College. All others: None.

**Meeting adjourned** Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:41 p.m.