

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday January 27, 2010**

Call to Order

Don Samdahl called the meeting to order at 6:02. Members Present: Jon Pascal, Mike Miller, Morgan Hopper, Sandeep Singhal, Joel Pfundt. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Daryl Grigsby, Ray Steiger, Gina Hortillosa from the Public Works Department, WSDOT Staff present Stacey Tressler, Colleen Gants Others present: Todd Woosley, Bob Sternoff

Approval of meeting notes from December 16 meeting

Notes approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Todd Woosley, Hal Woosley Properties

Discussed an email that he sent to the Commission and commented on the current 40/40/20 transit service allocation for King County Metro, pointing out that the allocation only applies to the first 10% of total sales tax devoted to transit.

Shared a Transportation Policy Document from the Washington Policy Institute for future consideration by the Commission.

Commented on potential I-405 HOT lane legislation, indicating concerns that there has not been adequate environmental review to change planned GP lanes into HOT lanes. He was representing ETA and the Eastside Chambers of Commerce with this view.

Bob Sternoff, Kirkland City Council

Mr. Sternoff reported that he is taking over for Mary-Alyce Burleigh on the Suburban Cities Association Board and is involved with GMA issues. He described his role in regional transportation issues and the work to link growth and mobility. He expressed a desire to utilize the Commission's skills and knowledge in approaching these regional transportation issues.

NE 116th/I-405 Colin Neilson Bridge Naming

In response to a prior request from the Commission, Staff from WSDOT gave a presentation on moving forward with bridge naming, which has achieved necessary approvals. The naming ceremony will be March 19 or March 26, and the Transportation Commission will be invited to participate.

Park Lane project update

Gina Hortillosa gave a presentation regarding the Park Lane project. The Commission agreed with the direction being taken and asked to be appraised of future developments.

Public Works Director

Daryl Grigsby explained that he had accepted an offer to become the Public Works Director for Pomona California and expressed his thanks to the Commission for their support during his time as Public Works Director at Kirkland. He introduced Ray Steiger as the City's Interim Public Works Director.

Transportation Conversations

Commission discussed results of meetings that had taken place over the past month, including City Council, KAN and the Business Roundtable. Also discussed were upcoming meetings with the Totem Lake, and Norkirk neighborhood associations and with the Houghton Community Council. Staff was asked to investigate the possibility of the Morgan Hopper making a presentation at the Youth Summit scheduled for March.

The Commission decided to focus on "next steps" relative to the "concerns" that have already been identified in the longer version of the document (presented at the December meeting). At the next meeting, Commissioners will offer their comments on these areas.

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The Commission requested staff to create a web page for Transportation Conversations that would allow citizen comments.

The Commission also agreed that the language about sustainability on page 5 should be modified to replace "move to zero" with "minimize impacts" or refer to Council's adopted goals for GHG reduction.

Work Plan

The Commission reviewed a draft list of work plan items. Commissioners offered suggestions for additions including: King County Transit Task Force, Tolling on I 405 and SR 520 and construction of the I-405/NE 116th Street interchange.

Mike Miller suggested that the Commission's top three focuses should be 1)Maintenance, 2) Funding of Maintenance and 3)Transit

Updates

Staff: Discussed: the missing link on the SR 520 bike trail and recent developments between Bellevue and WSDOT, upcoming report to Council on state of the streets, WSDOT RFP for flexible carpooling and requests for Kirkland support.

Pascal: Commented on the pedestrian accident in the 12600 block of 100th Avenue that happened earlier today.

All others: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 Moved by Pascal, second by Miller.