

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday January 28, 2009

Call to Order

Jon Pascal called the meeting to order at 6:02. Members Present: Don Samdahl, Joel Pfundt, Norm Storme, Sandeep Singhal, Roland White, Jennifer Spall and Dani Ferrigno. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Daryl Grigsby, Ray Steiger Public Works Department; Others present: Doug Murray, Margret Carnegie, Deirdre Johnson.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the December meeting were approved moved by Storme, seconded by White.

Comments from the Public

None.

State of the Streets

Ray Steiger reviewed the state of the streets report, with the critical issue being the appropriate level of funding for pavement maintenance in comparison with funding for other needs.

Discussion of Active Transportation Plan

Public comment was opened on the plan. Deirdre Johnson commented that private elementary schools should be considered when prioritizing sidewalk construction projects, there should be less emphasis on completing sidewalks where there are missing pieces, more points should be given to locations frequented by people with disabilities, the plan should request more transit service and that there should be a bike lane construction project on 122nd Avenue NE between NE 70th and 80th Streets.

Margaret Carnegie commented that safe school walk routes are an important priority as are sidewalks on 124th Avenue NE.

Doug Murray commented that the plan should provide safety for children not just call for construction of sidewalk downtown.

The Commission reviewed the comments heard from the public and comments received since their last meeting and directed staff to modify the plan. This included: looking at private schools to add, considering the construction of a bicycle lane on 122nd Avenue, adding wayfinding for paths and connectors, broadening the goal for increasing the number of students who walk to school, adding bicycle parking outside of downtown, removing the bicycle climbing lane on NE 124th Street, and adding a crossing of I-405 at NE 90th Street to the bicycle network. The Commission also reviewed a comment letter from Feet First and directed staff to incorporate most of the proposals in the letter

Snowstorm follow up

Daryl Grigsby gave a presentation on the City's response to the December/January snow event and the Commission discussed it.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Storme noted that the NE 132nd interchange will likely be started after 2018.

Motion to Adjourn made by White, seconded by Storme at 8:54.