

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday June 24, 2009

Call to Order

Jon Pascal called the meeting to order at 6:06. Members Present: Mike Miller, Joel Pfundt, Morgan Hopper, Jennifer Spall and Tom Neir. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Daryl Grigsby, Don Anderson, Public Works Department; Others present: see attachment 1

Comments from the Public

Barbee Tucker-Pigott read a letter from the City of Kirkland Senior Council asking for senior citizen plaques to be installed on the existing crosswalk signs.

Naming of the bridge carrying I-405 over NE 116th Street.

The commission held a public hearing on the naming of the bridge as proposed by the WSDOT. See Attachment 2 for more details.

After brief discussion the Commission unanimously passed a motion to recommend naming the bridge the Kollin Nielson memorial bridge. Motion was made by Spall and seconded by Pfundt.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the April and May meetings were approved, with the following corrections:

Norm Storme was not at the meetings and Don Samdahl was. Replace the name Holder with the name Spall.

Discussion of Public Comment

The Commission directed staff to prepare a response to the request from the Sr. Council.

Transportation 2040

The Commission engaged in a long and lively discussion of the alternatives presented in the DEIS. There was general support for Alternative 5. Most of the discussion revolved around the role of tolling and how much reliance should be placed upon it as a funding source. Staff was directed to compose a letter that reflected the tone of the discussion and circulate it among Commission members for edits. The letter will then be submitted to the Council for their consideration. Council will submit the city letter to PSRC.

Transportation Conversations

The Commission reviewed the material presented by staff and had the following revisions:

- Add language to point 2 indicating that it should be politically durable over time
- Add safety to point 1 it should also include NTCP, speed limits and crosswalks as topics
- Number 4 should include Totem Lake as a topic
- Add the BNSF right-of-way discussion to point 3
- Add a sentence to point 4 such as "the land use vision has a profound impact on the type of transportation system that is built."
- Add the fire department as a partner in point 3.

The next iteration of this work should include things we need to work on, things we've done and to add extra definition under each of the items.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Neir Commented on the wide diversity of cyclists he noted on a recent trip to Tokyo. Hopper will miss the next meeting because she has a role in an online movie. Pascal reported that the FONSI has been issued for WSDOT's SR 520 tolling project. He also commented that there is not enough time on the left turn phase from NE 124th Street to 100th Avenue NE. No other Commissioners had updates.

Motion to Adjourn made by Miller seconded by Pfundt at 8:54. Approved unanimously.

Attachment 1

405 Corridor Program

Congestion Relief & Bus Rapid Transit Projects

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1. Kathy Kratzer	20472 231 st Ave SE Maple Valley 98038	Kathykratzer@msn.com	How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
2. DEBBIE CLARKE	24529 NE 26th St Spaniamouth, WA 98074		How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
3. Karen Arden	15831-32nd Ave NE Seattle, WA 98155		How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
4. Fald Boyle	9745 128 Av NE Kirk 98033	fboyle@roskill.net	How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
5. Kirek Nelson	9420 So 242nd Kent WA 98042	Kirek.Nelson@Hotmail.com	How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
6. Chris Nelson	112 N. 100 th Renton WA 98137		How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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2.	<i>Pep Ross Hunter</i>		<i>ross@rosshunter.com</i>	How did you find out about this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
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1.	Nahid Daneshfar	13728 26th Ave SE Mill Creek WA 98012	Nahid.Daneshfar@kirkland.wa.gov	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
2.	Chris Mitchell	7425 Lower Ridge Rd Everett, WA 98203	Mitchell@CounselorsforWashStateGov.com	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
3.	Tricia Nylund	25004 NE 188th Ct Battle Ground, WA 98604	tricianylund@aol.com	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
4.	Dave Zemek	21209 212th Ave SE Maple Valley, WA 98038	davezemeke@msn.com	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
5.	Stacy Tussler	WS00T	Tussler@wsn.wa.gov	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Website <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Attachment 2

Summary of Public Comment

The Kirkland Transportation Commission's June 24, 2009 public meeting, in the matter of:

The "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge" Proposal

Renaming the I-405 Bridge over NE 116th Street

On June 24, 2009, the Kirkland Transportation Commission held a public meeting and received testimony on the matter of naming a public bridge facility owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation in memory of Kollin Nielson, who tragically lost his life due to a drunk driving incident during construction of the I-405 Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Widening Project. The information below is a brief summary of commentary received at the public meeting, via email prior to the meeting date, and via written correspondence.

Twenty members of the public attended; those in attendance who signed in:

Kathy Kratzer	Maple Valley, WA
Debbie Claypool	Sammamish, WA
Karen Arden	Seattle, WA
Todd Boyle	Kirkland, WA
Kirk Nelson	Kent, WA
Chris Nelson	Seattle, WA
Joan McBride	Kirkland, WA
Representative Ross Hunter	48 th Legislative District
Nahid Daneshfaud	Mill Creek, WA
Chris Mitchell	Everett, WA
Tricia Nylund	Battle Ground, WA
Dave Zemek	Maple Valley, WA
Stacy Trussler	WSDOT

Public Comment via testimony at the Transportation Commission Meeting June 24:

SPEAKER	POSITION
Joan McBride (not speaking on behalf of City Council)	FOR
Dave Zemek, former Vice President, Kiewit Pacific Construction Company	FOR
Senator Rodney Tom (48 th Legislative District)	FOR
Todd Boyle, Kirkland resident (also emailed, see below)	AGAINST
Chris Mitchell, Kirkland resident at the time of the accident, and then WSDOT representative working with Kiewit	FOR
Representative Ross Hunter(48 th Legislative District)	FOR
Ron McDougal, employee Kiewit Pacific	FOR

Deputy Mayor McBride spoke relating her experience as a longtime member of the 405 Executive Committee, her commitment to transportation and seeing this as a very sad, tragic event. The naming of this bridge would be "a great tribute for Mr. Nielson and his family."

Dave Zemek related his personal connection to this story, how the naming is a way to honor Kollin, while also advocating for safety to the public.

Senator Rodney Tom related the stories of the bills in the Legislature and voiced intolerance for drunk driving, this naming sends a message to the public to tap the brakes, slow down.

Todd Boyle acknowledged the emotions around this individual story but advocated for a rational criteria for the naming of public facilities. Goals for naming could include the highest priority of social causes: global warming, war and peace, educating our children, etc.

Chris Mitchell voiced how this accident has changed his personal perspective on safety; he recalled knowing Kollin, his wife and son.

Representative Ross Hunter voiced support for Senator Tom's comments, and requested the Commission support this naming.

Juan McDougal provided an emotional testimony of having worked with Kollin for five to six years prior to the accident, and considers this naming a way to honor all (transportation) workers.

Public Comment via Email:

Three Emails Received to the City as of 6/24/2009:

1. Todd Boyle (also provided spoken comments at the public meeting, see above)

From: Todd Boyle [mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 4:37 PM

To: KirklandCouncil

Cc: snow-lakeforestpark@lists.riseup.net

Subject: Opposing the naming of overpasses after dead construction workers

I am opposed to the proposed name for the 116th Street Overpass. [Article Below]. It is arbitrary and whimsical. Millions of drivers will have to look at the name over the coming decades. I oppose this name for two reasons. 1) humanity faces much more important issues than drunk driving, including global warming, peak oil and war. Within any rational comparison of importance, it would be named the "James Hansen Bridge", "King Hubbert Bridge", or "Mohandas Gandhi Bridge", "Richard Stallman Bridge", etc. 2) the naming process is emotionalistic and it is an assault on reason itself. Let's have a rational process. Let's not just have a big scrum of people, intent on their single goals, grab the football and run down the field before the other people are even aware of the process.

Frankly the Kollin Neilsen people are mythologizing death itself. There is an excessive fear of death, and denial of death, in our culture that goes back thousands of years. There is a religious association, of course. A neurotic fear or preoccupation with death is associated with the apocalypse myths of many cultures. It also leads, for example, to excessive military spending, to unreasonable medical spending in the last months of life, to prohibitions on assisted suicide, and so forth.

If the Kollin Neilsen people succeed at their naming, I will propose that the 100th Street pedestrian overpass be named, the "Peace and Justice Bridge". Why not? Fair is fair.

Todd Boyle toddboyle@comcast.net (425) 827-3107
9745 128th Avenue NE, Kirkland WA 98033-5286

2. Margaret Bull

From: meabull@juno.com [mailto:meabull@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2009 6:32 PM
To: Don Anderson
Subject: bridge name.

I think you should drop the "Memorial" in the proposed name of the bridge. It makes it too long to fit on a map and less likely for anyone to ever use it. "K. Nielson bridge" might even be better. It has a nice ring to it.

Margaret Bull

3. Chuck Pilcher

From: Chuck Pilcher [mailto:chuck@bourlandweb.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 12:16 PM
To: Don Anderson
Cc: Rodney Tom
Subject: Bridge naming

I think it's a classy idea to name this bridge for the construction worker killed while it was being built. Would never have thought of this myself. Thanks to Rodney Tom, too.

Chuck Pilcher
206-915-8593 Cell/Business/Personal
425-822-1221 Home/Fax

Public Comment via Written Correspondence:

A letter from Representative Roger Goodman (45th District) was hand delivered to city hall June 24, 2009, in support of the proposal.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
45TH DISTRICT
ROGER GOODMAN

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Washington
House of
Representatives



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STATUTE LAW

June 24, 2009

Re: Naming of the "Kolin Neilson Memorial Bridge"

To The Kirkland Transportation Commission:

I want to add my voice of support for the naming of the NE 116th Street Bridge in memory of Kolin Nielson. I regret that I am unable to attend your public hearing in person this evening but I am sure you will receive many other expressions of support from Kolin's friends and family and from other members of the community.

While visiting the neighborhoods in the summer of 2008 I met some of Kolin's family, who made a strong impression on me as they described the tragic incident that took Kolin's life and the idea of naming the NE 116th Street Bridge in his memory. During the 2009 legislative session the entire legislative delegation from the 45th and 48th Districts followed up with correspondence to the Washington State Transportation Commission, and I am pleased to see the process moving forward with the public hearing to record the support for this memorial in our community.

I strongly urge you and the Washington State Transportation Commission to approve the naming of the NE 116th Street Bridge as the "Kolin Neilson Memorial Bridge." Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger E. Goodman".

Roger Goodman
State Representative, 45th District

