



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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**To:** City Council

**From:** Transportation Commission, Jon Pascal, Chair

**Date:** April 24, 2008

**Subject:** Transportation Commission Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve the Transportation Commission's proposed Work Plan.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

After the joint study session with the City Council on April 1, the Transportation Commission met and refined our 2008 work plan based on Council direction. Our proposed Work Plan is shown in Table 1. The only modification from our original proposal is that two subjects:

- 1) Roadway pricing
- 2) development of a carbon neutral transportation plan.

were added to the plan under new items. Also, the red light running camera item was modified to include Transportation Commission input if the Public Safety Committee took up the subject.

TABLE 1 Final Transportation Commission 2008 Work Plan items as proposed by the Transportation Commission.

Where particular months have been identified for working on an issue, the months are noted in bold type.

<b>Items that occur each year</b>
<b>Joint meeting with City Council.</b>
<b>Legislative update</b> (after the close of the legislative session)
<b>Comprehensive Plan</b> No 2008 update is proposed, because the 2007 update was carried over to 2008.
<b>Neighborhood Plans</b> Participate in preparation of Houghton and Lakeview neighborhood plans as needed.
<b>Grants</b> Review grant activity via regular written updates
<b>Planning Commission</b> Communication with Planning Commission on issues of joint interest.
<b>Elect officers December.</b>
<b>CIP</b> Support CIP development in a strategic manner. Review funding levels and sources as well as policies that guide priorities. Examine the funded project list at a high level. Discuss before projects are determined. 2008 is a major CIP year. <b>May</b>
<b>Neighborhoods</b> Discuss role of transportation commission with neighborhood groups. Involve neighborhood coordinator
<b>New items</b>
<b>Roadway Pricing</b> Develop a pricing position paper for consideration by the City Council.
<b>Carbon Neutral Transportation Plan</b> Study what such a plan might involve and how other agencies are examining this issue.
<b>Mode Split.</b> What mode split should be assumed for long range planning? How is mode split measured? How do we know if we are making progress toward our goal?
<b>Downtown traffic.</b> Review impacts of proposed and approved downtown redevelopment projects.
<b>Ferry District/Ferry Service.</b> There are many unanswered questions about ferry service between Kirkland and Seattle, however we do know that the Ferry district currently plans to provide such service as a pilot project in the future. Commission would serve as a sounding board for ferry district proposals and make recommendations to Council.
<b>Traffic Impact analysis.</b> Commission would evaluate current policies for conducting traffic impact analyses and recommend changes. This would include exploring the role of the Commission in reviewing projects and also how and when improvements are required under SEPA. Further, when development projects in other cities have impacts on Kirkland, how should those impacts be mitigated.
<b>BNSF right-of-way</b> Look at heavy rail, light rail and trail options to help Kirkland be proactive about achieving its interests.
<b>Safety</b> Evaluate and recommend policies on a) lighting b) Red light running at traffic signals if the subject is taken up by the Public Safety Committee c)safety at signalized intersections
<b>Access Policy.</b> Review existing policy on access to City streets recommend changes to the City Council.
<b>Items carried over from last year</b>
<b>Concurrency Update</b> Develop a major update to concurrency with an emphasis on multimodal considerations.
<b>ITS Master Plan</b> Continue to own and champion this project. Plan should be finalized at April 23rd meeting
<b>NTCP</b> Review current policies and recommend appropriate changes to Council . should be finalized at April 23rd meeting
<b>Non-Motorized Plan</b> Commission will oversee development of an updated plan.
<b>CTR</b> Review proposed CTR ordinance to comply with new state law