

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

An audio recording of the meeting is available on the [Transportation Commission Page](#) of the City website.

Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Ahrensfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Brayden Brackett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith DeBolt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Jacobson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Marpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/> John Perlic	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant

Kirkland Staff Present: Julie Underwood, Joel Pfundt and Blair Daly, Public Works Department; Kari Page, City Manager's Office; and David Barnes, Planning and Building Department

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the December 4, 2019 meetings were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

There were no items from the audience.

Sustainability Master Plan

David Barnes, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the current status of the Land Use and Transportation focus area of the draft Sustainability Master Plan. Development of the plan has involved a great deal of community engagement and climate change is a priority. The plan contains eight focus areas and one of these is Land Use and Transportation. The next step will be a study session with City Council planned for February 4, 2020 and a full draft of the plan is planned to be released by mid-February.

Commissioners commented on the importance of tracking both vehicle electrification and vehicle miles traveled. It was also noted that investment in smart growth projects is an important part of implementing the plan. Also, there was interest in the suggestion to form walking and biking advisory committees to look at specific investments and project implementation.

Safer Routes to School

Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator, provided the Commission with an update on the Safer Routes to School (SRTS) program. First of all, a Sustainability Ambassador from Northstar Middle School presented regarding their school's goal to have 90% of the 90 students commute to and from school in non-SOV travel modes. Kari then introduced Brad and Zoe Haverstein, they are both very involved in the development of the plan and Kirkland Greenways.

The presentation included an update on the SRTS timeline and outlined the SRTS Action Plans. The Action Plans will be developed by neighborhood and contain the following sections:

- Introduction
- Plan Development
- Operation Elements
- Capital Elements
- Funding Plan
- Evaluation

Commissioners were also provided a list of Sustainability Ambassador projects currently underway. There is also a large SRTS event being scheduled for Saturday, March 21 (*Please Note: since this meeting this event has been moved to March 28*).

Commissioners suggested that a school event modeled after "The Biggest Loser" may be a good approach, where instead of losing weight the focus would be on reducing carbon emissions. Commissioners also noted the importance of adequate streetlighting, including the location of lights and

trimming around lights to ensure they are effective. Commissioners were excited to see the draft plans in the future.

Performance Monitoring

Blair Daly, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator/Transportation Planner, and Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, presented the 2019 version of the Transportation Master Plan Progress Report and the 2019 Kirkland Transportation by the Numbers report. Both are in info graphic form and provide information about the City's transportation System.

Commissioners asked about what the plan is to complete the missing sidewalks identified in the TMP Progress Report around Sandburg and Twain Elementary Schools. Commissioners also identified a need to clarify how TMP implementation is progressing from year-to-year in the TMP Progress Report and if the current status is good or bad. Commissioners also found the lack of context for some of the items included on the Kirkland Transportation by the Numbers report confusing but were generally supportive of having the information available.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

- NE 85th St Station Area Plan Planning Commission Joint Meetings Tentative Dates – March 12, 2020 & May 5, 2020
- NEMP Transit Service Change – March 21, 2020
- Commissioner Jacobson – Importance of OneBusAway app being properly updated with March 21, 2020 service change
- Commissioner DeBolt – Snow removal related to walking and biking
- I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Survey open until February 14, 2020
- Transportation Commissioner applications being accepted
- City construction sign at corner of 6th Ave and 4th St is out-of-date and should to be removed

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 8:30 PM.