

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brayden Brackett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dueker	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic

Kirkland Staff Present: Kathy Brown and Kari Page, Public Works Department

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the July 24, 2019 meetings were unanimously approved subject to the following amendment:

Update the meeting notes under the Commissioner reports section to reflect that the comments attributed to Commissioner Terry Marpert were actually made by Commissioner Ken Dueker.

Items from the Audience

Greg Gunther requested that the Commissioner move Greenhouse Gas Reduction monitoring up on their Work Plan from Future Topics to something they are actively working on. Also, requested that any group formed resulting from the City's Sustainability Master Plan include a member from the Transportation Commission. He also said that he will be attending the first day of the Vision Zero Cities conference in New York City and said he would be happy to provide what he learns on any particular topic to Commissioners. He then provided a hand out of the conference agenda.

Safer Routes to School Program

Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, provided the Commission with an update related to the Safer Routes to School (SRTS) Action Program. The Commission heard about what the City has identified as Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and City of Kirkland shared interests in the SRTS Action Plans, identified partnership roles between LWSD and the City and next steps.

The Commission asked about why the program was called Safer instead of the more typical Safe Routes to School Program that you hear about from many other jurisdictions and school districts. City staff responded that this was a request from LWSD. Commissioners also emphasized that the SRTS Action Plan should encourage carpooling, as well as walking, biking and riding the bus. Also, it should be very clear during outreach that the SRTS Action Plans are about encouraging people not to drive their kids to school, as well as improving safety for those children that already choose to use an alternative to getting a ride and driving themselves to school. Other suggestions including providing students with their own walking flag, instead of providing at individual crosswalks, and looking at the location of Metro bus stops to make sure they are in the best possible location.

2020-2021 Transportation Commission Work Plan

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, and Kathy Brown, Public Works Director, presented information related to development of the 2020-2021 Commission Work Plan. Staff provided a copy of the 2018-2019 Commission Work Plan. Staff also provided and reviewed an evaluation of the 2018-2019 Commission Work Plan, as well as a and reviewed the 2018-2019 Commission Work Plan, as well as a proposed 2020-2021 Commission Work Plan.

Commissioners made the following comments on the proposed 2020-2021 Commission Work Plan:

- Keep Greenways topic and rank as priority 3
- Replace the word Methodically CKC topic, include tracking connections to north and south, and place emphasis on paving the CKC
- Rank Active Transportation Plan topic as priority 2
- NE 128th St Corridor Study should address access, including Americans with Disabilities Act issues

- Regional and Statewide, Coordination and Advocacy should include I-405/NE 132nd St Interchange and rank as priority 1
- NE 85th St I-405 BRT Station Area Plan should include coordination between Transportation and Planning Commissions
- Sustainability Master Plan description should be updated and rank as priority 3
- Conduct Annual Election rank as priority NA

Commissioners also discussed the need to stay involved in neighborhood plan development from a transportation perspective and the importance of using data to help make decision on the items included on the Work Plan.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Staff reported on the following:

- Citywide Transportation Connections – Upcoming schedule includes presentations to Planning Commission and Council Study Session on October 15, 2019.
- I-405/NE 85th St Inline BRT Station and Interchange – Reviewed agreed to 405/NE 85th St Inline BRT Station Access Project Elements.
- Sound Transit Service Implementation Plan – Includes proposed Route 544, Public Hearing on October 3, 2019 at Union Station, Seattle.

Commissioners reported on the following:

- Jacobson – Information from Metro and Sound Transit needs to be seamless and updated for March 2020 service change. Had a couple of experiences with September service change that were not related to OneBusAway app and Metro Website.
- McConnell – Crossing Kirkland event was a big success again this year. Event is looking for new leadership to take over for 2020.