

**Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 4, 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 Ahrensfeld	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Perlic	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant

Kirkland Staff Present: Kathy Brown, Joel Pfundt and Rod Steitzer, Public Works Department

Review of past meeting notes

Notes from the October 23, 2019 meetings were unanimously approved.

Items from the Audience

There were no items from the audience.

2020-2021 Transportation Commission Work Plan

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, provided the final draft of the 2020-2021 Commission Work Plan in preparation for the January 21, 2020 Study Session with City Council. Council Study Sessions now begin at 5:30 PM and take place in the Peter Kirk Room at City Hall.

The Commission suggested that the presentation to Council include the following: Commission's mission, Work Plan format, considerations that went into developing the Work Plan, topic items that were completed and new topic items that were added. Commissioners suggested that the Council presentation focus on priority one items; the complexity of subjects, such as transit and active transportation; and be presented in more of a narrative format. The Commission decided that Chair McConnell should present the proposed Work Plan at the Council Study Session with support from other Commissioners and staff.

Election for 2020 Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners unanimously elected Commissioner McConnell as Chair and Commissioner Ahrensfeld as Vice-Chair for 2020.

Totem Lake Vicinity Projects Construction Phasing

Rod Steitzer, Capital Projects Manager, presented a summary of the many construction projects that will be taking place in the Totem Lake Business District in vicinity of Totem Lake itself and the NE 124th St and Totem Lake Blvd / 124th Ave NE intersection. These construction projects will repair, maintain and improve underground utilities, multimodal transportation, parks and the environment. These projects are being managed either by the City, private developers or partner agencies. The proximity of the projects to one-another, the various agencies involved, the tight timelines and the significant impact these projects will have on the traveling public all add to the complexity of the situation.

The Commission appreciated the presentation and provided comments and questions related to contractor parking and traffic control. The Commission also wanted to ensure that pedestrian and bicycle connectivity would be maintained throughout all the different projects. Commissioners also suggested that a single point of contact/resource be identified so that people could easily find out the latest information on the projects and their impacts.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

- Staff provided a short update on the current understanding of I-976 impacts on the City
- Announced that Commissioner Ken Dueker has resigned his position and that Kathy Brown, Public Works Director, is leaving the City of Kirkland. Their contributions to the Commission will be greatly missed.
- Announced that Julie Underwood has been appointed Interim Public Works Director.

- Commissioners Ahrensfield and DeBolt attended the first Sustainability Ambassadors Summit.

Meeting adjourned unanimously approved to adjourn at approximately 7:45 PM.