



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

### **Department of Public Works**

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Transportation Commission

**From:** Kim Scrivner, Transportation Planner  
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager

**Date:** October 22, 2021

**Subject:** ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission receive a briefing and provide input on the Active Transportation Plan update.

#### **Background:**

The update to the 2009 Active Transportation Plan began in 2019 but was put on hold in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This work started again in mid-2021 and is expected to go to City Council in the spring of 2022. Below is a summary of progress:

2019-early 2020 – Staff began scoping the update which included:

- outlining progress achieved implementing the 2009 ATP and the 2015 TMP actions and strategies
- assessing and when necessary, updating existing data sets (data renovation project)
- coordinating interdepartmentally with planning, Safer Routes to School Action Plan development, etc.
- Outreach Phase 1: Staff began the first phase of outreach which included:
  - Walk and Bike to School month
  - Community Meeting at City Hall
  - Neighborhood Meetings
  - Online Safe and Active Transportation Plan survey, Oct 2019 - Jan 2020
- Consultant Services: Toole Design was brought on board to manage the plan development

Spring 2020 Outreach: In January 2020, staff developed an extensive public outreach schedule aimed at meeting with every active neighborhood association in March and April to review recommendations for the ATP (and the Safer Routes to School Action Plans). The meetings would also be used to promote the Safe and Active Transportation Summit scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Ultimately, both the draft Safer Routes to School Action Plans and the public comments were to be presented to the City Council

on April 21. In March, the neighborhood meetings and the Summit were cancelled as a result of COVID-19 and the ATP Update was ultimately placed on hold.

Transportation Commission presentations:

- March 2019 – introduction to the project and review of proposed vision – safety, high quality networks, designing for all-ages and abilities and access to transit emphasis
- October 2019 – discussed data renovation project, scope of work and engagement plan
- February 2020 – reviewed crash data analysis, results from public survey and an introduction to the level of stress analysis from consultant
- March 2021 – status of plan update and next steps, more detail regarding analysis conducted to identify bike and pedestrian networks, implementation strategy

April 2021: City Council study session.

**October Transportation Commission objectives:**

Staff will share with the Transportation Commission the public engagement strategy, prioritization framework and the draft prioritized bicycle network. The goal is to gain additional feedback that will shape the final draft plan.

**Next Steps:**

- December Transportation Commission – Draft Plan for review and public comment
- January Transportation Commission – Final review
- February – March/ April - Council review and adoption