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Safe – Connected – Multimodal

**Kirkland 2044 Transportation Plan Update**

July 26, 2023

Transportation Commission Meeting



# Agenda



- Guiding Principles Update
- Goals
  - What We Heard
  - Proposed Update + Rationale
  - Discussion
- Policies

# Guiding Principles

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- **Create a More Equitable and Multimodal Transportation System for All Users:** Improve travel options that are inclusive for people of all ages and abilities while reducing reliance on single occupancy vehicle trips. This includes investing in safe and connected walking and bicycling infrastructure, connections to transit and activity centers, advocating for increased transit service that connects locally and regionally and encouragement programs that reduce trips and increases education about travel options. Support innovative transit services such as local shuttle services, ride share services and micro-mobility options through advocacy, supporting new innovative services and assessing curb space management policies.
- **Safety:** Ensure the safety of people using the transportation system, particularly those walking and bicycling who are the most vulnerable. This includes sidewalk connections and maintenance, providing more connected and protected bike lanes as well as separating people walking and bicycling from each other on pathways and trails, and assessing vehicle speeds. Ensure people who are aging in our community and people with disabilities have safe infrastructure to get around without encountering barriers or having to drive.

# Guiding Principles



- **Sustainability** includes both sustainability of our environment and sustainability of our systems. Environmental benefits of walk/bike infrastructure and reducing the number of car trips are not just for personal health but support improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gases and reduced congestion. System sustainability involves ensuring proper maintenance of our transportation system such as ensuring we have budget and staff to properly repair sidewalks, sweep bike lanes, maintaining our trails and general roadway and pavement maintenance.
- **Innovation and Electrification:** With new technologies and innovative transportation solutions as well as more people are using electric bikes and electric vehicles, investment in infrastructure should support these uses with increased access to charging stations (for all vehicle types), increased awareness, and support for innovative services. This includes policy and regulations that regulate shared use environments between e-bikes and pedestrians, infrastructure for locking/storage, parking policies, etc.

# **What We Heard:**

## **June 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting**

# What We Heard



- Maintain strength shown in full statement – desire to not dilute priorities (e.g., Walking and Biking as modal priorities)
- Accomplishments since last TMP should be reflected in goals update
  - Update goals appropriately
  - Explore updating structure and language to differentiate between what's in progress and what is future looking
- Opportunities for “Global Policies” – examples include maintenance, regular reporting on progress
- Relationship among plans – opportunities to reinforce and clarify

# Goals Update



# 2015 TMP Goals



- **T-0 Safety** By 2035 eliminate all transportation related fatal and serious injury crashes in Kirkland.
- **T-1 Walking** - Complete a safe network of sidewalks, trails and crosswalks where walking is comfortable and the first choice for many trips.
- **T-2 Biking** – Interconnect bicycle facilities that are safe, nearby, easy to use and popular with people of all ages and abilities.
- **T-3 Public Transportation** - Support and promote a transit system that is recognized as a high value option for many trips.
- **T-4 Motor Vehicles** - Provide for efficient and safe vehicular circulation recognizing congestion is present during parts of most days.
- **T-5 Link to Land Use** - Create a transportation system that supports Kirkland's land use plan.
- **T-6 Be Sustainable** – As the transportation system is planned, designed, built, maintained and operated, provide mobility for all using reasonably assured revenue sources while minimizing environmental impacts.
- **T-7 Be an Active Partner** - Coordinate with a broad range of groups; public and private to help meet Kirkland's transportation goals.
- **T-8 Transportation Measurement** - Measure and report on progress toward achieving goals and completing actions.

# Proposed TMP Update Goals



**T-0. Safety** By 2035 eliminate all transportation related fatal and serious injury crashes, while reducing all crashes in Kirkland.

**T-1. Active Transportation** Create and maintain a high-quality network of complete and connected low-stress walking and bicycling facilities, including sidewalks, trails, crosswalks, and bikeways making active transportation a first choice for many trips

**T-2. Public Transportation** Through coordination with regional agencies and improvements within the City of Kirkland, the city will support and promote a transit system as a high value option for many trips.

**T-3. Vehicle (Roadway System) Management** Provide for efficient and safe vehicular circulation recognizing congestion is present during parts of most days.

**T-4. Equity** The transportation system should address the mobility needs of all people, regardless of age, ability, or background while prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable users to advance the City's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

**T-5. Technology and Emerging Practices** The transportation system should be flexible and equipped to adapt to new technologies and innovative solutions that expand mobility choices for people living and working in Kirkland.

**T-6. Sustainability** Allocate resources to ensure existing assets and future growth of the transportation system are adequately maintained. Minimize transportation environmental impacts through mode shift, stormwater mitigation and other GHG reduction efforts.

**T-7. Land Use** Coordinate transportation and land use planning and policies to ensure future growth is supported and sustained by a livable, walkable, connected and transit-oriented city.

# What Changed



- **Removed:**
  - **Be an Active Partner:** Partnership incorporated into other goals to identify specific opportunities for partnering with regional agencies to advance those goals
  - **Transportation Measurement:** This is a key component of implementing the TMP and not a unique goal. Performance measures will advance this effort.
- **Combined:**
  - **Walking, Biking:** Combined to Active Transportation to better respond to project implementation opportunities, funding sources
- **Added:**
  - **Equity** – Reflect City’s DEIB initiative
- **Updated:**
  - **Vehicle (or Roadway System) Management** – Reflects modal hierarchy, captures range of factors that influence roadway system

# Next Steps



- **August:** No meeting
- **September:** Discuss elements and policies
- **October:** Joint Planning and Transportation Commission Meeting