

KIRKLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER (0:00)

The December 11, 2024, Transportation Commission Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Brian Magee.

2. ROLL CALL (0:01)

Members Present: Brian Magee (Chair), Patrick Vu (Vice Chair), Ryan Miller, Sophia Stull
Katherine Casseday, Dylan Hanson, Nithin Balamurugan

Members Absent: Kaitlin Goodman

Staff Present: Doug McIntyre, Sarah Olson, Jennifer Palmer

Consultant Present: None

Recording Secretary: Sarah Olson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (0:02)

October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting were moved for approval by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Casseday. All commissioners voted in favor of minutes approval.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (0:03)

Richard Vale

Dylan Roof

5. NEW COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION (0:10)

Newly appointed Commissioner Sophia Stull introduced herself to the other commissioners.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (0:14)

Kirkland Code 3.45.030 provides that the Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the final meeting of each calendar year to serve a one-year term.

Chair Nominations: Brian Magee nominated by Patrick Vu. No other nominations. Commissioner Magee accepted by Commission by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chair Nominations: Patrick Vu nominated by Brian Magee. No other nominations. Commissioner Vu accepted by Commission by unanimous vote.

7. SPEED LIMIT POLICY UPDATE AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN (0:18)

Jennifer Palmer, Transportation Engineering Supervisor, presented on the upcoming work related to the City's Safety Action Plan and Speed Limit Policy Update. The Safety Action Plan is funded as a subaward through the Puget Sound Regional Council by the USDOT's Safe Streets

and Roads for All (SS4A) to include a speed limit policy element. Grant deadline to complete work has been extended to July 2025. Safety is the focus of this effort and helps the City work toward its goal of zero traffic-related deaths by 2035. Components will include crash data analysis, operating speed study, near-miss analysis, gap analysis, and community engagement.

The Commission was interested in the analysis methods, technology, and data collection associated with the Safety Action Plan effort. The Commission was also concerned with timing of implementation of the tools, including the speed limit setting policy and tool. Commissioners also asked about where, throughout the City, data will be collected, including areas like school zones and residential streets.

8. COMMENTS/UPDATES (1:12)

- Staff reviewed the Commission work plan (R-5628). Some items have moved or fallen off while some items have been added to the work plan. Staff highlighted the dynamic nature of the Commission work plan.
- TSP Report Back – TSP was adopted unanimously on November 19th. Encourage commissioners to watch the video.
- Comp Plan was adopted December 10 in the 5-2 vote. This is the major policy guiding document and includes the Transportation Element.
- Storm response (bomb cyclone windstorm) update – PW response was incredible having to reset signal lights, removing trees, replacing traffic signs, and more. The damage tally collected by King County exceed the \$10.7M threshold seeking a Presidential Declaration. Only had about \$1,000 of damage to our signal equipment. Commissioner Hanson shared appreciation for the Maintenance team for clearing the CKC so quickly.
- Commissioner Training is due as soon as possible.
- Next meeting will be a joint meeting with Planning Commissioners. Motion by Vice Chair Vu, seconded by Commissioner Hanson to move the January meeting to the 23rd, motion carried. Meeting topic will be on Middle Housing – a monitoring item for the Transportation Commission. New state law HB1110 around missing middle. Kirkland conducting gap analysis to adopt new codes by June 2025 to get to compliance.
- Project Updates:
 - Lake & Kirkland Scramble – photo updates, landscaping and pavers, benches, ferry medallions, scramble (signal poles, May anticipated).
 - 124th Ave – Highlights included stormwater, protected bike lane and sidewalk, business outreach.
- WSDOT Update:
 - 85th interchange: next closure planned for January 11-12 for setting eastside girders. This project will be three levels (freeway, mezzanine for transit, local road). Project on-budget/on-schedule.
 - I-405 mainline closure planned for spring for stormwater work.
 - 132nd headed to closeout on punch list items.
 - Brickyard: staff are working on design review for transportation and stormwater and coordinating with Bothell.
- Chair Magee – commentary on public comments

9. ADJOURNMENT (2:09)

Transportation Commission Chair Brian Magee adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:09 p.m.

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Director, Public Works Department

Brian Magee
Chair Transportation Commission