

KIRKLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 28, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER (0:00)

The May 28, 2025, the Transportation Commission Regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Brian Magee.

2. ROLL CALL (0:00)

Members Present: Brian Magee, Patrick Vu, Katherine Casseday, Dylan Hanson, Kaitlin Goodman, Nithin Balamurugan, David Tan, Sophia Stull

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Sarah R Olson, Jennifer Palmer, Victoria Kovacs, Iris Cabrera

Consultant Present: Nikki Davis, DKS Associates

Recording Secretary: Abby Price

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (0:01)

April 23, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes were moved for approval by Commissioner Dylan Hanson and seconded by Vice Chair Patrick Vu.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (0:01)

No items from the Audience.

5. VISION ZERO: FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURY DASHBOARD (0:02)

Transportation Planner Victor Kovacs provided a demonstration of the City's new GIS-based Fatal and Serious Injury (FSI) Traffic Collision Dashboard. This public facing dashboard is accessible through the City of Kirkland website on the Vision Zero page. The dashboard supports Objective 3 of the Vision Zero Action Plan: Build a Robust and Transparent Data Framework. Communicating crash data to the public can be used to educate and demonstrate the impact of travel behavior and provides transparency about how the City is tracking and addressing safety related challenges. A data driven approach helps the City assess both where crashes are happening and patterns and environmental characteristics of crashes to identify similar locations to prevent future crashes from occurring. This analysis helps the City identify engineering countermeasures and tailored approaches to increase safety in specific locations.

The dashboard data is updated daily and contains five years of historical data. Within the dashboard, users can query the data using different filters for types of crashes, locations, severity, and by date.

Commissioners asked about the inclusion of near-miss data. The City is collecting near miss data in other projects and is excluded from this dashboard which is pulling data from police

reports with a focus on fatal and serious injuries. There were several suggestions made to improve the FAQ section. Commissioners are thankful for the information available for the City to see!

6. SAFETY ACTION PLAN UPDATE (0:16)

Transportation Engineering Supervisor Jennifer Palmer and consultant Nikki Davis from DKS Associates provided an update on the development of the Kirkland Safety Action Plan, results from outreach efforts, and a preview of the development of the speed limit setting tool. The team took comments and questions from the Commissioners to incorporate into the final draft Plan, and Speed Limit Setting tool and policy. Staff will provide a first touch of this work to the City Council on July 1st followed by final drafts to be presented to the Commission for review, comment, and recommendation to advance to the City Council at its July meeting. Council will review the recommended drafts in August and September for potential adoption.

Commissioner comments included:

- Request to include comments received in the TSP online dashboard outreach phase
- Discussion of weighting or normalizing crashes by type for vehicles versus bikes and peds
- Are we missing any major corridors if we only focused on ped/bike numbers
- Understanding out bike LOS works in the speed limit setting tool if facilities are only on one side
- Are we considering sight distance
- Appreciate the move away from 85% for speed limit setting
- Inquiring how the speed limit policy will be implemented

7. COMMENTS/UPDATES (01:15)

- Timeline for Commission: Traditionally, there is no meeting in August and the Winter meeting can be moved to the three options below:
 - Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10
 - Commissioner David Tan, Dylan Hanson seconded the motion, all commissioners in favor of cancelling our August Meeting, and moving the winter meeting to November 19th.
- New Transportation Manager
 - Stephen Padua is coming on board, he is experienced, well networked, and a previous Kirkland employee who has returned to us.
- Victoria Update on email inquiry:
 - RE: Slater Ave NE not being involved in the Safety Action Plan. The reason is that it is on the neighborhood greenway pathway and will be under construction June 2nd- to install speed cushions, crosswalks, filling in sidewalk gaps, and several traffic calming measures that are being implemented very soon.
- 2024-2025 Commission Work Plan Review
 - Staff previewed items for upcoming meetings including:
 - CIP Annual update
 - Transit Needs Study

- Greenways
- Multimodal Performance Measurement
- TSP Program Implementation
- Introduction of new Commissioner David Tan

Comments:

- Commissioner Casseday requested a CIP project status update
- Commissioner Hanson requested information on the workplan
- Commissioner Goodman requesting information on the CKC detour
- Vice Chair Vu requested more advance notice to community members of WSDOT closure for the Brickyard project

8. ADJOURNMENT (02:06)

Transportation Commissioner Brian Magee adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:07 p.m.

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Director, Public Works Department

Brian Magee
Chair Transportation Commission