



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

From: Stephen Padua, Transportation Manager

Date: June 24, 2026

Subject: TSP Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Transportation Commission discuss the themes from the TSP Metrics review and develop a recommendation for how the City may allocate resources in the near-term.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- On May 27, 2026, staff presented to Commission on Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) Metrics, which included a full review of the newly developed metrics.
- The intent of this topic is to develop a Commission recommendation to support staff budget discussions with Council and the City Manager.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Kirkland follows a biennial budget process. State law requires that the first year of a biennial budget be an odd numbered year. Accordingly, the preparation of the biennial budget occurs during an even numbered year, beginning in June and continuing through the end of the year. This discussion is in preparations for the next biennial budget development process for the 2027-2028 city budget.

The City Council adopted the updated Transportation Strategic Plan in November 2024. The plan includes two methods for monitoring system performance and how well Kirkland is addressing the goals outlined in the plan. When the TSP was developed in 2024, the Transportation Commission and City staff discussed metrics and performance measures during meetings on March 27, 2024¹, April 24, 2024², and July 24, 2024³.

In the development of the Commission's 2026-2027 work plan, the Commission expressed the desire to use metrics in a more productive way than just tracking work being done. This discussion

¹ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/boards-and-commissions/transportation-commission/2024/03_mar-27/tc-agenda-mar-27-2024.pdf

² https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/boards-and-commissions/transportation-commission/2024/04_apr-24/transportation-commission-meeting-agenda-april-24-2024.pdf

³ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/3/boards-and-commissions/transportation-commission/2024/07_jul-24/tc-meeting-agenda-7-24-2024.pdf

is one method to provide a more data driven discussion for the budget development process.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

At the May Commission's meeting, the discussion included a review of potential trends and patterns from the data collected for the TSP metrics. The following themes were highlighted in the previous meeting, which is listed below for Commissions consideration.

- The City should consider building more data count information.
- Safety in the transportation system is a major concern.
- The City should considering using more transit data for planning and discussions with transit service providers.
- The City should consider evaluating the quality of facilities being planned and constructed in comparison to what people are actually using.

Questions:

- Does the Commission agree with the themes presented?.
- Are any themes missing?

Next Steps:

Following this discussion, City staff will incorporate the Commissions recommendations in discussions with City Leadership and Council for the upcoming budget development process.