

## General Public Comments

Date Submitted	Topics	Comment Summary
8/22/2023	Building Code	<p>I realize Kirkland will be changing a great deal as 2044 draws nearer.</p> <p>I would like to have a uniform LOOK for Kirkland in building code exterior. I prefer white or nearly white exterior colors on all downtown buildings. Similar to Greece. This could include a theme or perhaps not. Edmonds downtown has a brick appearance and looks great. White would look great from the lake and also the freeway. We could perhaps incorporate a seaport theme. The tan color of the Port Smith could fit in but I prefer lighter.</p>
	Building Code - ACUs	Legalize small accessory commercial units (ACUs) throughout city including residential areas; reduce office costs for non-profits
12/23/2023	Building Code - smoking areas	Require developers to include a designated smoking area within a housing or business development. It could include seating, trash receptacles, disposal urns for cigarette butts. It is a practical approach to this conflict between nonsmoker's rights and smoker's rights. I hope the city will look at developing a similar policy for businesses to follow.
	Building Code - Sustainability	Reduce barriers to sustainable development; relax height and other building requirements for LEED Platinum or passive house standards
2/10/2023	Building Code/Affordable Housing	<p>Aaron Jacobson with Liveable Kirkland, Eastside For All, Futurewise, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King &amp; Kittitas Counties, Joan McBride, Kirkland Greenways, Mark Vossler, MD. Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Representative Amy Walen, Representative Davina Duerr, Representative Roger Goodman, Sightline Institute</p> <p>For an Affordable, Sustainable Kirkland study following policies for update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase height limits, reduce floor area ratio caps, setback &amp; stepback requirements, lot coverage limits, density limits, and other building restrictions. Reduce permit processes.</li> <li>- Preserve existing affordable multifamily housing. Exempt 100% affordable housing from zoning requirements</li> </ul>
4/19/2022	Building Code/Parking Standards	Allow 4-8 unit buildings in all zones; single stair buildings; HB 1099; Incentivize mass timber structures; reduce parking standards;
	Community	This is a very beautiful city and am currently looking for employment that will keep me in this sophisticated and welcoming community. I get a sense of "home" here! City residents are warm and friendly and very inviting.
	Comunication/Outreach	Track demographics of who is providing input with each engagement method by census data
6/13/2023	Comunication/Outreach	Suggestions for additional ways to reach people: digital reader boards at Marina Park, sign on 85th going towards downtown, canvas banners on Lake Street, canvassing neighborhoods with fliers, Kirkland Magazines, table at existing community events, table at farmer's markets, more printed materials, fliers at bookstores, catalogs and mailers, advertise on buses.
6/13/2023	Comunication/Outreach	Suggestions related to how the City can better reach renters. Mailers and fliers, targeting specific apartment buildings. Canvas neighborhoods/buildings and actually speak with people, have a mini town hall at an apartment building so residents don't have to go to another location, have events at the library and affordable housing properties, accomodate renter's schedules and offer events over the weekends instead of during the work week, advertise on buses.
6/13/2023	Comunication/Outreach	City should consider a public, virtual community bulletin board on the City website.
	Neighborhood Plans - updates	Update with major comprehensive plan updates; not annually

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11/27/2022	Parking Standards	<p>Summarized: "K2044 Planning - 5 Changes for a Better City". Parking Reforms for a Better City:            The current strategy for parking falls short, and works against the key themes for the plan. Parking reforms are the lowest hanging fruit to progress. Kirkland risks reinforcing and reproducing the worst aspects of our car culture. Our current parking policy will have long lasting negative effects on our community. Here is a list of the changes Kirkland should pursue to lead the region when it comes to parking (in order of importance):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eliminate parking minimums city wide - A growing number of people want to live car-free and options are limited due to our parking policies. We can reduce our emissions, reduce our traffic, and create more affordable housing if we change our relationship with parking. Let the market, developers, and homeowners decide what is right when it comes to parking. Don't force people to pay more for housing with a parking space if they don't need one.</li> <li>2. ALTERNATIVE 1A: If not eliminating parking minimums city wide, eliminate parking minimums within a 1/2 mile of frequent transit - this should be incorporated in the K2044 Plan at the bare minimum.</li> <li>3. ALTERNATIVE 1B: Eliminate parking minimums within 1/2 mile of the Cross Kirkland Corridor (in addition to Alt 1A) - This is our active transportation highway and a beloved feature of our city. People should have the option to live car free near this sustainable transportation corridor.</li> <li>4. Parking maximums should be enacted - convert the current parking minimums to parking maximums to prevent the problem of overbuilding parking.</li> <li>5. Add Minimum bike parking requirements at most non-residential developments. Add secure, weatherproof bike parking requirements at locations that are likely to be a riders' last stop of the day.</li> <li>6. Provide car-share options for people in our urban centers. Providing people more flexible options for living and mobility supports vibrant communities and sustainable communities.</li> </ol> <p>An extremely important final note is that eliminating parking minimums is NOT the same as banning parking. Many people enjoy their car and seek housing that includes parking and frequent businesses that provide parking. The good news is that the vast majority of existing housing and businesses already include parking and developers may still include parking under these reforms if they so desire. (Of course, accessible parking spaces should still be mandated wherever necessary.) Ultimately, parking reforms can provide cheaper housing and help Kirkland support a more diverse and inclusive community.</p>
1/4/2023	Parking Standards	<p>Comments summarized: Supports the city taking aggressive action on zoning changes to remove minimum parking requirements for developers across all of Kirkland. The current commitment locks us into a pattern we need to break - enabling car use which deters more progressive mass transit, and making a poor use of real estate that can be used for other purposes like more housing and businesses.</p> <p>These benefits would result of the changes: Aging population - promotes density so mobility-challenged can get more easily to the resources they need within a smaller radius of their home. Inclusion/diversity &amp; multi-family housing demand - creates more space for affordable housing by repurposing parking lots to housing. Climate change - puts a real burden on drivers to stop driving for local errands by removing the "crutch" they have in easily finding parking. Creates more space for climate-positive environments swapping pavement for green spaces. Aging infrastructure - removes the need for the city to keep expanding roads to sustain the car use encouraged by ample parking availability. See CAR proposal that was submitted.</p>
	School capacity	Remove regulatory barriers to expand school capacity
	Transit Oriented Development	Allow mid-rise, 6 story, mixed use within 1/4 mile along transit corridors and 4 story, mixed use within 1/2 of mile of every bus stop served by frequent transit line; plan ahead for transit opportunities

## Public Meeting Comments

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2/14/2023	Community Character	We are losing a sense of community as we build high rises. People no longer know their neighbors and everyone is working so much. Large apartment and housing complexes should have associations to provide a sense of community similar to how Kirkland neighborhoods do today
2/14/2023	Housing Availability	Seattle created APodments to provide affordable housing but didn't think about that young people also want to start families and have no place to go.
2/14/2023	Housing/Land Use	Bellevue has a program where they allow for affordable housing on faith based properties and allow for easier permitting. Does Kirkland have similar programs? See podcast by Kristi Galant (sp?)
2/14/2023	Land Use	We need to think about the unintended consequences of growth. For example, the loss of medical buildings in Totem Lake and access to amenities
2/14/2023	Senior Housing	Lack of public affordable senior housing. All facilities in Kirkland are private and expensive. See Olympia as an example. 30% of Kirkland's population is over the age of 50
2/14/2023	Senior Housing	Residents who are now seniors have been paying taxes for way longer than younger residents and helps build this City but are often overlooked. How do we stop the migration of seniors out of the City with the rising costs of living?
2/14/2023	Senior Housing	Senior housing is often clumped into affordable housing, however, most affordable housing is not appropriate for seniors since it does not provide the accessibility needs of seniors. Such as ramp showers, etc. We want affordable housing to grow but it needs to be appropriate for seniors. Housing options should be flexible to adapt to changing needs of the community.
2/14/2023	Senior Housing	In 20 years will be the peak of Baby Boom with a lot of residents requiring senior services
2/14/2023	Transit - Seniors	Concerned about access for seniors to the proposed rapid ride project at NE 85th St
2/14/2023	Transportation - walkability	Not everyone is going to take a bus or ride rapid transit, we need to also consider walkability. Someone needs to be responsible for inspecting sidewalks so they are not a tripping hazard. Also, Totem Lake is near a freeway and relies on people driving and parking there -- we need to think about this with planned growth.

## Land Use Public Comments

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4/11/2023	2035 Growth Targets	How are we doing meeting our housing and job targets for the year 2035?
7/31/2023	Bike Racks	Require more bike racks (that are sized right for e-bikes with larger tires) and rack spaces at front of businesses where the visibility is high.
4/11/2023	GMA requirements	What are the goals of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA)
4/11/2023	Home occupations	Encourage more home- based businesses-
2/25/2024	Housing Intensity	In favor for high-intensity housing near transit
4/11/2023	Industrial uses	Retain industrial areas for small industrial or manufacturing businesses; not housing
12/11/2023	Land Use	Before the City moves forward with a project, please identify and quantify the desired outcome. For example, # of users, ect....  Then go back and see if the decision or project is performing. If the project is not performing, then remove it rather than continue to spend money on it if it's not performing. Also, the city is way behind in maintenance. Focus on maintaining what you have.
5/1/2024	Land use changes	Support land use changes to allow for denser uses, affordable housing in general citywide in order to have a less car dependant community, to be safer, greener, resilient tax base.
4/30/2024	Land use changes	Support change in land use along transit corridors to increase residential capacity and density greater than 50 dwelling units per acre to allow for more housing for people
4/30/2024	Land use changes	Support greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre; TOD; build more apartments; allow commercial uses in residential areas
4/29/2024	Land use changes	Opposed to proposed land use changes including along transit corridors
4/29/2024	Land use changes	Support proposed land use changes; allow greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre
4/29/2024	Land use changes	Support proposed land use changes; allow greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre
4/29/2024	Land use changes	Opposed to proposed land use changes including along transit corridors; focus growth in Totem Lake with improved vehicle access
4/11/2023	Local hardware	Need a local hardware store around the Downtown area
4/11/2023	Medical uses	Around Evergreen Hospital, medical uses are being displaced with residential/commercial uses. City should provide incentives to retain medical services with new development
11/27/2023	Minimum Lot Sizes	Reduce minimum lot sizes, or subdivision/short plat lot size flexibility, to enable housing production
10/26/2023	Parking Standards	Eliminate minimum parking requirements to reduce traffic and pollution, disincentivize walking. Parking is expensive to build; takes up land; reducing parking can make development less expensive to build so more affordable housing can be built; Removing parking allows for more walkable, livable spaces, and reduces environmental impacts of vehicles.
4/11/2023	Senior businesses; services	Provide more places for seniors to socialize; to work; businesses that cater to seniors
4/11/2023	Senior housing	Need more senior housing that is one story; elevators; ADA accessible
11/17/2023	Street Lighting	Increase parking Downtown; improve street-sidewalk lighting
12/12/2023	Street Lighting - sustainability	Light pollution needs to be reduced. Reduce lumens in streetlights and if shields are used paint them flat black to reduce reflection. City needs to be more proactive in reducing light pollution. PSE will not change without city involvement.
1/10/2024	Transit Oriented Development	Supports expanding housing options and increased density at a min. density of 6 unit buildings along frequent transit routes. Could expand from 1/4-1/2 walkshed.
3/10/2024	Transportation	Policy LU-3.3: Encourage housing, offices, shops, and services at or near the park and ride lots.  As someone who consistently uses the South Kirkland Park and Ride, a location that demonstrates the ideal residential/transportation/commercial relationship, I agree that encouraging more of these types of developments is important. However, my question is how do we plan to do this? With Kirkland already being a widely developed city, is the plan to move outwards into totem lake, or rebuild old developments? As a Kirkland resident, I believe that a transit center next to Juanita Village could align very well with this plan.

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5/1/2023	Accessibility	Ensure the transportation is inclusive for people of all ages/abilities
	Accessibility	Concern that car-inaccessibility will compound mobility challenges for those who rely on mobility aids
	Accessibility	7 comments concerned about accessibility
5/1/2023	Accessibility	keep options for seniors in mind - eventually people will be older and not able to use bicycles
5/1/2023	Accessibility	Additionally, consider that people with lower incomes may be forced to drive because they live farther away from amenities due to housing costs or underinvestment in transit.
5/1/2023	Accessibility - e-bikes	options as a senior - ebikes not a great longterm option
5/1/2023	Accessibility - multimodal options	prioritize all ages and abilities bike and ped infrastructure
5/1/2023	Accessibility - multimodal options	ensure that disabled and aging community members are able to safely move without driving.
5/1/2023	Active transportation network	Ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists through sidewalk connections, maintenance, connected and protected bike lanes, and separated pathways.
5/1/2023	Active transportation network	East-west connections for multimodal networks
5/1/2023	Active transportation network	High Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure
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11/15/2023	Active transportation network	identify/create safe connections from Goodwill to all nbh schools
11/29/2023	Active transportation	More accessibility to greenspace via bike and walking networks
	Active transportation network	15 comments about sidewalk/crosswalk and bike lane safety on 124th Ave
4/22/2023	Bicycling	2044 Vision Statement for bikes (see Janice for video of her speaking)
5/1/2023	Bicycling	bikes, e-bikes, cargo bikes
5/1/2023	Bicycling construction detours	construction site safety for biking
5/1/2023	Bike infrastructure	better bike parking
5/1/2023	Bike infrastructure	Safe bike infrastructure
6/21/2023	Bike infrastructure	Create bicycle signals at intersections with bike lanes, and require leading bicycle interval and leading pedestrian interval at all intersections.
6/21/2023	Bike lane construction detours	Create bicycle detours alongside vehicular detours for construction; when bike lanes simply end, cars are prioritized and cyclists are unsafe.
6/21/2023	Bike lanes	Measure cyclist safety using LTS Metric; strive to create LTS 1 (separated bike lanes); use LTS 2 (buffered) bike lanes to increase connectivity.
11/8/2023	Bike lanes	Improve bike infrastructure along arterials
11/1/2023	Bike lanes	Need sharrows for bike lanes
10/23/2023	Bike lanes	Better bike infrastructure from schools to Totem Lake
11/15/2023	Bike lanes	Connect bike lanes along 98th/100th-- abrupt bike lane end is unsafe
	Bike lanes	12 comments asking for improved/increased bike infrastructure
10/25/2023	Bike lanes	wants increased safety for bike lanes

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7/31/2023	Bike parking	Encourage map providers like Waze, Google and others to put bicycle parking on their applications as they do for automobile parking.
7/31/2023	Bike parking	Encourage the use of a bicycle concierge service for public events and offer the service when issuing Kirkland Event permits.
7/31/2023	Bike parking	We need more bicycle parking for customers at businesses. It is often lacking, and the number of racks don't accomodate modern bicycles such as electric that have larger tires.
5/1/2023	Bus service	more bus routes
5/1/2023	Bus service	less investment in public transit, in outlying neighborhoods. Kingsgate used to be better. More frequent buses
5/1/2023	Bus service	need to make it easier. finn hill has only one bus
5/24/2023	Bus service	I see it often between 8 and 9 am in downtown, it is mostly empty. Maybe before or after, I don't know. But after they rerouted 255 and it is not going through DT Seattle, it became pretty much useless
6/13/2023	Bus service	Finn Hill is underserved by King County metro and routes continue to be cut. Is the City pushing back/doing enough to advocate for our bus lines?
6/13/2023	Bus service	Can the City provide more funding for bus service?
6/13/2023	Bus service	Seniors are impacted when they no longer can drive and need to take the bus, yet bus service is being cut
	Bus service	Ensure reliable transit to Seattle; 257 and 311 frequently unreliable weekday mornings
1/6/2023	Bus service	increase bus connection and service
5/24/2023	Bus service	I'm curious how often members of city council are taking buses. Maybe they should, to see that buses are riding almost empty and just make the traffic worse.
5/24/2023	Bus service	Bus service has been unfortunately cut in Kirkland. During peak travel times many busses going to Seattle are standing room only.
6/13/2023	Bus service - routes	South Rose Hill resident is devastated her bus routes have been cut and King County is selling the Houghton Park and Ride lot. She thinks the City needs to retain bus service to that area even if an aquatic center is there. She wants bus service back in her neighborhood. It takes her 2 hours to get to South Lake Union by bus today.
	Bus service - routes	Increase bus service to Seattle
6/13/2023	Bus service - routes	Wishes the 255 bus route would come back.
8/21/2023	Bus service - routes	City of Kirkland did not fight hard enough for the city to retain our bus network and buses directly to downtown seattle. Transferring to light rail is difficult for seniors. It's ridiculous how many bus lines/service were cut.
8/30/2023	Bus service - routes	Jawad and his family wish that the 255 followed the old route so they could ride directly from downtown Kirkland to downtown Seattle. His wife does not feel safe transferring to/taking light rail. Jawad wishes the bus to/from the airport ran later.
1/6/2023	Bus stops	create large bus shelters at bus stops
6/5/2023	Bus stops	Complete sidewalks on all arterials and safe waiting Area at all bus stops (ex. If no sidewalk and right at road some sort of waiting pad right by bus stop.
5/1/2023	CKC	Would like to see part of the CKC paved to avoid dirt, etc.
5/1/2023	CKC	How about 'a' paved path on CKC but not 'only' a paved path on the CKC. There is room for both.
	CKC	Expand + Maintain CKC
5/1/2023	CKC	The current gravel surface also is part of the charm, as are the split rail fences. It needs to be thought of as a park as well as a transportation corridor.
5/1/2023	CKC	CKC is a park space
4/11/2023	CKC - accessibility	south portion of the CKC has no ADA access
5/1/2023	CKC - accessibility	wheelchair access to the CKC
5/1/2023	CKC - accessibility	south 1/3 of CKC does not have ADA entrances. Steep hills & stairs

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5/1/2023	CKC - e-bikes	separation of people walking and ebikes on the CKC
5/1/2023	CKC - e-bikes	electric bikes are faster and heavier than non- electric bikes - I am worried about accidents on the CKC trail and even more so if it is paved without clear separation of walkers and bikers
5/1/2023	CKC - e-bikes	Any paving on CKC needs to be done in tandem with separating bikes and peds. If we pave with the idea of separating later, we'll have problems...
5/1/2023	CKC - maintenance	Ensure proper transportation system maintenance through proper budget and staffing to repair and sweep sidewalks/bike lanes and pave CKC.
5/1/2023	CKC - multimodal options	Finish the CKC properly and solve this--make a split trail with a paved section for wheels for those of us who want to get around quickly and efficiently (and cleanly!) and a slower gravel lane adjacent.
5/1/2023	Communication	email communications instead of postcards
5/1/2023	Communication - outreach	social media for messaging
	Construction	3 comments about construction impact on roadways
6/5/2023	Crosswalk request	Basic painted Crosswalks esp areas where people cross to get to bus stops.
10/23/2023	Crosswalks	Juanita needs more road crossings, especially near schools
11/29/2023	Crosswalks	improve 124th Ave NE crosswalk
	Crosswalks	17 comments requesting more crosswalks/ safer crosswalks
5/1/2023	Definitions	"Accessible Communities" rather than walkable.
11/17/2023	Development	address SSSB5412 exemption for residential development, provided multimodal transportation impacts are addressed
	Development/traffic	8 comments concerned about development's impact on traffic
5/1/2023	E-bikes	E-Bikes! Make it more accessible to ride uphill. Provide option for families to drop from 2 to 1 car family. Roads need to be and feel safe for biking.
5/1/2023	E-bikes	e-bikes. need infrastructure to park them to make them more practical
5/1/2023	E-bikes	Innovation and Electrification - policy and regulations that regulate shared use environments between e-bikes and pedestrians, infrastructure for locking/storage, etc. Infrastructure should support the increased use of electric bikes and vehicles by prioritizing e-bikes and e-scooters, and ensuring charging stations in more places.
5/1/2023	E-bikes - policy	Policy around how e-bikes are utilized. Not one size fits all. Can be fast like mini motorcyces in bike lanes. How can we mix safe use with pedestrians?
5/1/2023	E-bikes - policy	Pedestrian - bike/e-mobility conflicts design and policy solutions
4/11/2023	Education	bicycle education is important, not just for kids but for existing drivers to inform about sharing the road, sharrows, bike boxes, etc.
5/1/2023	Education	community education is needed
11/1/2023	Education	education campaign for drivers-- how to drive around bike lanes, with bicyclists
5/1/2023	Education	people need to realize they are responsible for maintaining sidewalk clearance from vegetation - more education
5/1/2023	E-Vehicles	Electrification of vehicles
5/1/2023	E-Vehicles	electric vehicles, charging stations
5/1/2023	E-Vehicles	Electric vehicle charging and parking
5/1/2023	E-Vehicles	Yes, EVs are great for reducing local emissions, but they're still the same size and we have fixed road space with exponential population growth. It's a physics problem. (EVs also shed more tire and brake particulates given their weight which are bad for air and water quality)

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5/1/2023	Flexible Transit	Flexible Transit
5/1/2023	Green Stormwater Infrastructure	More re-greening of greenways. Bioswales and bike lanes
5/1/2023	Green Stormwater Infrastructure	bioswales - green protection for bike lanes
5/1/2023	Green Stormwater Infrastructure	system sustainability - multipurpose bioswales as greenways for protected infrastructure. Combine stormwater runoff with checking off transportation goals
5/1/2023	Greenways	more greenways, easier access
5/1/2023	Land use policy	Link to Land Use - Ensure consistency between land use, transportation planning and implementation.
5/1/2023	Livable Communities	longer commutes for service workers and teachers
5/1/2023	Maintenance	Walk/Bike Facility Maintenance
5/1/2023	Maintenance	Maintain what we have. CKC is a good example. Without paving
5/1/2023	Maintenance	maintained roads
5/1/2023	Maintenance - bike lanes	sweep bike lanes
5/1/2023	Maintenance - sidewalks	responsiveness to citizen requests for maintenance. sidewalks!
5/1/2023	Metro Flex	I love the new Metro Flex offered to Juanita/Totem Lake/Finn Hill!
5/1/2023	Microtransit	Eastgate - shuttle system for REI and other companies
5/1/2023	Microtransit	Feeder routes shuttles ( Cold be like a minivan) to connect to TC
5/1/2023	Microtransit	Micro transit for low density areas
5/1/2023	Microtransit	safe/on demand shuttles
5/1/2023	Microtransit	short distant shuttles. use vacant or lightly used parking lots as parking to take a shuttle. mainly for quick short shuttle rides around Kirkland
5/1/2023	Microtransit	promote services like on-demand shuttles
6/13/2023	Microtransit	We should consider a hub system with little vans to go to different parts of the city.
6/13/2023	Microtransit	Explore smaller public transit options - vans, on-demand vehicles
6/13/2023	Microtransit	Consider creating an Eastside centric van/bus sponsored by the Eastside cities
10/23/2023	Microtransit	youth want to see more micro-transit options
5/1/2023	Microtransit	on-demand shuttle service with large use zone
5/1/2023	Microtransit - accessibility	Increase in community vans for those that can't drive. stations where senior can walk to van and go to various places in our area.
6/6/2023	Minimum parking requirements	A concern about reduced parking requirements for affordable housing is what about those who have a car? Public transportation is not good on the Eastside so a lot of people need to drive to get around.



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10/26/2023	Minimum parking requirements	Parking is expensive to build; takes up land; reducing parking can reduce development costs so more affordable housing can be built; Removing parking allows for more walkable, livable spaces, and reduces environmental impacts of vehicles.
11/17/2023	Minimum parking requirements	consider removing/reducing parking requirements for IZ and MFTE, and areas nearby transit
11/29/2023	Multimodal connectivity	Connect 132nd Square Park to Totem Lake
11/17/2023	Multimodal mobility	support the use of a "true multimodal transportation analysis"
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	More opportunities for safe Multimodal mobility options - addresses stress on traffic and parking demand
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Discourage car ownership. Transit-oriented development
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Tech is changing, people are WFH. From 3-5pm traffic is clogged. Alt methods of transportation. Innovations already by E-Bikes and scooters (foldable). More user friendly roads for alt transport (bikes, scooters). Make sure no holes in road for safety. Will be all electric cars. Need more charging stations. Encourage use of electric cars.
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Biking is getting more popular, especially e-bikes and electric scooters and one wheelers. Pair with better transit options, compact, easy to pair with buses, etc.
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Multimodal transit connections
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	safely mix walk, bike, ebike users
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	PRT - Personalized Rapid Transit
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Kirkland was laid out for cars, people are accustomed to this . Adding a bike lane can seem impossible "to the privileged, equality feels like oppression."
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Safely Move People - Support a transportation system and related government and private actions that promote all viable forms of transportation. Actively build and maintain partnerships locally, regionally and nationally, to further our transportation goals.
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	# 1 - Create a more equitable and Multimodal mobility system
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	cyclists and pedestrians have been short changed - were not considered in original infrastructure
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	multimodal lanes, flex lanes at times of day
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	personal electric transport - monowheels, scooters
11/17/2023	Multimodal options	SEIS should analyze and document efforts to increase multimodal transportation and reduce vehicle miles traveled (per RCW 36.70a.070(6)(a)(ii)).
11/17/2023	Multimodal options	SEIS should forecast multimodal transportation demand and needs for the next 10 years based on land use plan
11/17/2023	Multimodal options	address complete streets SB 5974
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	e-scooters, foldable and locking tech
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	Vision of active transportation world. Adopt best practices in locations in US that rely on cars.
5/1/2023	Multimodal options	need to motivate those driving to utilize other methods
11/8/2023	Multimodal options	introduce transportation infrastructure that discourages car use
5/1/2023	Multimodal options - accessibility	transit options for aging comfortably
5/1/2023	Multimodal options - accessibility	e-bikes for seniors. or tricycles!

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5/1/2023	Multimodal options - communication	promote multimodal services - messaging
5/1/2023	Multimodal options - maintenance	maintenance for all modes infrastructure is safety
5/1/2023	Multimodal options - sustainability	Electric cars are good, but they only are a small improvement on internal combustion cars. In contrast, e-bikes and e-scooters make a huge difference for climate, for needing less parking spaces, etc.
5/1/2023	N/A	Sticky Bank
5/1/2023	Outreach	demonstration of new transit services at events
5/1/2023	Outreach	hiring people that aren't working for the city to advocate for programs
2/10/2023	Outreach	Track rate of community engagement/feedback relative to census tract and engagement/outreach method
11/1/2023	Outreach	begin outreach/engagement sooner; 30% completed is too late
6/13/2023	Outreach	Important to engage with King County and WA state to get more efficient transit. King County and WA state should involve transit users in the decision making for changes to transit stops. Government bodies need to think of these issues (i.e. housing, transit, parking, etc.) in a holistic sense.
6/6/2023	Outreach/Communication	Hopelink offers rides to anyone who needs rides to certain things like medical appointments, etc. Communication about these resources is needed to raise awareness.
6/13/2023	Outreach/Communication	COK has the volunteer van, but there needs to be more community education/awareness to get drivers to volunteer for the service. Vans are not being used regularly.
5/1/2023	Outreach/Education	education at farmers markets
4/11/2023	Parking	Why is there no parking at the 85th Station?
11/17/2023	Parking	Increase parking Downtown
	Parking	9 comments about parking concerns, mostly commenters want more parking at transit access points
10/26/2023	Parking	wants more parking for parks
5/31/2023	Parking - project	Concern in loss of parking for potential Lake Washington Boulevard Promenade, concern new trees would block resident views of Lake Washington
5/1/2023	Parks and green spaces	Green communities - Policies should improve access to parks and green corridors in all neighborhoods, focusing on those that have less access, by creating new parks or connecting existing parks to neighborhoods by trail network.
5/1/2023	Parks and green spaces	Policy LU-6.1: Distribute parks and open spaces throughout the City, with particular focus on new facilities in areas of the City facing the greatest population growth, in areas where facilities are deficient, and/or in areas where connections of the open space network could be made.
3/14/2023	Pedestrian construction detours	Also, the Parks Department needs to be mindful of accessibility issues when there is construction next to parks. For a while, people in wheelchairs could not access Kirkland Urban from Peter Kirk Park because of construction.
5/1/2023	Policy	Wording of policy conflicts with itself - Located near public transit while also increasing density all over the city. Re-word to emphasize density increases all over the city.
5/1/2023	Policy	Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance the character of Kirkland's residential areas.
5/1/2023	Policy verbiage	self driving cars seems too specific
5/1/2023	Project implementation	not enough staff to design all the infrastructure that is needed. money is a challenge - not enough. Taken 10 yrs to build 1 greenway
11/1/2023	Project structure	build in flexibility/smaller milestones-- quick wins, pilots, etc
	Projects - 132nd Ave	19 comments about 132nd Ave-- 4 about sidewalk conditions

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5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes	protected bike lanes
5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes	parking protected bike lanes
5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes	prefer dedicated & protected bike lanes
5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes	bike lanes sandwiched between parked cars & road. consider repainting bike lanes (near curb). Use parked cars to protect cyclists
5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes	flex lanes means no cyclists can safely use lanes. also, infrastructure needed for bike lanes would not support cars (planters/bollards)
9/8/2023	Protected bike lanes	supports widening sidewalks, introducing widened protected bike lanes
5/1/2023	Protected bike lanes - sidewalks	protected bike lanes and ped lanes
5/24/2023	Protected bike lanes - sidewalks	Safe routes for walking and biking (sidewalks and protected bike lanes!)
6/21/2023	Protected intersections	Create daylighted, protected intersections in Kirkland.
6/5/2023	Road maintenance	How about fixing all our Roads? Potholes everywhere... Or, is it that the City doesn't care? Maybe, fix our Vehicles instead.
10/23/2023	Roundabouts	supports round-abouts
10/23/2023	Roundabouts	supports round-abouts
9/8/2023	Roundabouts	supports roundabouts on 100th Ave NE and NE 132nd St
6/21/2023	Safety	Disallow right-turn-on-red by default
6/21/2023	Safety	Phase out slip lanes by disallowing new slip lanes from being built, and requiring old slip lanes to be updated.
9/8/2023	Safety	near miss of bicyclist on NE 132nd St
11/29/2023	Safety - cars	Traffic safety improvements needed by carwash at NE 144th St and 124th Ave NE
5/1/2023	Safety - pedestrian	Pedestrian safety in terms of protection from vehicular traffic.
5/1/2023	Safety - pedestrian	protected crosswalks
5/1/2023	Safety - pedestrian	people walking are vulnerable
4/11/2023	Self-driving vehicles	are self-driving vehicles being considered and what are the city's thoughts about these (they could drop off people where there is no parking and return to designated parking area)
5/1/2023	Self-driving vehicles	Need to think about self driving cars that park themselves
5/1/2023	Self-driving vehicles	Self-driving pod situation in 20 years
3/14/2023	Sidewalk accessibility - maintenance	There are many streets that have trees that have grown into the sidewalks or root issues that make it impossible for people in wheelchairs to pass.
3/14/2023	Sidewalk accessibility - maintenance	Public sidewalks have lots of root problems which is hard for people with mobility issues. The City is not addressing this.
3/14/2023	Sidewalk maintenance	She wants to cut down a tree that's messing up the sidewalk in front of her property but cannot because the tree is in City right-of-way.
5/1/2023	Sidewalk maintenance	resident vegetation trimming - sidewalk access
	Sidewalk maintenance	31 comments about sidewalk improvements generally
4/11/2023	Sidewalk maintenance	sidewalks in front of the KPC need repair

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4/11/2023	Sidewalks	what is the city doing about sidewalks on residential streets
5/1/2023	Sidewalks	protected sidewalks
10/23/2023	Sidewalks	add sidewalks on Juanita-Woodinville Way near Brick Yard Park and Ride
6/5/2023	Sidewalks	Complete sidewalks on all arterials
10/23/2023	Sidewalks	better sidewalk infrastructure from schools to Totem Lake
1/6/2023	Sidewalks - protected	fence/barrier between road and sidewalk would increase safety
5/1/2023	Speed control	not just more cars - control speeds
5/1/2023	Speed control	slower speeds
5/1/2023	Speed control	slow down cars
5/1/2023	Speed control	change geometry of roadways to encourage slower speeds
6/21/2023	Speed control	Studies in Portland show that reducing speed limits to 20mph reduces the number of vehicles traveling faster than 30 mph. AAA study found that in vehicle/pedestrian collisions, increasing vehicle speed from 20 to 25 mph significantly increases the chances of severe injury and death.
	Speed control	26 comments with concerns about speeding cars/ enforcing speed limits, 3 comments concerned about racing (2/3 on 124th Ave)
4/11/2023	Street lighting	lighting is important for pedestrian safety
8/30/2023	Street lighting	more street lighting.
11/17/2023	Street lighting	improve street-sidewalk lighting
1/6/2023	Street lighting	install more street lights
	Street lighting	17 comments asking for more streetlights/lighted crosswalks
5/1/2023	Sustainability	Q2: Make environmental sustainability more explicit, i.e., Support a transportation system that can be sustained ecologically and financially over the next 50 years and contribute to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
5/1/2023	Sustainability	planted traffic circles - reduce asphalt
5/1/2023	Sustainability	encourage tree planting along the roads. appropriate trees. reduce heat rising from the streets.
5/1/2023	Sustainability	reduce environmental problems through increasing use of community vans/shuttles .
5/1/2023	Sustainability	environmental- reduce idling, non-vehicle travel, sustainable building, culverts
5/1/2023	Sustainability	Be Sustainable - Support a transportation system that can be sustained over the next 50 years.
7/27/2022	Sustainability - HB 1099	Dear Transportation Commissioners: Make sure that the provisions of HB 1099 are incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan will address climate change, resiliency and sustainability now and for the future of our city. The purpose of HB 1099 was to modify the RCW's that describe how Comprehensive Planning is to be done and it contains several provisions that are transportation related. These include items like: •revising transportation goals •forecasting of Multimodal mobility •adjustments to concurrency •reductions to greenhouse gas emissions
5/1/2023	Sustainability/multimodal mobility/ckc/paving	Holistic sustainability-- environmental sustainability of walk/bike infrastructure to improve air quality, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emission. Ensure proper transportation system maintenance through proper budget and staffing to repair and sweep sidewalks/bike lanes and pave CKC.
5/24/2023	Taxes	The way things are going with taxes vs my pay check I'll be forced to move long before 2044.

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5/1/2023	Traffic	If things stay the same, assuming more density. More people needing cars and driving. More traffic & congestion.
5/1/2023	Traffic	traffic calming - circles
	Traffic	"Solve the traffic problem"
	Traffic	51 comments about traffic generally
5/1/2023	Traffic	And the science from other cities doing some implementation actually shows that inserting bike lanes and remove parking, actually doesn't affect driving time AT ALL!
5/1/2023	Traffic	level of traffic stress
2/8/2024	Traffic - calming	Plant trees as a way to calm traffic
5/1/2023	Traffic - data	count people, not cars
5/1/2023	Traffic - data	measure success of roadways using LTS. transition away from LOS
11/16/2023	Traffic - data	SEIS should analyze the likely "per capita vehicle miled traveled" of Kirkland employees and residents for each growth alternative
11/16/2023	Traffic - development	SEIS should compare transportation impacts of each housing growth alternative
5/1/2023	Traffic - equity	Congestion Relief, Transportation Equity
6/6/2023	Transit - flexible service	Rides and smiles is great. This should be a permanent service.
5/1/2023	Transit access	free orca cards for students
5/1/2023	Transit Infrastructure	Transit infrastructure is way behind over countries.
5/1/2023	Transit Infrastructure	more frequent transit service
8/31/2023	Transit infrastructure/ alt. public transit	Facilitate mobility to ease traffic and parking demands. Suggests a Kirkland public shuttle to/from park and rides, within the city public shuttle/ride service, more bike lanes. Suggests more weather-sheltered pedestrian areas and park spaces given our wet climate.
5/1/2023	Transit network	Increased transit service - frequency, fewer transfers, more geography
5/1/2023	Transit network	hyperlocal transit. circular bus around the city
5/1/2023	Transit network	shuttle service is too restricted for my family to utilize. places they need to go, mainly teens, are outside the service zone
5/1/2023	Transit network	Innovative transit services like local shuttles, increased frequency and transit coverage will ensure all of Kirkland's neighborhoods can access the land uses they want to get to without having to drive to them.
	Transit network	Increase number of bus stops near parks/playgrounds and residential areas
5/1/2023	Transit network	major changes in transit because of the way people work. need diverse transit movement throughout cities, not just a main bus to another city
6/6/2023	Transit network	Transportation to human service providers like Hopelink is difficult, especially since the bus routes to Hopelink were cut. Can the City provide public transportation, particularly to access services?
5/1/2023	Transit network - routes	longer transit routes-fewer xfers
7/31/2023	Transit service	Transit service has been reduced and it is concerning for all trips but getting to the Sea-Tac Airport has become more difficult now.
1/6/2023	Transit service	increase transit frequency and reliability
11/8/2023	Transit service	Commercial center should be served by frequent and reliable transit

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11/8/2023	Transit service	NE 132nd St and 132nd Ave NE needs better transit options
11/29/2023	Transit service	More transit and better synergy with metro
11/29/2023	Transit service	Promote 10 minute neighborhood concept by increasing accessibility to different parts of the commercial center
11/29/2023	Transit service	connect the library to schools
	Transit service	36 comments asking for increased public transit (whether through expanding bus routes, increasing frequency, or reaching key destinations)
10/23/2023	Transit service	Transit access to Kingsgate Library should be prioritized, students rely on it
2/14/2024	Transit service - routes	Comment passed to him, from a community member: "As a daily commuter, we need to encourage City of Kirkland, Metro, and Sound Transit to invest in more transit. Feedback from my fellow commuters and colleagues is that the difficulty of reliable and frequent routes from the eastside to downtown Seattle continues to drive people away from public transit as a primary mode of commuting."
7/17/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	need for more affordable housing within walking distance near Metro Transit routes, frequent service, and need for balance of jobs to affordable housing.
5/1/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	dedicated bus lanes, transit priority
5/1/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	shuttles and transit lanes
5/1/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	if encouraging more people to use transit, need to make them go faster and less crowded. remove car lanes
5/24/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	Dedicated transit lanes on arterials so buses aren't crawling in gridlock.
2/10/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	Increase housing density, affordable housing, and job access near transit corridors and in preparation for transit expansion.
6/21/2023	Transit-Oriented Development	No need to widen roads/add lanes except to add dedicated transit lanes
	Transportation	Before the City moves forward with a project, please identify and quantify the desired outcome. For example, # of users, ect....  Then go back and see if the decision or project is performing. If the project is not performing, then remove it rather than continue to spend money on it if it's not performing. Also, the city is way behind in maintenance. Focus on maintaining what you have.
12/12/2023	Transportation	Light pollution needs to be reduced. Reduce lumens in streetlights and if shields are used paint them flat black to reduce reflection. City needs to be more proactive in reducing light pollution. PSE will not change without city involvement.
3/10/2024	Transportation	Policy LU-3.3: Encourage housing, offices, shops, and services at or near the park and ride lots.  As someone who consistently uses the South Kirkland Park and Ride, a location that demonstrates the ideal residential/transportation/commercial relationship, I agree that encouraging more of these types of developments is important. However, my question is how do we plan to do this? With Kirkland already being a widely developed city, is the plan to move outwards into Totem Lake, or rebuild old developments? As a Kirkland resident, I believe that a transit center next to Juanita Village could align very well with this plan.
5/1/2023	Transportation Equity	Transportation Equity
5/1/2023	Transportation infrastructure	skinny streets
5/24/2023	Transportation infrastructure	If we keep the current pace of growth the infrastructure will just choke. No new roads, recreation, parks, stores and just bunch of new homes and apartment complexes. The roads, stores, parks and restaurants are already packed.
11/29/2023	Transportation infrastructure	Connect major roads to CKC

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11/29/2023	Transportation infrastructure	Connect Kingsgate to Juanita and other neighborhoods
11/29/2023	Transportation infrastructure	Employ traffic calming measures like more roundabouts
5/1/2023	Transportation infrastructure	aesthetics of bike/ped infrastructure - totem lake connector
5/1/2023	Transportation Infrastructure (ITS)	intelligent transportation systems. city has invested in this to improve LOS & car traffic flow. can create more demand when you free up traffic.
5/1/2023	Transportation Infrastructure (ITS)	ITS
5/1/2023	Transportation Infrastructure (ITS)	using automation & tech. If there is no vehicle in a lane, have lights auto turn green.
5/1/2023	Transportation Infrastructure (ITS)	automation, smart systems/signals for detection and cycles
5/1/2023	Transportation network	transportation is more than just moving people. other considerations such as how smoothly & accessible. 124th bridge is great example
5/1/2023	Transportation; Policy	Transportation Guiding Principles
5/1/2023	Vision zero	vision zero
4/11/2023	Walkability	pedestrian environment is very important for seniors. Commenter walks often downtown.
5/1/2023	Walkability	Investments in pedestrian infrastructure to support walkability.
5/1/2023	Walkability	ped bridges across 405
5/1/2023	Walkability	more pedestrian bridges. connect neighborhoods that are split by 405. take design into consideration to motivate people to use it
1/6/2023	Walkability	create pedestrian-only zones
11/16/2023	Walkability	SEIS should measure impacts to pedestrians' ability to cross the street
	Walkability	13 comments requesting improved walkability
11/29/2023	Walkability	create new i-405 pedestrian overpass at NE 140th St
11/8/2023	Walkability	Sidewalk conditions near and within Kirkland Heights area make it hard to get around without a car
5/1/2023	Walkability - mixed use	Bridle Trails, Kirkland urban. Walkable areas. Mix of uses
5/1/2023	Walkability - multimodal options	invest in safe, connected walking and bicycling infrastructure as well as increased transit service so people can get around without cars
5/1/2023	Walkability/ outreach & communication	Street closures for pedestrian activity
5/1/2023	Walkability/transit network	Walkable communities, transit access
5/1/2023	Walkable neighborhoods	Walkable communities - Policies should enhance and improve connectivity by locating housing, parks, entertainment, and commercial uses where there is access to public transportation, walking, and biking trails to reduce the reliance on cars and parking.

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6/27/2023	ADA codes	Require road widths, turn around, parking stalls for ADA accessibility
10/31/2023	Affordable Housing	The Eastside desperately needs more affordable housing, as our shelters are currently full and without anywhere for people to go, existing camping bans cannot even be legally enforced, leading to difficult community relations
9/6/2023	Affordable Housing	Should have places available and at low cost for those who cannot afford "\$1500" a month to rent. There are those who get social security and low-income who cannot afford the rent prices. Why not take an old hotel/motel and turn that into housing the homeless.
8/3/2023	Affordable Housing	There is a high need for affordable housing in Kirkland. Please include affordable housing in your 2044 Comprehensive Plan, Parcel 3885808616 is ready and waiting. Before the city parking project that parcel had a duplex and a single home/ Let's put in homes for city employees and downtown workers.
7/31/2023	Affordable Housing	How can we keep the cost of market rate housing down? Affordable housing is great but it can take years to get placed in housing.
7/31/2023	Affordable Housing	Require and greatly increase the construction of starter homes that lower income folks can purchase.
7/12/2023	Affordable Housing	With such high prices, I think that the dream of buying a house seems more and more distant. :(
7/11/2023	Affordable Housing	I really want to buy a house or condo here but most places are 1.2 million starting for a house or close to it
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing	City could encourage or facilitate matching renters like young people, college students, etc. to home owners who want to rent out a room
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing	How can the City better support new homebuyers, such as requiring developers to allow rental dollars to go toward down payments? Children and their friends are struggling to stay in the Kirkland area due to the steep cost of housing and other basic necessities. NIMBYs do exist, but she thinks that there are too many large, boxy homes.
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing	We need more housing. Do not want to see high rise residential, but rather plan for housing in a more "responsible" manner that compliments current character. SFR have become wildly expensive and rental housing needs to become a greater piece of the conversation. Would like to recognize affordable single-family homes are needed.
4/28/2023	Affordable Housing	Increase number of multifamily housing; lower permit fees; expedite permit review; support HB 1110
4/28/2023	Affordable Housing	City should amend code to require 20% of housing units to be affordable units; make it easier to find housing assistance; how to buy a home; find affordable housing;
7/17/2023	Affordable Housing - Transit	Increase affordable housing within walking distance near Metro Transit routes, frequent service, and need for balance of jobs to affordable housing
8/23/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	Kirkland is criminally unaffordable to the all but the 1%. You've built a city for the rich and the people that work in your city can not afford to live here. The criminal use of real estate trading forces people who have lived here their entire life to leave. Empty million dollar homes are everywhere yet there are no options for the 99% of people who work here. Your policy's have forced the public to die on the streets but you end up shipping all the homeless to Seattle instead of fixing the problem. Your actions have told the world that Kirkland hates poor people (especially minorities) and if you work here you don't deserve to live.
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	There are a lot of barriers for many people to be able to live in Kirkland, and how can we advocate on behalf of those who are marginalized and reduce NIMBYs and residents that feel they have special status? Community character will need to change.
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	Refugees who have a lot of contributions to make to the community cannot afford housing in Kirkland, and they have to commute to the IMAN Center for up to 1.5 hours from other towns.
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	How can we ensure better quality control of both new and old buildings to ensure they are mold and chemical free? Even with Section 8 vouchers, there is nothing available locally in Kirkland. Vouchers cannot be used for homes on wheels. Has a unique situation, and would like the City to think outside the box for people like her. She is looking for a lot where she could park a home on wheels.



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6/13/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	Moved to Kirkland in 1996. Both she and partner had well-paying jobs and bought a house for 1-1.5x their annual salary. Today, it would cost 5x their salary to afford a home of the same size. Has been helping folks use their housing vouchers in the Kirkland area. Sees how expensive it is to move into a place. Is now standard practice to require \$300 to hold an apartment while doing background checks. We need to become denser so that a wide variety of folks can live in Kirkland
6/6/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	Some landlords blatantly discriminate against those who have Section 8 vouchers (some landlords say they won't rent to them, which is illegal). Can the City enforce equal treatment?
6/6/2023	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	More support for low-income renters is needed so they can continue to live in Kirkland.
	Affordable Housing - Equity/Low Income	<p>I've been living in my vehicle for 11 years. I've heard people refer to Van life, etc, as houseless as opposed to homeless. I think fundamental need is more along the line of food and warmth. As a houseless person, sometimes we don't have warmth, because we don't have access to any electricity. A person could do well with a very small living space, not necessarily a house, as long as we have food and warmth. I know that sounds minimalistic, but honestly, I know a lot of people who moved into housing after living in their vehicle, and they were also very cold because they couldn't afford to turn the heat on. I've known people who were in housing who had to seclude themselves to one room in the house or apartment in order to stay warm.</p> <p>Add to that, they didn't have money for food because their income went all to rent. Currently that's my situation. I very recently, (after 8 1/2 years of living in a parking lot,) received assistance to pay first and last month's rent on a spot; \$600. After the two months is up, every penny I have is going toward that rental spot, and I will have no money for food, gas, medications, doctor appointments, toiletries, etc.</p> <p>The insanity of this is, when I had a voucher, they would cover up to \$1,800 with me only having to pay \$450 a month. Because my trailer is on wheels, they won't even help me with \$600 much less the difference. So come I very likely will wind up back in my van on the street after 2 months, because I need food, medications, gas money. Asking humans to change is a big request. I can't think of what could be asked of people in the area of change. But I do know that people will be more receptive to changing if they know what they might receive as a benefit in return. There might be something that has to be offered as a benefit, otherwise it feels more like corralling someone to do something against their will and or better good.</p> <p>If nothing tangible can be offered, then perhaps at least some policies could be put in place to protect against either real or misperceived threats, disadvantages, or even losses.</p>
8/31/2023	Affordable Housing - First Responders	Housing incentives to support first responders living in the community. Affordable housing to welcome people from a broad socio-economic spectrum.
6/13/2023	Affordable Housing - Renters Rights	He is a renter in the Velocity building near the South Kirkland Park and Ride. A quarter of the units in the Velocity building are affordable, but he lives in a market rate unit with his partner. His landlord would not give him a guaranteed 2-year lease and cited a city policy from the 70s. His partner and him have 1 car between them and neither drive to work. They use transit or bike. If he was to move to a place that they could afford in Kirkland, both him and his partner would need to drive and shoulder the cost of gas. Have looked at buying homes in a similar size to their current rental, but the price would be 100K a year.
7/18/2023	Affordable Housing - Transit (Renter)	Allowing Mixed commercial/residential Midrises in the Metro Transit Walkshed is the most obvious way to reduce the car dependent nature of the community. Dense housing within walking distance of transit and Relevant Commercial zones reduces the total trips necessary this will improve traffic and assist the regional homelessness crisis.

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7/17/2023	Affordable Housing - Transit (Renter)	<p>New to Kirkland. Consider these points and represent them in the plan (summarized):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kirkland, needs more housing. If the city is projecting job growth, it needs commensurate housing growth.</li> <li>2. Allow for denser construction within a short 5-10 minute walk from transit.</li> <li>3. Encourage construction of affordable and sustainable housing. Prioritize permitting. Create zoning overlay created for just this goal.</li> <li>4. Downtown/Moss Bay and Totem Lake, needs greater walkability and reduced car traffic. Pedestrianize Park Lane, create east-west foot and bike corridor, and buildnew pedestrian scramble on Lake Street. Simple traffic calming devices such as speed tables and chicanes could go a long, long way to making life safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and wheelchair users.</li> </ol>
4/17/2024	Affordable Housing - Zoning Code	<p>On behalf of several residential developers submitted ideas to generate additional housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-consider cash contribution and other alternatives for developers to meet affordable housing requirements</li> <li>-extend timing of MFTE credit from 8 years to 12 or 20 years</li> <li>-allow flexible ground floor retail requirements</li> <li>-expand NE 85th ST zoning between 128th-132nd Ave to allow 5 stories</li> <li>-Revise Kirklands AMI percents (vs King County's) to be more relevant to Kirkland's high land and development costs</li> <li>-Relax FAR and lot coverage requirements for middle housing</li> <li>-Reduce permit review times by issuing a permitting schedule with application submittal; or provide external permit review</li> </ul>
12/6/2023	Affordable Housing/Parking/Land Use/Transportation	<p>With the 2044 Comprehensive Plan on the horizon, I am writing to express my concern about the parking minimums in our city. I believe that these minimums are unnecessarily high and are in direct opposition to the stated goals of the city of Kirkland.</p> <p>I would like to suggest reducing or even eliminating parking minimums in our city. This would accomplish a number of goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce housing costs and increase affordable housing</li> </ul>
6/5/2023	Communication/Outreach	<p>Does city publish the results of these surveys? Where can we see those?Does city publish the results of these surveys? Where can we see those?</p>
	Communication/Outreach	<p>Question #2: Besides the internet, there are several methods the City can use to improve information sharing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mailings: Sending out physical mailings can reach residents who may not have internet access or prefer offline communication.</li> <li>b) Radio: Utilizing local radio stations can help disseminate information to a broader audience, particularly those who listen to the radio regularly.</li> <li>c) Newspapers: Placing advertisements or publishing articles in local newspapers can reach people who rely on traditional print media for news.</li> </ol>

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9/9/2023	Homeless Encampments	Zoning Code amendments are needed to KZC 127 for homeless encampments to extend time and other changes. See email
11/28/2022	Housing Availability	Regulate vacant homes (e.g., criteria around what is an acceptable time period for vacancy (e.g., < 6 months), possibly ban foreign investment for a given period of time, increase tax levels for foreign investment, etc). Not only does this exacerbate the current issues around lack of affordable housing, it also impacts the safety of our neighborhoods, and negatively impacts community building and connection.
10/31/2023	Land Use - Minimum Lot Size	I encourage the City to investigate the economics of how smaller minimum lot sizes could incentivize the types of development that the City wants to encourage.
6/6/2023	Land Use - Mixed Use	City should have a policy that promotes facilities that are multi-use (e.g., affordable or supportive housing + services + something else like a day care)
5/1/2024	Land Use Changes	Support land use changes to allow for denser uses, affordable housing in general citywide in order to have a less car dependant community, to be safer, greener, resilient tax base.

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4/30/2024	Land Use Changes	Support change in land use along transit corridors to increase residential capacity and density to greater than 50 dwelling units per acre
4/30/2024	Land Use Changes	Support greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre; enable transit oriented development; increase apartments; support commercial uses in residential neighborhoods
4/29/2024	Land Use Changes	Support proposed land use changes; allow greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre
4/29/2024	Land Use Changes	Support proposed land use changes; allow greater density than 50 dwelling units per acre
4/29/2024	Land Use Changes	Opposed to proposed land use changes including along transit corridors; focus growth in Totem Lake with improved vehicle access
4/29/2024	Land Use Changes	Opposed to proposed land use changes including along transit corridors
4/26/2024	Middle Housing/Density	Encourage City Council and Planning Commission to direct staff to support housing policies-implementation of greater than 50 dwelling units per acre along the frequent transit service routes being considered for upzoning and include an analysis in the Supplemental EIS.
1/18/2024	Middle Housing/Density	Opposed to middle housing construction of 3-6 units impacts in low density neighborhoods
1/17/2024	Middle Housing/Density	Supports increased housing density in single family neighborhoods
1/10/2024	Middle Housing/Density	Supports expanding housing options and increased density at a min. density of 6 unit buildings along frequent transit routes. Could expand from 1/4-1/2 walkshed.
6/13/2023	Middle Housing/Density	The City should take a step back and talk to community members to see what parts of missing middle housing are working and what aren't. She thinks missing middle could better align with the character of her neighborhood.
6/29/2023	Misc	Half if not 3/4 of your City officers and ELECTED city officials are corrupted, and some as far as partaking in human trafficking. Last thing people need is the government's "help" whether it be local or federal
12/11/2023	Senior housing	What can Kirkland do to help keep existing residents in Kirkland house? Only thing I'm aware of is a King County Senior Property Tax exemption and that's County. What is Kirkland doing? Can you quantify it?
8/23/2023	Senior housing	As a self-supportive retired, senior housing that is affordable is crucial. We must be able to live in a safe and clean community. Kirkland is in dire need of affordable housing.
7/12/2023	Senior housing	The aging community is seldom discussed. Many long-time residents have paid the bills (taxes) and contributed their time to bring Kirkland to the wonderful place it currently is. But many are becoming property-rich (because of appreciation) but income-poor (because of escalating property taxes and low fixed monthly income). Shouldn't Kirkland include this demographic in their long-term plans?
10/17/2022	Senior housing	Separate building codes for senior housing-larger doors, halls, bathrooms, no barriers to showers or parking
		<p>Building an ADU would require setting aside 2 parking spaces (~400 sqft). A fourplex of 1 bedroom units would require 7 parking spaces (1000+ sqft). A small, 1000sqft restaurant would need to provide 10 parking spaces (1500+ sqft). It simply does not make sense to build reasonably affordable, multi-unit housing with such high parking requirements!</p> <p>Reducing parking minimums would allow developers to provide parking based on the actual demand and preferences of their customers, rather than on arbitrary and excessive standards. This would free up land and resources for more productive and beneficial uses, such as housing, retail, office, green space, and community amenities. Reducing parking minimums would also encourage more people to choose alternative modes of transportation, which would reduce our environmental impact, improve our public health, and enhance our livability.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Oliver Chen</p> <p>Below is a link to an article that goes into more detail. More resources can be found online.</p> <p><a href="https://www.planning.org/planning/2022/spring/a-business-case-for-dropping-parking-minimums/">https://www.planning.org/planning/2022/spring/a-business-case-for-dropping-parking-minimums/</a></p>

## Housing Public Comments

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## Parks, Recreation & Open Space Public Comments

Date Submitted	Topics	Comment Summary
3/14/2023	Accessibility - CKC	CKC does not have any wheelchair accessible access in its southern third. The hills that cross the trail are quite steep. The parking lot at 108th St could have an accessible parking space/area so that people can access the CKC. Overall, more comprehensive ADA access to parks/trails is needed.
3/14/2023	Accessibility - Parks	Parks Department needs to be mindful of accessibility issues when there is construction next to parks. For a while, people in wheelchairs could not access Kirkland Urban from Peter Kirk Park because of construction. This has come up in PFEC – they discussed parking garages at parks, but parking garages are difficult for seniors because they are dark and the short sightline. Public sidewalks have lots of root problems which is hard for people with mobility issues. The City is not addressing this. Concerned that trees are being cut down because of issues with overhead power lines.
7/28/2023	Biking	I wish we have more bike land!
7/28/2023	Biking	I wish there was more bike trails
7/28/2023	CKC	Love the Cross Kirkland Corridor
7/28/2023	Community	I love Kirkland because all of the parks are super fun and new!
7/28/2023	Dog parks	Would like more Dog Parks! Linda Todd ltodd@hotmail.com
7/28/2023	Dog parks	Offleash dog park with Water access
10/1/2023	Dog parks	increase dog parks on Lakes
7/28/2023	Dog parks/sidewalks	Dog park, or pop up ones in popular parks, As population increases new sidewalks in new areas
2/6/2024	General	I strongly support the new sections concerning urban parks and new uses of parks which are proposed for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element. We need a variety of public, open spaces that are distributed throughout the city, including areas where we are focusing development. Adding more uses to parks, such as vendor stands or other small businesses, will make our parks more attractive and vibrant, encouraging more use and fostering community. It's also a great way to encourage more walking and biking.
3/14/2023	Greenspaces	She lives on 3rd St before the green belt. She encourages the City to pay attention to wildlife and preserve natural areas for wildlife. During the past Comp Plan where she participated as part of Planning Commission, the City was supposed to keep the area by Forbes Creek as a green belt but now it's being sold off and developed. She encourages the City to change the zoning or take other action to preserve the area. Perhaps strengthen policies around green belts and wildlife corridors. She likes the tree rebate program and would like to see Arbor Day celebrations happen again. Parks are very important to her and her family. Her grandchildren use Crestwoods Park a lot.
7/28/2023	Greenspaces	More attention by Kirkland to 'wild areas' on 94th ave
7/28/2023	Land use	Floating Structure as sanctuary or retreat space for the community (e.g. yoga, dancing, Sup lessons)
2/8/2024	Land use/Trees	My name is Forrest Whitehouse and I'm a resident of Moss Bay. In anticipation of tomorrow's study session on the parks and sustainability elements of the comprehensive plan, I want to share a few points of feedback for your consideration: 1. I'd like to see the city explore having more businesses in its parks. Chainline Station in Ferriton Spur Park is a beloved third place that has brought a lot of liveliness to that area. We could imagine similar breweries, cafes, and the like in our parks or along the CKC. There are cafes in many major city parks elsewhere, and they are always a welcome sight for thirsty or hungry parkgoers. It would be great if the parks element could call this out more specifically. 2. I'd like to find opportunities to increase our tree canopy by un-paving and replanting underutilized individual parking spots and shoulders on neighborhood streets. This could be done at a very small, very local scale, and in direct partnership with nearby residents. It would beautify and shade the street, mitigate the heat island effect, add to our tree canopy, and even help with traffic calming. I hope we will be open to both large- and small-scale transformations to help rebuild our tree cover. 5. Two things that rock and that I'm glad to see are already covered in the parks element: (1) I love trails that go through parks rather than simply to parks. We should keep viewing parks as connective elements for the city. (Mentioned in PR-4.1.) (2) I don't have a dog, but I love off-leash dog areas so much. The highlight of my morning is riding past the Snyder's Corner dog park and seeing all the happy pups and humans playing. I hope we continue to build more like it. (Mentioned in PR-5.6.)
7/28/2023	Landscape	More Plants
7/28/2023	Public safety - lifeguards	Lifeguards at Denny- Collaborate w/ King County, Lifevests are great addition thanks
7/28/2023	Recreation - pickle ball	More pickleball courts
7/28/2023	Recreation - Pool	Indoor Aquatic Center
10/1/2023	Recreation - sports fields	Increase multi-sports fields
10/1/2023	Recreation - sports fields	expand sports field lights til 11pm
7/28/2023	Recreation - volleyball	More volleyball nets!
7/30/2023	Services - feet washing	Consider adding feet washing facilities at parks. This is a cultural norm for Muslims. He has seen people washing their feet in sinks and it creates a mess.
7/28/2023	Services - public restrooms	Maintain opening of public restrooms during winter.

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7/28/2023	Services - trash	I love Kirkland's new walking bridge by Totem Lake. I would add more trash cans outside walkway.
7/28/2023	Shade/Shelters/Trees	Love the parks, but would like more shade at them. Thank you!
7/31/2023	Shade/Shelters/Trees	Suggests more weather-sheltered pedestrian areas and park spaces given our wet climate.
7/28/2023	Trails	Have more trails
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7/28/2023	Waterfront - boats	Better boat launch
7/28/2023	Wildlife	I wish fish had a place to have for fish to lay eggs

## Human Services Public Comments

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6/6/2023	Affordable Housing	Participant has unique disability/health issues that make her very sensitive to all chemicals (chemically injured- cannot be exposed to chemicals, such as those in new buildings and those in most laundry detergent) and she has been impacted by living in a place with mold. It makes living in an apartment building impossible and there are very few options for affordable housing that are single occupancy and that would accept Section 8 voucher. Andrea had an experience of using a Section 8 voucher for housing but it didn't work out, and then she wasn't able to use the voucher elsewhere. Need to be able to keep a voucher if housing does not work out. City should raise awareness about the danger of mold in buildings. Many developers spray with chemicals so mold doesn't grow but that is an issue for her... developers should bring in a dehumidifier before finalizing the building.
6/15/2023	Affordable Housing	I've been living in my vehicle for 11 years. I've heard people refer to Van life, etc, as houseless as opposed to homeless. I think fundamental need is more along the line of food and warmth. As a houseless person, sometimes we don't have warmth, because we don't have access to any electricity. A person could do well with a very small living space, not necessarily a house, as long as we have food and warmth. I know that sounds minimalistic, but honestly, I know a lot of people who moved into housing after living in their vehicle, and they were also very cold because they couldn't afford to turn the heat on. I've known people who were in housing who had to seclude themselves to one room in the house or apartment in order to stay warm. Add to that, they didn't have money for food because their income went all to rent. Currently that's my situation. I very recently, (after 8 1/2 years of living in a parking lot,) received assistance to pay first and last month's rent on a spot; \$600. After the two months is up, every penny I have is going toward that rental spot, and I will have no money for food, gas, medications, doctor appointments, toiletries, etc. The insanity of this is, when I had a voucher, they would cover up to \$1,800 with me only having to pay \$450 a month. Because my trailer is on wheels, they won't even help me with \$600 much less the difference. So come I very likely will wind up back in my van on the street after 2 months, because I need food, medications, gas money. Asking humans to change is a big request. I can't think of what could be asked of people in the area of change. But I do know that people will be more receptive to changing if they know what they might receive as a benefit in return. There might be something that has to be offered as a benefit, otherwise it feels more like corralling someone to do something against their will and or better good. If nothing tangible can be offered, then perhaps at least some policies could be put in place to protect against either real or misperceived threats, disadvantages, or even losses.
10/31/2023	Affordable Housing	The Eastside desperately needs more affordable housing, as our shelters are currently full and without anywhere for people to go, existing camping bans cannot even be legally enforced, leading to difficult community relations
11/7/2023	Affordable Housing	The Eastside emergency shelters are full, which means camping bans cannot be enforced on public property. if the eastside is interested in clearing encampments, it needs 1) more shelter space and 2) more supportive housing to open up beds at existing shelters
6/6/2023	Affordable Housing - mixed use	City should have a policy that promotes facilities that are multi-use (e.g., affordable or supportive housing + services + something else)
6/6/2023	Affordable Housing - mixed use	There should be more collaborative efforts by the City for facilities that combine multiple services or uses (i.e., housing + services or day care). There should be funding to incentivize this. Housing/affordable housing should be paired with grocery stores and services that assist low-income people like tax prep services.
12/11/2023	Affordable housing - seniors	What can Kirkland do to help keep existing residents in Kirkland house? Only thing I'm aware of is a King County Senior Property Tax exemption and that's County. What is Kirkland doing? Can you quantify it?
6/6/2023	Communication/Outreach	The City relies on the internet for dissemination of information. But people may not know what they're looking for or need, or where to find the information on the website. This is especially hard for people who speak english as a second language.
6/15/2023	Communication/Outreach	Question #2: Besides the internet, there are several methods the City can use to improve information sharing: a) Mailings: Sending out physical mailings can reach residents who may not have internet access or prefer offline communication. b) Radio: Utilizing local radio stations can help disseminate information to a broader audience, particularly those who listen to the radio regularly. c) Newspapers: Placing advertisements or publishing articles in local newspapers can reach people who rely on traditional print media for news. d) Posting on bulletin boards: Sharing information on community bulletin boards in public spaces, such as libraries, community centers, and local businesses, can help increase visibility. e) Open house sessions: Organizing open house sessions or community meetings where residents can directly engage with city officials and ask questions can foster better communication and information sharing. f) Translating materials and providing interpretation: Ensuring information is available in multiple languages and providing interpretation services during meetings and events can help reach a more diverse population and improve accessibility.



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6/6/2023	Cultural center	It would be great to have a cultural center here. Bellevue has one or is creating one.
6/6/2023	Equity - BIPOC	High earners are in the seats of power in the City. Council/decision-makers are white homeowners. Trust is a challenge for black residents because of unequal policing and lack of representation.
6/6/2023	Equity - renters	Renters are not well-represented at City Council and commission meetings.
6/6/2023	Equity - renters	Renters' rights - renters are at the mercy of landlords. They may have poor living conditions but they cannot move because of lack of affordable options.
6/6/2023	Equity - renters	More support for low-income renters is needed so they can continue to live in Kirkland.
6/6/2023	Equity - renters	Some landlords blatantly discriminate against those who have Section 8 vouchers (some landlords say they won't rent to them, which is illegal). Can the City enforce equal treatment?
6/6/2023	Equity - seniors	There is discrimination in hiring of older adults (ageism).

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6/14/2024	General	<p>Question #5: To meet basic needs, which types of services or uses should be paired with affordable housing or permanent supportive housing? (For example, behavioral &amp; mental health services, day cares, grocery stores, community space) All of the above, but it's all EXPENSIVE. Development of housing should heavily factor the cost of the land in the first place as a means to maximize the number of housing units and still allow for all these additional services/amenities.</p> <p>Question #6: What kinds of job training/skill training/access to higher education would be useful? On one hand, tech jobs are in high demand these days so coding education and such is important. On the other hand, physical trades are still necessary and we need people entering the workforce there, too (plumbers, electricians, etc.). All of the above.</p>
6/14/2024	General	<p>Q2: Besides using the internet, how can the City do a better job of reaching people to share information? (For example, mailings, radio, newspapers, posting on bulletin boards, having open house sessions, translating materials and having interpretation available) Honestly, I don't know. Maybe we could ask the help of groups associated with the targeted (marginalized) communities: the Iman center posts notices in the mosque; the senior center sends out emails; etc.</p> <p>Q3: How can the City better reach renters? How can the City get more renters engaged in civic processes? Target/via the community college and buses.</p> <p>Q4: Which areas (locations) are most impacted by transportation concerns? Which types of services do people have difficulty accessing due to inadequate public transportation? What are your ideas to address transportation concerns? The areas with the least bus access are most impacted. Buses are a catch-22, I realize. Routes don't work without riders, but riders won't move into areas without routes. This encourages economically-segregated neighborhoods.</p> <p>Q5: To meet basic needs, which types of services or uses should be paired with affordable housing or permanent supportive housing? (For example, behavioral &amp; mental health services, day cares, grocery stores, community space) As someone who has supervised clinical staff in PSH and worked within public housing, I can speak to this directly. First, healthcare services. This includes primary care and behavioral healthcare. Both are very important. Case management services are vital, as well. Food banks are very important to such residents, as well.</p> <p>Q6: What kinds of job training/skill training/access to higher education would be useful? I teach at the local community college: LWTech. We have affordable adult education: bachelors degrees, associate degrees, certificates, ELL, high school completion, basic adult education... Few folks know about us, however. We do good work. We have good results. And we're ready to bring people in.</p> <p>Q7: How can the City support services like public restrooms and showers? Make them &amp; clean them often! Yes, we need public facilities!</p>
6/13/2023	Programs - grants	City should consider giving low-income folks flexible direct cash grants. People know what they need.
6/13/2023	Programs - job training	The City should partner with community organizations/non-profits to spread the word about job training/skills training programs that exist
8/23/2023	Services	More options for community care and physical exercise.
7/28/2023	Services - behavioral	Question about behavioral service requests that can remain anonymous (Neighbor seems to have mental illness impacting neighborhood.)
6/6/2023	Services - facilities/low income	Participant has been living in her vehicle for the past 10 years. Challenges: facilities to take a shower and do laundry that are suitable for chemically-injured people (where others do not use chemicals in detergent, for cleaning the facility, etc.)
6/6/2023	Services - facilities/low income	Provide amenities to homeless people/those living in their vehicles.
7/28/2023	Services - transit/medical	More Bus Stops, More access to sexual health resources, Free Clinic
6/6/2023	Transit - access to services/low income	Transportation is an issue on the Eastside. Getting to food bank can be hard, people may not be able to afford gas. Shelters are located in areas with bus routes but then King County Metro cuts routes. There used to be a bus route to access Hopelink in Kirkland but it was cut. Can the city provide public transportation, especially to access services?
6/6/2023	Youth	There are not many places for teens/young people to hang out without it being considered loitering/without needing to spend money.
6/6/2023	Youth	There should be a teen crisis clinic as a safe space for youth.

## Sustainability, Climate & Environment Public Comments

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8/5/2023	Amentities - marina	<p>The boat station needs to be fixed updated. Upon getting out the trip hazards from the uneven boards are to the point over the last five years that when we get out of our boat, I have tripped sprung an ankle before long you're gonna have someone really hurting themselves. They're his mothers fathers, children's grandparents, aunts and uncles. There's lawyers doctors teachers people that need their jobs and if they get hurt, they can't do it and everything breaks down injuries are going to happen physical injuries. You guys are the only ones who can take and redo that marina. It's an embarrassment when people come from other countries and other cities to use a marina to see the shape that it's in Kirkland has a lot of money there's no reason why this cannot be put on a proprietary list , the reason I'm writing this letter is because yesterday a pregnant woman was coming out of her boat with her husband and she tripped and fell. That's not good assistant to the community of boaters who pay money to park . Its bad it looks horrible but most of all it's highly dangerous. Trying to walk on that pier the slivers are so bad so so bad another thing that is of concern last year we had our boat there because there was no bumpers along the edges. We incurred \$3500 worth of damage because of that pier not being in good shape, the boating that we do, we do it as a necessity to keep our family ties strong to keep our kids away from drugs and alcohol to be able to socialize and have a good time and enjoy our beautiful lake Washington. We enjoy bringing my families here, who are from Syria from Italy from Spain in the boating. The marina has been used by my family for generations, we're creating strong family ties because of this activity we can't do it without a proper marina I'm afraid this wonderful tradition that so many families have instituted in their family will be long gone. please consider properly redoing that marina in Kirkland. and this would contribute to the enrichment of strong family ties strong family ties contribute to a strong community.</p>
3/2/2023	Climate	<p>The climate is constantly changing, throwing tax dollars at a non-issue is a waste of money. Don't fall into the scam. One more thing why does the city of kirkland need a 1 billion operating budget?</p>
4/12/2024	Climate - policy	<p>PSE submitted an excel spreadsheet with model policy language to address climate change</p>
3/15/2023	Density	<p>Your massive and inappropriate densities have resulted in ugly development that has pretty much destroyed downtown and most of the surrounding area.</p> <p>I guess since so few who work at the city are actually from here it's no big deal for you to just destroy Kirkland.</p>
2/6/2024	Embodied carbon	<p>I also support the majority of the changes to the Sustainability, Climate and Environment Element, particularly those regarding water quality, restoring water features to natural conditions, reducing VMT, and promoting clean fuels/electrification. However, I would like to express strong concerns about the change to Policy E-4.6. Adding the clause for embodied carbon is unnecessarily limiting. The existing text for this policy doesn't preclude embodied carbon limits—I certainly think an embodied carbon limit counts as an "innovation in local codes". Embodied carbon limits are an interesting concept and they should be explored, without committing right now to set one for all projects. I worry that embodied carbon limits could become a hinderance to projects that we know are necessary for Kirkland, such as housing and transportation improvements. My understanding is that this is a pretty new approach in climate policy, and it's unclear how to weigh the embodied carbon of a project against the potential a project has to reduce on-going carbon emissions. Personally, I think the City should prioritize incentives for projects that reduce embodied carbon. For example, there are many new concrete formulations with much lower (or even net-negative) embodied carbon, which are currently more expensive than traditional concrete. If the city provides incentives, more projects will be able to use these innovative materials which support our sustainability goals.</p> <p>Finally, I think that policy E-2.1 has confusing wording. It implies that maintaining the canopy will "increase public outreach", "dedicate resources for monitoring" and "establish strategic partnerships". I think it's more accurate to say that taking these actions will improve Kirkland's tree canopy, rather than these actions being caused by improving the tree canopy. We should absolutely do and encourage these things; I just think the wording is a bit backwards.</p>
3/14/2023	Greenspaces	<p>She lives on 3rd St before the green belt. She encourages the City to pay attention to wildlife and preserve natural areas for wildlife. During the past Comp Plan where she participated as part of Planning Commission, the City was supposed to keep the area by Forbes Creek as a green belt but now it's being sold off and developed. She encourages the City to change the zoning or take other action to preserve the area. Perhaps strengthen policies around green belts and wildlife corridors. She likes the tree rebate program and would like to see Arbor Day celebrations happen again. On her street, there are no sidewalks, curbs, or gutters but the runoff water is diverted to a rain garden. However, without sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, there is limited accessibility.</p>
3/14/2023	Heat pumps	<p>She has all gas appliances. She watched the heat pump seminar but is worried about not being able to use appliances if the power goes out (concern about utility redundancy). Seniors are concerned about heat. So it doesn't make sense for her. However, after hearing from David Barnes that heat pumps filter the air (including smoke), intalling a heat pump could make sense, as long as the electricity stays on.</p>

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3/2/2023	Parks	<p>What a joke! Kirkland had beautiful natural park (132nd Square) w/ lawns &amp; trees</p> <p>Now, 2 years of construction, Trees &amp; Lawn &amp; Natural areas are gone...</p> <p>Yet, they send off a citizen survey about "helping the environment" for 2044</p> <p>How about stop destroying PARKS in 2022??</p>
11/3/2023	Parks - safety	Better and safer parks for children with more activities
7/31/2023	Solar	Could those that have shaded properties utilize energy from solar panels elsewhere?
3/14/2023	Trees - canopy	The tree canopy is vastly disappearing. It cleans the air and provides shade. Believes the tree code is very long, complicated, and that it seems like developers would be able to find a loophole to cut down the trees. Concerned because of air quality. She is also concerned about multifamily and high rise buildings that barely have any trees and do not have AC. Thinks developers should be required to install AC in new construction.
2/8/2024	Trees - canopy; material reuse; embodied carbon	<p>2. I'd like to find opportunities to increase our tree canopy by un-paving and replanting underutilized individual parking spots and shoulders on neighborhood streets. This could be done at a very small, very local scale, and in direct partnership with nearby residents. It would beautify and shade the street, mitigate the heat island effect, add to our tree canopy, and even help with traffic calming. I hope we will be open to both large- and small-scale transformations to help rebuild our tree cover.</p> <p>3. The new policy E-4.1 discusses a tool and building material reuse facility. This is a great idea and something I'd love to have access to in my neighborhood. However, I'd suggest a change in wording from "to develop a facility" to "to develop one or more facilities." Since we are pursuing 10-minute cities, it could be more beneficial to have a network of smaller-scale tool libraries rather than a single central facility. I'm sure the city will iterate on this idea, so I want the language to give us the flexibility to experiment.</p> <p>4. Policy E-4.6 has been revised to include the phrase "and establishing embodied carbon limits for all projects." I have mixed feelings about how vague this wording is. Although I want us to reduce embodied carbon across the board, there's no explanation of how such carbon limits would work. Would there be a single, universal, procrustean limit that would privilege single-family homes and punish large multi-family buildings? Would the limit prohibit projects that have a large up-front embodied carbon but a negative lifetime carbon footprint, like some mass transit projects have? I don't want a limit that will harm our sustainability goals. I believe more clarity is needed in the language we're using. If at all possible, we should take into account (1) the lifetime carbon footprint of each project and (2) the per-capita carbon footprint of residential projects. The language we use needs to give us the flexibility to make common-sense sustainability choices in the future.</p>
9/28/2023	Trees - canopy; transit; streets; walkability	Kirkland is growing too quickly. The green canopy has dropped well below the 40% target, and programs to provide trees are sparkly diversions rather than solutions. The street capacity is not sufficient, the support of public transit and alternate transit is not sufficient. Even walking to school is challenging with unsafe walk ways.
7/31/2023	Trees - development	Does tree protection increase development project costs which in turn gets placed on future renters/homeowners to absorb that cost?
3/14/2023	Trees - ROW	He is interested in information/guidelines/help (non-monetary) from the City regarding maintenance of trees in order to be more proactive and not reactive. There are many streets that have trees that have grown into the sidewalks or root issues that make it impossible for people in wheelchairs to pass.
3/15/2023	Trees - streams	Over by me they are putting in a traffic circle. We use to have a lovely creek and they put in a culvert and covered it up. They've destroyed at least 100 trees between me and 405. It's simply the most gorgeous community update I've ever seen (yea that's sarcasm).
4/11/2023	Utilities	Can we start with stopping sewage from entering Juanita Beach?
7/28/2023	Wildlife	I wish fish had a place to have for fish to lay eggs

## Economic Development Public Comments

Date Submitted	Topics	Comment Summary
10/1/2023	Affordable housing	increase affordable housing
6/6/2023	Jobs	There should be opportunities for good jobs besides tech in Kirkland
10/23/2023	Retail	<p>Key Themes Summary (see meeting notes for more detailed summary):</p> <p>Affordable or used clothes stores – especially for youth</p> <p>Less expensive retail stores; thrift stores, antique stores where students could work, sell things; Sustainable clothes options; not “fast fashion”</p> <p>Affordable places to hang out; meet friends; “Third Places”; only places now are libraries</p> <p>Hardware store</p> <p>Outdoor equipment store</p> <p>Used books stores</p> <p>KTUB would be a good place to have a retail store</p>
	Various	<p>Focus Group Key Themes Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Provide space for entrepreneurs; small business start- ups to “test the market”</li> <li>-Need reliable, accessible transportation and transit system for employees to get to work and deliver goods and services</li> <li>-Variety of affordable housing options for workers to live and work in Kirkland</li> <li>-Provide year around farmers market or multi-cultural community space for non-profits or new businesses</li> <li>-Improve communication with businesses so they feel heard especially in the design and construction of city projects, street closures, and land use decisions that may impact businesses</li> <li>-Streamline permit review process and business license approval</li> <li>-Provide small business support for new businesses such as: how to create business plans; how to start a business; a place to “test” market products to readjust/re-invent; understanding their customers; small incubator spaces for new pop-up businesses</li> <li>-Downtown: Increase parking and pick up and delivery for customers to access businesses; Improve maintenance of alleys, remove weeds, garbage, add landscaping, screen garbage dumpsters, repair sidewalks and parking lots</li> </ul> <p>Individual Comments:</p> <p>Provide space for entrepreneurs; small business start- ups to “test the market”</p> <p>Importance of reliable, accessible transportation and transit system; consider a shuttle service (like Bellevue’s Bell Hop shuttle)</p> <p>Provide a variety of housing options for affordable housing for workers to live and work in Kirkland</p> <p>Property owners need to keep costs of commercial tenant spaces lower to discourage losing businesses and non-profits to outside of community</p> <p>Keep light industrial zoned property for industrial types of businesses rather than displacement for residential uses</p> <p>Provide year around farmers market or multi-cultural for non-profits, community space</p> <p>Hybrid workplaces are here to stay and changes the dynamic of vacant office with retail</p> <p>Online retail uses are here to stay</p>
		<p>City’s role:</p> <p>Improve communication with businesses so they feel heard; especially related to design and construction of city projects, street closures, and land use decisions that may impacts businesses</p> <p>Streamline permit review process and business license approval</p> <p>Provide small business support for new businesses; financial literacy with creating business plans; how to start a business; a place to “test” market products to readjust/re-invent; understanding their customers; small incubator spaces for new pop-up businesses; Note-See City’s new business support consultant</p> <p>Understand the disparity gap for small and minority businesses to gain more insights to match up to the right resources. Ranging from education, financially, promotion, collaboration that focus on affordability and success to diverse communities (Seattle has a program).</p> <p>Increase public services (fire, police) for crime prevention for businesses and public safety, including parking garages</p> <p>City’s role is not as a business incubator</p> <p>Provide affordable, accessible, transit or transportation options for employees to get to work</p> <p>Fast, reliable internet and electric infrastructure for businesses</p> <p>Provide areas for pick up and drop off for delivery services</p> <p>City’s strategy of replacing light industrial businesses with office, High Tech employees or housing uses is disappointing for some</p> <p>Invest in infrastructure improvements</p>

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11/14/2023	Various	Key Themes Summary (see separate meeting notes document for more detail): Affordable and Americans with Disability Act accessible Universal Design housing Sustainable development City provide a start a new business informational packet Sidewalk system that is connected, accessible, and safe Reliable transportation and transit system Business revitalization incentives; Façade improvements to older commercial strip malls as a temporary fix until they redevleop; provide a grant program as an incentive Reduce parking requirements for commercial uses
6/6/2023	Youth	There are not many places for teens/young people to hang out without it being considered loitering/without needing to spend money.

## Juanita Farmer's Market Public Comments

Date Submitted	Topics	Comment
7/28/2023	Bikes	I wish we have more bike land!
7/28/2023	Economic Development	I would love it if Kirkland had a farmers' market all year around.
7/28/2023	Economic Development	I would love it if Kirkland would have restaurants open till 11pm.
7/28/2023	Economic Development	I would like to see a speakeasy. Small hidden bar from the prohibition era.
7/28/2023	Economic Development	Less chain businesses more Mom & Pop Shops
7/28/2023	Economic Development	Equity between the neighborhoods- i.e. Juanita and Houghton
7/28/2023	Families	I would love it if Kirkland had more family activities.
7/28/2023	Families	Community Events, Great Weather, Nice People jmfinder@aol.com
7/28/2023	Families	More community events
7/28/2023	Families, Parks	Love the Area! The parks are amazing and the community events are welcoming.
7/28/2023	Health	Questions about behavioral service requests that can remain anonymous (Neighbor seems to have mental illness impacting neighborhood.)
7/28/2023	Ordinances	Noise Ordinance w/ private pre-school in neighborhood
7/28/2023	Parks	We love all the parks! During the pandemic we visited all 54 parks!
7/28/2023	Parks	More pickleball courts
7/28/2023	Parks	Indoor Aquatic Center
7/28/2023	Parks	More Plants
7/28/2023	Parks	I love Kirkland because all of the parks are super fun and new!
7/28/2023	Parks	Love the Cross Corridor
7/28/2023	Parks	Would like more Dog Parks! Linda Todd ltodd@hotmail.com
7/28/2023	Parks	Love the parks, but would like more shade at them. Thank you!
7/28/2023	Parks	I love Kirkland's new walking bridge by Totem Lake. I would add more trash cans outside walkway.
7/28/2023	Parks	I love the parks
7/28/2023	Parks	Floating Structure as sanctuary or retreat space for the community (e.g. yoga, dancing, Sup lessons)
7/28/2023	Parks	I wish fish had a place to have for fish to lay eggs
7/28/2023	Parks	I wish there was more bike trails
7/28/2023	Parks	Have more trails
7/28/2023	Parks	Maintain opening of public restrooms during winter.
7/28/2023	Parks	Lifeguards at Denny- Collaborate w/ King County, Lifevests are great addition thanks
7/28/2023	Parks	Trails
7/28/2023	Parks	Offleash dog park with Water access
7/28/2023	Parks	Better boat launch
7/28/2023	Parks	More volleyball nets!
7/28/2023	Parks, Streets	Dog park, or pop up ones in popular parks, As population increases new sidewalks in new areas
7/28/2023	Parks, Streets	More attention by Kirkland to 'wild areas' on 94th ave
7/28/2023	Parks, Transportation	Early Fathers bought City Parks along Shoreline. - More Small busses available to everyone. Free! Go back to 10 minute Neighborhoods.
7/28/2023	Schools	I would love it if Kirkland would have Schools starting at later times.
7/28/2023	Schools, Parks, Economic development	Schools starting at later times, Cleaning of Parks, Less taxes, more fun stuff, making the place prettier
7/28/2023	Streets	Please close Park Lane in the evenings
7/28/2023	Streets	Want more sidewalks w/ raised Curb and ADA access
7/28/2023	Streets	I would like to see more available parking for visitors to visit Kirkland.
7/28/2023	Streets	Walking Path on Juanita Drive
7/28/2023	Streets	More bike lanes
7/28/2023	Streets, Housing Economic Development	Less traffic, less condos, support for local loyal residents and businesses
7/28/2023	Streets, Parks	Update Facades and infrastructure so that the town looks less 1970's- especially the downtown waterfront
7/28/2023	Transportation	More Bus Stops on/near Holmes Point and in general

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7/28/2023	Transportation	More Bus- I would love it if Kirkland would have more bus stops and busses to different parts of Seattle
7/28/2023	Transportation, Health	More Bus Stops, More access to sexual health resources, Free Clinic
7/28/2023	Transportation, Streets	More Bus stops accessible from neighborhoods, Make it safer to walk along certain roads (ex Juanita Drive)
7/28/2023	Transportation, Streets	Protected bike lanes, Bus frequency to from/ 132nd
7/28/2023	Transportation, Streets	Increased bus frequency, have protected bike lanes
7/28/2023	Trees	I would like it if Kirkland would STOP PERMITTING CLEAR CUTTING TREES !!!
7/28/2023	Waste Management	More Garbage Cans and Recycling receptacles