

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Environmental Board**

6:30 PM  
April 16, 2026

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave SE

**MINUTES**

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Board members:*

Don McQuilliams, Chair  
Alix Lee-Tigner, Vice Chair  
Nancy Davidson - excused absence  
Mina (Alexandra) Jun\* - absent  
Prajakta Ghatpande  
Tom Anderson  
Keith Gonzales  
Kiran Pan\*  
Tommy DuBeau - absent

*Administration/Staff:*

Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager  
John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

Anne Newcomb, Alternate – excused absence  
Jonathan Smith, Alternate

\*Youth/young adult members.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR MCQUILLIAMS called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chair introduced the minutes, which were included in the agenda materials. The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

- a) Minutes of March 11, 2026

Minutes of March 25, 2026

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **Transportation Improvement Program**  
*Presented by:*  
*John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager*

MORTENSON shared updates to the 2027 – 2032 Transportation Improvement Plan and asked for the Environmental Board to consider if the proposed updates aligned with the ICAP. MORTENSON began with a background on the contents of the TIP and how the TIP is updated on a regular cadence. Board Member ANDERSON asked if community members can use SeeClickFix to recommend projects to be included in the TIP. MORTENSON confirmed that projects recommended in SeeClickFix are considered in the development of project prioritization.

MORTENSON summarized the specific projects in the TIP that align with the Transportation and Land Use strategies of the ICAP before discussing the updates proposed. Board Member SMITH asked for clarification on whether the City has jurisdiction on bridges across I-90. MORTENSON clarified that the bridges crossing I-90 such as at SR 900 are under WSDOT's jurisdiction. SMITH noted that the SR 900 bridge over I-90 should be checked by the state due to the bridge seeming to move when large trucks cross.

MORTENSON provided additional details about the new projects, TR 012 and TR 028, which align with ICAP strategies. MORTENSON identified the update schedule and summarized Transportation Advisory Board feedback.

Board Member ANDERSON asked which projects on Newport Way are included in the TIP. MORTENSON shared the two Newport Way projects and provided details on the design and installation timeframes. ANDERSON noted that the bicycle corridors on Newport Way - Maple to Sunset are not adequate and asked if there is anything that can be done to expedite bicycle facilities on the corridor without redoing the entire corridor. MORTENSON noted that staff would take this recommendation into consideration and explore potential bicycle facilities that could be implemented quicker. Board Member PAN asked if the focus on smaller scale projects would mean that larger projects will take longer to complete. MORTENSON noted that it would depend on the project. Board Member SMITH asked if the improvements on Newport Way would fill the ditches on the side of the road. MORTENSON confirmed they would.

Board Vice Chair LEE-TIGNER expressed support for the NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized project and asked if it would improve parking or trailhead access as part of the project. MORTENSON noted that some access improvements are limited based on restrictions in funding and land use for the park property. Board Member ANDERSON asked if the City is working with developers to ensure that right of way improvements can be implemented. MORTENSON noted that the City has worked with developers and identified ways to fund corridor improvement projects through developer contributions. Board Chair MCQUILLIAMS encouraged staff to consider ways to preserve and plant trees in TIP projects. MORTENSON noted that City Council recently adopted new street standards which would improve preservation of street trees.

Board Member SMITH asked for the City to explore options to expand SR 900 to improve access behind the guardrails on the road for trail access and waste management. Board Member ANDERSON asked if e-bike rental programs would be part of the TIP. MORTENSON noted that this type of action would be part of the Mobility Action Plan. Board Member GONZALEZ asked for clarification on how Public Works manages sidewalks impacted by tree routes. MORTENSON explained that the City works with arborists on a case-by-case basis to identify solutions. Board Member SMITH asked what the biggest problem with Issaquah's transportation network is. MORTENSON noted that one of the biggest challenges is supporting people who live in Issaquah to get around within the City limits.

Board Member GONZALEZ asked if the City offers any telework incentives for businesses. MORTENSON stated the City does not have any telework incentives but does have a Commute Trip Reduction program. Board Member GONZALEZ asked for additional details on permeable surfaces in TIP projects. MORTENSON provided background on the projects in Central Issaquah that are increasing non-permeable surface projects.

## REPORTS

Issaquah Climate Action Plan (verbal update)

VYNNE MCKINSTRY provided a summary of the materials for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Environmental Board packet.

Sustainability Fair Update (verbal update)

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VYNNE MCKINSTRY shared the programs and events happening at the Sustainability Fair 2026 and asked for confirmation on which Board Members would be able to support the Environmental Board booth. Board Member ANDERSON noted that he would be able to support the booth.

Capital Projects Update (verbal update)

VYNNE MCKINSTRY shared details on capital projects including the Pickering Barn solar project, the Issaquah Senior Center microgrid, the Community Center HVAC upgrades, and EV Charging at Tibbetts Valley Park.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

**INQUIRIES**