

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Transportation Advisory Board**

6:00 PM
January 27, 2020

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Board members:

Cynthia Krass
Tom McDonald
Sujata Goel
Stephanie Salemann

Madeline Yeh, Alternate
Emma Gruby, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation
Planner
Kurt Seemann, Transportation Manager

Excused Absence

Marisol Visser
Kobi Sunday, Youth Position
Nina Milligan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Cynthia Krass at 6:01PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 28, 2019
The October 28, 2019 meeting minutes were approved with no edits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment at this meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **2020 Board Workplan, (D)**
Presented by:
Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation Planner

Stephen presented to the board a 2020 work plan and updated the board on the process for transmitting major work items to Council.

- b) **Mobility Master Plan Feedback - Board Homework, (D)**
Presented by:
Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation Planner

Stephen facilitated a discussion with the Board regarding the Board's assignment during their winter hiatus in November and December 2019. The Board was assigned the review of planning document for Issaquah but also from the City of Redmond, Kirkland and Olympia; and the Board was asked to speak to other community members on their perspective of mobility in Issaquah. A summary of the discussion is below:

General Comments

- Most people don't really understand the full transportation system other than getting in their car to go places, community education will be important to fully commit to a multi-modal system,
- Need to address current parking issues in Olde Town,
- Safety is priority number one, particularly for people not driving a car,
- Transit seems to better support regional travel over local travel – but also regional transit is not accessible for everyone but mostly those that can access the park and rides before they fill up,
- Our goal is to move people, as efficiently as possible,
- The Board would like to see the MMP identify the direct link between transportation it's impact on climate change,
- The Board would like to see the MMP address health and equity as it relates to mobility,
- In terms of planning document format, the Board suggested a simple and intuitive format like the City-wide Strategic Plan,
- The Board suggested staff use more visuals than heavy text for the planning document.

Discussion on Planning Documents

- The Board appreciated that safety was identified as number one priority and addressed in all following chapters in Kirkland's plan,
- The Board also appreciated the concise and shorter format of Kirkland's plan,
- The Board suggested staff follow Kirkland's examples on connecting neighborhoods to the City's park system; this would be a great highlight of the Issaquah Green Necklace identified in the Parks Strategic Plan,
- The Board valued Redmond's introduction which identified the problem we're solving (the why) up front in the planning document.
- The Board enjoyed the simplicity of the online story-map Olympia has on its website– it's easy to follow and understand,
 - The Board valued the performance metrics were scaled for each project to reflect their individual importance.

REPORTS

- a) Staff Report
Staff reported to the board that Public Works Engineering Director Sheldon Lynne is retiring and Kurt Seemann, the Transportation Manager will be interim PWE Director until a new director is assigned.
- b) Chair Report: There was no Chairs report.
- c) Youth Report: There was no official Youth Report, however, Madeline Yeh updated the group on a City project she is supporting. The City planning to install murals at the East Lake Sammamish Trail undercrossing at SE 62nd Street and at the Issaquah-Preston Trail undercrossing at Highlands Dr NE.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 135 E. Sunset Way.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.