



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2022  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
\*\* Virtual Meeting \*\*

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 5:35 PM Adjourn: 6:34 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Jake Simpson	X		
Takele Gobena	X		

Other Councilmembers participating:

Staff Coordinators: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer

Other Staff Participating: Mason Giem, PW Programs Coordinator; Ingrid Bulpin, Real Property Management Analyst; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Mary Mirante-Bartolo, City Attorney; David Tomporowski, Senior Planner; Cindy Corsilles, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Public Comment	No Public Comment was submitted
1. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	Feb 17 Minutes were approved
2. Adoption of Local Road Safety Plan	<p>Discussion/Action</p> <p>Presentation by Amalia Leighton Cody from Toole Design Group.</p> <p>The purpose of the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) was to prepare a citywide Road Safety Plan that will propose strategies and measures to improve safety for all modes of transportation.</p> <p>The Plan used data-driven analysis and prioritization of an agency's roadways for traffic safety, based on crash types, and considers all modes of travel in the analysis (motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle).</p> <p>The Plan also developed a list of prioritized projects and cost estimates that help the City be prepared for funding the</p>

	<p>projects. A completed LRSP helps the City compete for grants.</p> <p>The Plan created a map of high crash corridors, with potential countermeasures that the City can build to address these problem areas.</p> <p>The plan undertook several stakeholder engagements in addition to traffic counts and accident analysis: The public engagement consisted of 11 stakeholder interviews; presentation to the City’s Sidewalk Advisory Committee; a web-based survey with 310 responses in multiple languages; and several focus group meetings (Windsor Heights, residents, seniors and school-aged parents).</p> <p>The Plan lists several Key Takeaways from the outreach activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving is the primary travel mode choice</li> <li>• People want to drive less – but they want safe, accessible comprehensive infrastructure for walking, bicycling and using transit.</li> <li>• Desired improvements include: more sidewalks, Increased street lighting, traffic calming measures, and improved connectivity.</li> </ul> <p>Locations identified for safety improvements include International Boulevard, Military Road South, South 176<sup>th</sup> Street, South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, streets north of South 154<sup>th</sup> Street, and streets south of South 200<sup>th</sup> Street.</p> <p>Examples of countermeasures include: Curb radius reduction; neighborhood greenway; hardened centerlines; truck apron; and flashing beacons.</p> <p>A list of nine prioritized projects ranked by priority and at various cost levels was provided to the City.</p> <p>A comment was raised by the Committee that safety improvement projects align with both federal and state priority. Staff recommends that the Local Road Safety Plan be adopted.</p> <p>Future safety projects will be developed from this plan, and the Committee will have the opportunity to review them as they are prepared.</p> <p>The Committee voted 3-0 to adopt the Local Road Safety Plan.</p> <p>:</p>
<p>4. Approve Interlocal Agreement with Kent School District for the River Ridge Elementary School Sidewalk Project.</p>	<p>Discussion/Action</p>

This project and the Interlocal Agreement were presented informationally at the last T&PW Meeting on February 17.

The River Ridge Elementary Sidewalk Project was selected in Fall of 2021 by the Neighborhood Sidewalk Committee.

The project will provide a safer route to school for elementary aged children.

The project will be constructed as a joint project, by the City and the Kent School District.

The Sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of Military Road South from South 226<sup>th</sup> to South 229<sup>th</sup> Street, our southern border, to meet up with improvements in the City of Kent at a new housing development at Veteran's Drive and Military Road South.

School children have been walking along busy Military Road South without any barrier between pedestrians and vehicles since the start of the school year at the new River Ridge Elementary School.

Project Improvements include bike lane, curb and gutter, 4-foot landscape strip, 6-foot sidewalk, and pedestrian lighting.

Project challenges include steep slopes, extremely aggressive schedule; ROW acquisition; meeting stormwater requirements, and utility relocates.

Benefits of a partnership with the Kent School District include sharing project costs, increased likelihood of meeting schedule, and optimizes utilization of staffing and resources.

The City and Kent School District have met to divide the responsibilities of each party as follows:

City of SeaTac will be responsible for Right of Way Acquisition; Engineering Review and Permitting; Franchise Utility Relocations; Right of Way Inspection; and Future operations and maintenance of the improvements. Estimated costs for the city are between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

The Kent School District responsibilities include project design; Project Management and Administration; and Project Construction. No cost estimates are available for the District's portion, but costs are likely to be on the order of \$1M to \$2M.

Children to the north of the school are in the Highline School District and are bussed to Madrona Elementary, so the sidewalk improvements are being built to the south only at this time.

	<p>Staff is asking Committee to approve adding the River Ridge Elementary School Sidewalk Project to the 2022 Capital Improvement Program, and          Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Kent School District allowing for partnering on the Project.</p> <p>A draft Interlocal agreement was reviewed.</p> <p>The Committee voted 3-0 to approve moving the above topic to Regular Council Meeting, with a recommendation to approve.</p>
<p>4. Street Vacation for 13th Ave S near S 200th Street to Bridge Development</p>	<p>Discussion/Action</p> <p>City Engineer Florendo Cabudol presented the proposed vacation of a portion of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave South north of South 200<sup>th</sup> Street to petitioner Bridge Point SeaTac 300, LLC. This is a separate petition from an earlier petition by the same group in the adjacent area as part of a proposed industrial development project.</p> <p>This portion of roadway is opened and used Right of Way (ROW), that has no future transportation or utility use for the City, as the adjacent Maywood Elementary school property and single-family residences this ROW served has been acquired by Bridgepoint.</p> <p>The subject ROW as been appraised at \$230,000. This amount will be assessed as compensation to the City for the ROW. This appraised amount was communicated to Bridge Point and has not been challenged.</p> <p>Utilities were informed of the petition, and the only responders were Highline Water District which has no interest in the location, and Puget Sound Energy which wishes to reserve an interest in the Right of Way. This reservation is addressed in the vacation Ordinance.</p> <p>Staff recommendation is to forward this petition to Council for a public hearing and action at the March 8, 2022 Council Meeting with a recommendation to approve by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee approved.</p>
<p>5. Department Updates</p>	<p>Public Works Director Will Appleton gave an update on several projects and programs:</p> <p>South 180<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Reduction will be substantially complete by the end of March.</p>

	<p>34<sup>th</sup> Ave South Project is now under construction with completion expected by Fall, 2022.</p> <p>Public Works has made an emphasis on litter pickup, including on ramps and off ramps of the freeways, and a new Adopt a Street Program.</p> <p>Miller Creek Daylighting project is a joint project with the City of Burien, as the creek crosses Des Moines Memorial Drive south of South 142<sup>nd</sup> Street. The City is sharing in the costs. Miller Creek is a salmon bearing stream, so this improvement is great for the environment.</p> <p>Our Mailbox Program is going strong, and sales and installations are made weekly.</p>
6. Adjourn	Adjourn Meeting