



# **Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

Monday, February 1, 2021

### **Online Meeting**

In attendance from the JNA Board: Doug Rough, Rob Scarber, Leo Gilbert, Brian Magee, Launa Johnson, Perter Avelar, and Jennifer Salem

Guests in attendance:

From Sound Transit: Wren McNally, Ariel Taylor, Cynthia Padilla,

From Washington State Department of Transportation: Anthony Buckley

From City of Kirkland: Janice Coogan, Senior Planner

Introductions by Doug Rough.

### **Status of I-405 Bus Rapid Transit**

Presentation by Cynthia Padilla of Sound Transit on the status of I-405 Bus Rapid Transit, which is now named STRIDE. The project has just completed phase 2 and is beginning phase 3, preliminary engineering. One of the changes is that the dual express toll lanes will be extended to just past 527 to the north. There were also some minor changes to the stations involving the ticket vending machines, artwork, and wind screens.

Due to COVID-19, revenues have been falling short and the project and schedules are undergoing realignment. They will be holding public meetings to look at budget. WSDOT is waiting on Sound Transit for the realignment.

In the discussion JNA members asked about connecting the Brickyard and Kingsgate Park & Ride and the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Concerns were discussed from previous meetings that the parking garage will fill too quickly, and the parking will overflow into the neighborhoods. A board member also asked whether affordable housing would be part of the Transit Oriented Development. Anthony Buckley of WSDOT said it would be a mix of market rate and affordable housing.

Cynthia Padilla spoke about studies being done on shuttles and how to best serve the area, also about parking during construction.

Leo Gilbert suggested ST and WSDOT consider dedicated bus lanes to prevent busses from getting caught in traffic in the toll lanes. ST and WSDOT responded that they will work to keep busses moving.



More information and timelines on the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project can be found on the Sound Transit website here: [I-405 BRT | Project map and summary | Sound Transit](#)  
The city of Kirkland webpage regarding this project can be found here: [NE 85th Street Station Area Plan – City of Kirkland \(kirklandwa.gov\)](#)

### **Community Support Signs**

The JNA board approved up to \$400 for temporary inspirational message signs to be printed and put up in the parks and neighborhoods to improve morale and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Launa Johnson will be heading this effort. Messages to be printed on the signs will be discussed by the JNA Board online.

Launa asked about the possibility of painting murals or having other artwork put up in the community and possibly getting students involved. She will research locations, types of art, and what permission is needed for a future meeting.

### **Neighborhood Safety Program**

Brian Magee will be finalizing our application for the proposed improvements to the crosswalk at Edith Moulton park.

### **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will have an update on the Village at Totem Lake. We will also hear updates on the sign project and give out a student award. The next Board meeting will be March 1, 2021.