

Preliminary Committee Report

(9/3/18 - 10/1/18)

Communications

- Committee Members serving as <u>liaisons</u> for each program:
 - October: Community Service in Kingston (Beth Worthington)
 - November: Commissioner Gelder's Town Hall (Rebecca Pirtle, Jennifer Haro)
 - December: work plan review & update, executive position elections (chair, co-chair), ByLaws review (Beth Berglund)

Environment and Land Use

Did not meet during this period.

Community Services

Meeting Date: September 24th

The meeting focused on planning the October presentations during the KCAC meeting.

Open House Coordination

Members: Mary Gleysteen, Gale Kirsopp, Beth Berglund

The committee didn't formally meet in person in September but we were actively working together throughout the month in preparation for the Discover Kingston annual open house event. This year more than 52 organizations exhibited and 272 guests attended the event. We are in the process of collating the feedback from both the guests and the exhibitors which will be reflected in next month's committee report along with the feedback from the public and the Council collected at the October 3rd KCAC meeting.

Kingston Parks, Trails & Open Space (KPTOS)

Placeholder for the September meeting details.

Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: September 21, 2018, 8-10am at Borrowed Kitchen

Attended: Mary Gleysteen; Tecla Legge; Mary McClure; Tania Issa; Mark Libby

Reports:

- Mary McClure on Lindvog Parking Initiative
- KT Citizens Advisory Committee Report
- Kitsap Transit Qtrly Community Meeting Summary
 - Passenger Only Ferries
 - Kingston Bus Service New Routes & Revisions
 - Extended/Improved service



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- Proposed North Kitsap Dial-A-Ride
- Potential Day Pass or Multi-Ride discounts

Old Business:

HWY 104 User information improvements

<u>Discussion:</u> Committee is developing a Report on the status and improvements

- Fixed Signage and the electronic Variable Message Signs (VMS)
- HWY 104 Cameras
- Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)
- WSF & DOT Web Pages
- WSF email Alerts

<u>Agreed Action: Complete study</u> and recommendations and present to KCAC and Hwy 104 Working Group.

Kingston Congestion from Ferry Traffic

<u>Discussion</u>: Vehicle Traffic is frequently backed up on Hwy 104 such that access to local business and homes is difficult or blocked. The current efforts to control traffic are not effective. Discussed proposed solutions and benefits local support including:

- o Increased Congestion and demand for Parking from KT Passenger Only Ferry expected to start this fall.
- o Relocation of WSF toll booths and Re-alignment of entry to WSF Holding Lot
- o Developing a holding area at the SW corner of Lindvog Ave and HWY 104
- o Implementation of a reservation system
- o Improved information on wait times and shoulder holding to in-coming vehicles
- o Better management of inbound traffic and coordination with holding lot
 - FAC's request to increase cross sound capacity with 3 boat service on Kingston/Edmonds Route

<u>Agreed Action</u>: Make the community aware of the various recommendations and status of various actions to mitigate impact of KT POF and WSF vehicle traffic. Suggest KCAC host a <u>community meeting</u>(Nov 14?) to address Parking and Congestion initiatives.

<u>Agreed Action</u>: Committee Recommends a <u>KCAC letter</u> requesting Legislative Direction and Funding for projects and services to reduce Kingston congestion from ferry traffic.

KCAC letter should sync with requested action from other Kingston groups.

Realignment of eastbound traffic to 1st Street
Development of Holding Lot at SW corner of Lindvog/Hwy 104
Improvement in Operational Congestion Management

Improve Traffic Control between Lot Management and WSP



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- Improved signage, VMS and HAR
- Expand Camera Coverage from Toll Booth to George's Corner
- Maximize use of existing holding lot

Letter to follow public announcement of Lindvog Lot MOU from Port of Kingston.

<u>Discussion:</u> Briefly Reviewed September meeting presentations by KC Roads and TPS <u>Agreed Action</u>: Follow-up wrt County Transportation Vision, Plan & Funding Obtain copies of August KCAC and TIPs Presentations
Research answers to Questions submitted to KC Roads by this committee
Schedule committee review of TIPs Current projects & prepare list of nominations
Research links to Urban Census Zone and mapping on KC GIS for road shoulders

New Business:

Timing of Hwy 104 light at Miller Bay/Hansville Road intersection.

Wait time in number of cycles and total wait time is greater the DOT Guidance <u>Discussion</u>: Several reports indicate that west bound vehicles at the tail end of the pulse from a ferry unload may have to wait for 4 cycles of the light to get past the intersection. M. Libby contacted KC Roads for further information about the cycle times of the traffic and was advised that the State DOT had responsibility for Hwy 104 lights.

Agreed Action: M. Libby to follow-up and report back to committee.

<u>PS from follow-up</u>: KC Roads pointed out that Kitsap County has a project to improve traffic flow at the intersection through the addition of a right-hand turn lane for southbound traffic on Hansville Road to turn onto westbound Hwy 104.

NK Heritage Park Gate and Parking at Norman Road

<u>Discussion:</u> Reports that KC Parks has started action to develop parking area at SW corner of Norman Road and West Kingston, and relocation of NK Heritage Park Gate to eliminate the current small parking area at south end of Norman Road.

<u>Agreed Action</u>: Refer topic to KPTOS. Suggest KCAC submit a letter to county asking for inclusion of the community in the discussion of issues that triggered the proposed changes, the options to resolve the issue, and community participation in selecting the most appropriate solution.

Committee Topics for reporting to and consideration by KCAC:

 KCAC letter requesting Legislative Direction and Funding for projects and services that will reduce Kingston congestion from ferry traffic.



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 Our Committee's Concern about community awareness of Congestion mitigation initiatives and recommendation for a Community Transportation Forum. Possibly on 14 November (before start of KT POF)

Next Committee Meetings:

Friday, October 19, 0800 to 1000 at Borrowed Kitchen

Upcoming Meetings of interest:

- KCAC Meeting: 3 October
- Kitsap Transit Open House in October (Poulsbo 3 October) & Online Info
- FAC Meeting: 10 October
- WSF Long Range Plan Open House: 11 October
- Port of Kingston Board Meeting: 25 October
- HWY 104 Working Group ??

Post Meeting Topic of Concern:

A late September postcard announcement of Kitsap Transit community outreach meetings does not include a Kington meeting. Further, the heading banner on the card's map obscures Kingston and might be misconstrued to be an indication that Kingston will not benefit from the revisions to the KT bus service.