During the July 18, 2012 meeting, the stakeholder advisory group decided to use the following criteria to analyze the route alternatives as they made their preferred route recommendation.

- **Least proximity to community land use areas** – The location of the transmission line in relation to schools, parks, homes, etc.

- **Least impact to mature vegetation** – The amount of mature vegetation that must be removed or trimmed for construction and operation of the transmission line.

- **Least proximity to critical and designated areas** – The location of the transmission line in relation to critical areas such as wetland, streams, steep slopes, designated view corridors, Native Growth Protection Areas and Transfer of Development Rights, etc.

- **Public support** - Public support for the transmission line route balanced against established Comprehensive and Functional Plans adopted by both cities.

- **Opportunity areas** - The location of the transmission line in relation to the Kirkland railroad corridor, arterial streets (by classification or traffic counts), and existing utility lines/corridors.

- **Least proximity to commercial uses** – The location of the transmission line in relation to places of employment, businesses, stores, etc.