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One of Shoreline's largest drainage improvement projects is officially underway. Construction of the new stormwater conveyance line for the 3rd Avenue NW Drainage Improvement Project began Nov. 8 and will continue through March 2005.

The overall goal of the project is to prevent frequent flooding to approximately 20 homes and adjacent streets and to improve water quality in the Boeing Creek Drainage Basin.

A flyer was mailed to nearly 1,000 residents in the neighborhood in and around the project area alerting them to the construction schedule and providing details of the project. The new line will intercept and carry water flows from Richmond Beach Road near 3rd Ave. NW, following 3rd Ave. NW to NW 176th St., west to 6th Ave. NW and south to the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility (see map at right).

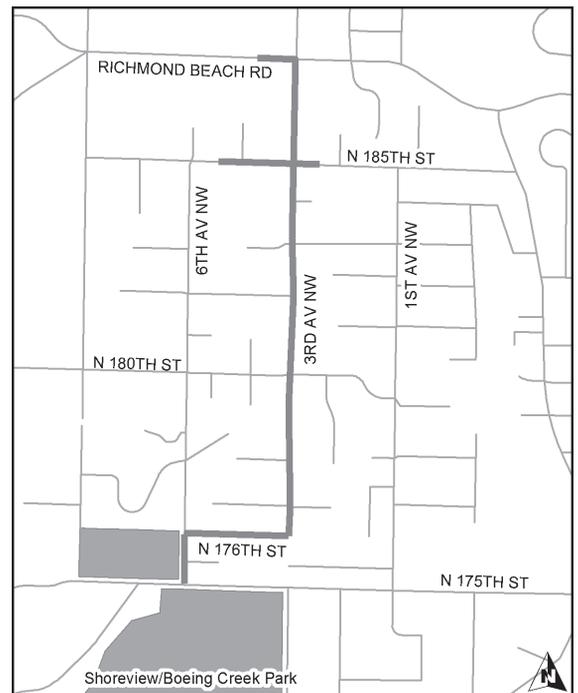
A lateral line on NW 185th will intercept and carry flows east to the new line on 3rd Ave. NW. The new line will be constructed beginning at the lowest point along the conveyance line, the outfall in the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility, and progress upstream to end on Richmond

Beach Road.

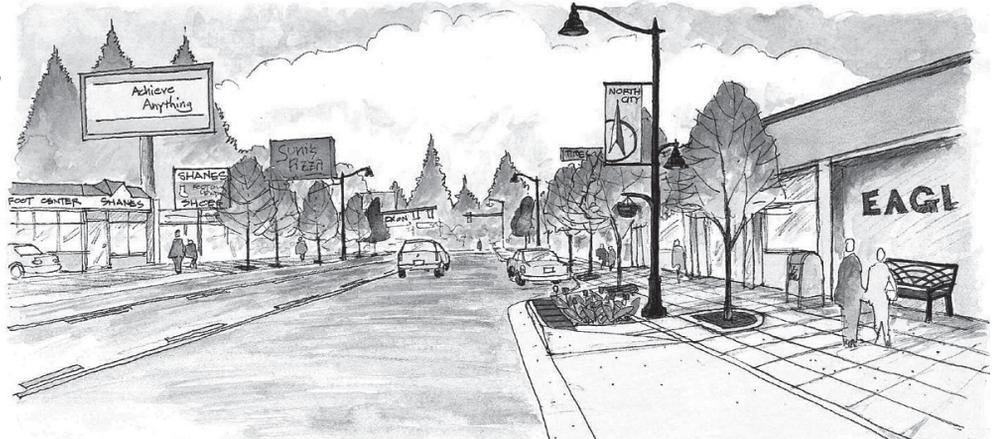
The contractor, Thomco Construction, set up staging operations in a fenced-off section of Shoreview/Boeing Creek Park near the intersection of 6th Ave. NW and NW 175th St. Thomco is using two crews to meet the 90-day requirement for completion.

The first crew started in the
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The bold line on the map below shows the construction area for the stormwater conveyance line that is part of the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project.



The major change in the revised design for the North City Project is to have four lanes on 15th Ave. NE between NE 172nd St. and NE 180th St. instead of the three originally planned and as shown in the illustration at right.



Council approves revised design for North City

Construction on the improvements in the North City Business District could begin as early as next spring.

At its Nov. 22 meeting, Shoreline City Council approved a revised design for the North City Project along 15th Ave. NE between NE 172nd St. and NE 180th St. Construction bids will be requested early next year. If Council approves a bid, construction could begin in spring 2005.

The approved design includes four lanes – two in each direction – as opposed to the three-lanes in

the original design. The rest of the design remains the same and includes underground utilities, six-foot sidewalks with four-foot amenity zones, curb bulbs and on-street parking on both sides, and new street signals.

In August, Council decided not to award the construction contract for the original design due to high bid costs and public concerns about the three lane design.

Improvements to the North City Business District are part of a series of capital projects designed

to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and revitalize the commercial area.

Earlier this year, 15th Ave. NE between NE 150th St. and NE 175th St. was re-striped to three lanes, one lane in each direction with a center left-turn lane. The City is conducting ongoing traffic studies to determine the impact of the new configuration.

For more information about the North City Project, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or call Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

City Council adopts Shoreline's 2005 Budget

The City Council adopted the City of Shoreline 2005 Budget totaling \$77.5 million at its Nov. 22 meeting. Council also adopted the property tax levy, with an estimated rate of \$1.23 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The 2004 property tax rate was \$1.28.

"The 2005 Budget is basically status quo," says Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett. "Shoreline will continue to provide the same quality level of services it has in the past."

The City Council added

\$72,000 to the proposed budget: \$62,000 in additional human services funding and \$10,000 to explore expanded use of the government access channel. Council also approved a resident/non-resident recreation fee schedule and a six percent tax on the City surface water utility.

Although the City's operating budget remains primarily the same, the capital portion of budget is significantly higher for 2005. This increase reflects the addition of funds for projects that will begin

construction next year including the Aurora Corridor Project and North City Business District. Money the City has received from grants and set aside from its own revenues over the years for these projects is now moved into the annual budget in anticipation of construction.

Shoreline's 2005 Adopted Budget is available for review at City Hall and local libraries. For more information, contact Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

Railroad approves overcrossing bridge design

Replacement of the Richmond Beach Overcrossing Bridge is one step closer to reality. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company approved the recommended design of a reinforced concrete through-girder bridge to replace the aging timber bridge that spans the railroad tracks to 27th Ave. NW.

The design will go to the City Council for review and approval this month. Then the City of Shoreline will move into final de-

sign of the bridge and negotiations with the railroad for construction and cost-sharing issues – a process that is expected to take approximately nine months.

The City's consultant, ABKJ Engineering, presented the recommended Alternative 1 design to City staff this fall. This option is the most cost-effective, requires much less maintenance and minimizes impacts to local residents and roadway approaches.

Alternative 1, including a

temporary detour bridge, has an estimated total design and construction cost of just over \$2.4 million.

The original Richmond Beach Overcrossing Bridge was built in 1923 and rebuilt in 1956. In 1999, the City imposed weight limits on the bridge for safety reasons and determined that the bridge needed major improvements. The Capital Improvement Program budget for the bridge project is \$2,482,847 with approximately \$1.9 million funded by federal grants and \$600,000 coming from the City's roads capital fund.

For additional information about the Richmond Beach Overcrossing project, contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com where you may sign up to receive email project updates.

New comment periods at City Council meetings

At its Oct. 11 meeting, the Shoreline City Council passed a resolution to provide more opportunities for public comment at Council meetings. The resolution amends the Council's rules of procedure by adding a comment period of up to 20 minutes after each agenda item in addition to the existing comment period at the beginning of meetings.

Earlier this year, the Shoreline City Council sponsored three community forums to explore public input into the Council decision-making process. Council developed a specific goal in its 2004-2005 Work Plan to incorporate comments gathered at these meetings. The additional comment period after the staff report on agenda items was one of the suggestions.

A public comment period of up to 20 minutes for topics not on the agenda is scheduled at the beginning of each meeting. Those

wishing to speak are asked to place their names on the comment sign-in sheets. Speakers may comment for up to three minutes during the comment periods.

Here are a few ways to become more informed about and involved in the City's decision-making process:

- Attend meetings of the City Council, citizen advisory groups, such as the Planning Commission, and your neighborhood association.
- Serve on citizen advisory groups or your neighborhood association.
- Volunteer for your neighborhood group, at the Police Department or in another capacity.
- Watch City Council meetings on Cable Channel 21 Tuesdays noon and 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday through Sunday at 6:00 a.m., noon and 8:00 p.m.

City's Critical Areas Regulations being updated

The City of Shoreline Planning and Development Services Department is updating its Critical Areas Regulations. The draft version of the regulations will soon be released for public comment. The City encourages public input and participation in the protection of our streams, wetlands, steep slopes and wildlife habitat areas. If you would like to receive a draft of the proposed critical areas regulations, please contact City Planner Matt Torpey at (206) 546-3826, or email him at matorpey@ci.shoreline.wa.us.

Prepare now for winter storms with these tips

Winter is here, and it's time to prepare for storms and other unexpected weather-related emergencies. Experts recommend that you be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least 72 hours without outside assistance in the event of an emergency.

The City of Shoreline has its own emergency preparedness plan with Emergency Operations Coordinator Gail Marsh and Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt

More Info

For more information about Shoreline's Emergency Preparedness Plan, contact Emergency Operations Coordinator Gail Marsh at (206) 546-7873, or log on to www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/emergency. The flyer, "Preparing you and your family for a disaster," may be downloaded from the City Web site.

coordinating efforts. The City works in conjunction with all City departments, the Shoreline Fire Department, utility providers, the Shoreline School District and other local agencies to prepare for emergencies. The City's Emergency Management Council, comprised of community partners and citizens, meets monthly.

Advance preparation is the best way you can help your community when disaster strikes. Dur-

ing an emergency, resources are stretched to the limit. By taking responsibility for yourself and your family, you make City resources available for others who may need them more.

Steps to take now:

- Make an emergency response kit to sustain your family for 72 hours. To learn what to put in the kit, visit the City's Web site and click on the link under "Preparedness Resources" on the emergency Web page. You may also have information sent to you by calling Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh at (206) 546-7873.
- Create a family disaster plan and practice it.
- Take a first aid/CPR class and make sure functional fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and weather radios are in your home.
- Keep a bag in your vehicle with emergency clothing, a first aid kit, flashlight, AM/FM radio with batteries, water, and nonperishable food.
- Keep a bag at your workplace with the same, if your employer doesn't have provisions.
- Designate an out-of-area phone contact to communicate the safety status of your family members to others. Try to minimize using the telephone and cell phones.
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch Program through the police department. These programs also address emergency preparedness and Homeland Security issues.

- Take Community Education Response Training (CERT), co-hosted by the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Fire Department, to help your neighborhood or workplace in the event of an emergency. Call the Emergency Management Coordinator, (206) 546-7873, or the Shoreline Fire Department Public Education Officer at (206) 533-6564 for more information.

In an emergency:

- Listen to your radio. Weather Radios are useful because they are backed up with batteries in the event of a power failure.. The Weather Radio now broadcasts significant public awareness events besides the weather, like Amber Alerts about missing children.
- If the electricity is on and the event is significant to the City of Shoreline, the City will broadcast information on its Government Access Cable Channel 21 and the Web site if possible.
- Activate your family plan. Do NOT go to your children's school until directed to do so, as schools have plans in place to keep your children safe. Roadways, like phone lines, need to be kept clear.
- If you belong to a Neighborhood Watch, activate your plan to check on each other, neighborhood hazards and those in our community that are more vulnerable and may need assistance, such as the elderly or disabled.

Council public hearing on Comp Plan Dec. 13

The Planning Commission Recommended Updated Comprehensive Plan and Master Plans for Transportation, Surface Water, and Parks are now available for review.

Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan is a guide for the City's physical, economic and social development over the next 20 years. The State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities and counties to create Comprehensive Plans and to update them every seven years to ensure compliance with GMA. Shoreline began review its Comprehensive Plan in fall 2003

At that time, Shoreline also began developing Master Plans for transportation, surface water and parks. Master Plans are addendums to the Comprehensive

Plan that take a closer look at a whole system – such as transportation – to plan for future needs.

After an extensive public participation process, the Planning Commission developed a recommendation for review by the City Council. The Planning Commission considered comments made at meetings and hearings as well as written comments about the draft plans when developing its recommendation.

The City Council will discuss the drafts at a workshop on December 6. The staff report for this meeting will be available after November 29 in the City Clerk's Office. Council will hold a public hearing on December 13 and is expected to continue the hearing into January to allow sufficient

time for comment. City Council deliberation and adoption of the plans is expected to occur in January or February.

Plans are available free of charge at the Planning and Development Office, City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th St. Suite 107, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you don't need your own copy but would like to review the plans, copies are available at: Eastside Neighborhood Police Center, 521 NE 165th St.; Westside Neighborhood Police Center, 624 Richmond Beach Road; Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Ave. NW; and Shoreline Library, 342 NE 175th St.

Please mail written comments to: Andrea Spencer, City of Shoreline, 17544 Midvale Ave. N., Shoreline, WA 98133. If you have any questions, please call (206) 546-1418 or email aspencer@ci.shoreline.wa.us.



Planting party completes Richmond Beach Saltwater Park erosion control project

A dedicated group of high school students, adults and Camp Fire Girls spent a Saturday morning in October planting more than 2,000 individual plants at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The 22 volunteers planted American dune grass, coastal strawberry and shore pines on the sandy slopes adjacent to the beach. The hillside has suffered serious erosion in the past, and the new plants were chosen specifically to stabilize the slope. As they grow, their root systems will help keep the dune in place and prevent future erosion.

Greet the Christmas Ship Tues., Dec. 14

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
2021 NW 190th St.

Gather around the beach fires to keep warm as you enjoy refreshments and caroling by the Syre Elementary School and Einstein Middle School choirs. Festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Ship is expected to arrive at 8:10 p.m and will be decked out with shimmering lights while voices from the Northwest's finest choirs will serenade the crowd.

Aurora heads to construction next year

Phase One of the Aurora Corridor Project (N. 145th to 165th Streets) will move from planning and design to construction next year.

The 90 percent design plan for Phase One is under review by City staff and outside agencies and utilities.

Last month, City staff presented the City Council with 60 percent design plans for the Interurban Trail Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Bridge over Aurora. Construction of the bridge will be completed in conjunction with the Aurora Corridor project.

In the meantime, staff continues right-of-way acquisition for the

project. Approximately 38,000 square feet of property is needed – mostly narrow slivers of land one- to two-feet wide and corner parcels. Owners have accepted offers on 16 out of 31 parcels and those transactions are under way.

According to City staff, permanent easements are now settled and 18 out of 19 temporary construction easements/licenses have been signed that allow for installa-

tion of underground utilities. Condemnation proceedings have begun on 12 parcels involving 11 property owners.

Staff has begun meeting with property owners that will be affected by Phase Two of the Aurora Corridor Project (N. 165th to 205th Streets) to answer questions and concerns.

Fall Clean Sweep a record-setting success

Shoreline's Fall Clean Sweep event was a record-setter.

Approximately 933 vehicles rolled in to drop off recyclables ranging from computer monitors to yard waste.

Thanks to a pilot program with the Saving Water Partnership, 102 toilets were received from residents – three times the number usually collected at recycling events.

The City implemented changes in staffing and layout for the event which reduced wait times to 15 minutes or less.

City hosts Christmas Tree Recycling Event Jan. 8 & 9

Disposing of the Christmas tree is on everyone's to-do list after the holidays. Shoreline residents have several options, including giving your old tree a second life by recycling it as wood chips.

The City of Shoreline is hosting a Christmas Tree Recycling Event on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8 and 9, at Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Ave. NE, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is the only tree recycling event in the City. Youth groups offering tree pickup service as a fundraiser often bring the trees to the Shoreline event.

Trees will be chipped on-site, and the wood chips offered to residents who bring a container. Remaining chips will be taken to Cedar Grove Compost Facility. The free tree recycling is open to Shoreline residents only, so please bring proof of residency.

Please follow these important guidelines before bringing your tree to be recycled: Remove all hooks, ornaments and tree stands from the trees. No wreaths, swags or artificial trees can be accepted.

Other options for disposal of holiday trees include:

- If you subscribe to curbside yard waste recycling, cut your tree into manageable pieces that fit into the container and have it hauled off.
- Haul your tree to the First Ave. NE Transfer Station where you may pay to dispose of it as garbage.

For more information about the Christmas Tree Recycling Event, call (206) 546-1700. For more information about recycling and environmental stewardship opportunities in Shoreline, visit the City's Web site at <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/water/index.cfm>.

3rd Avenue NW Drainage Project *from page 1*

Boeing Creek Stormwater facility and is working its way up 6th Ave. NW, NW 176th St., and 3rd Ave. NW to NW 178th St.. The second crew started at NW 178th St. and is constructing the deep trenching on 3rd Ave. NW to NW 185th St. The first crew will move from NW 178th St. to NW 185th St. to construct the lateral line to 3rd Ave. and then move to NW Richmond Beach Road.

The City contracted with Seattle's Public Utilities Construction Management Division to provide experienced construction management, inspection, and testing services. In addition to day-to-day operations, a full-time, on-site inspector will work with property owners and the contractor to coordinate driveway demolition, reconstruction, and other improvements that may involve work on private property.

"Over the next several months, Shoreline residents can expect frequent lane closures and delays in the work areas along the route," explains Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan. "We ask that residents be patient as we make these improvements. For everyone's safety, please drive slowly and cautiously in construction areas."

The contractor may have up to 150 feet of trench open at any given time, and construction workers will be moving materials and equipment in and out of the work area. During lane closures, traffic will be limited to a single lane with flaggers controlling traffic. Due to its narrow width, N. 176th St. will be closed except for local residents

and emergency vehicle access.

The next phase of the project involves the modification of the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility to accommodate peak stormwater flows from the new conveyance system. This work is scheduled for next summer and is being coordinated with the King County sewer

improvement project.

For more information about the project, please contact Jordan at (206) 546-1678, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/thirdave/index.cfm. You may also register your email address online to receive project-related email updates.

Westminster Gateway design moves forward

Design concepts for the third City Gateway at the intersection of Westminster, Dayton and N. 150th St. are taking shape. Specific elements of the design were selected at a Nov. 3 neighborhood meeting. The final design proposal that will be presented to the City Council in early 2005 is a "low impact" Gateway with lawn, trees and a central feature such as a water fountain or artwork.

City staff is reviewing bids for the east Gateway at 175th Street at the southeast corner of the I-5 interchange. Construction is scheduled for 2005.

Developing a plan for gateways at key Shoreline entry points has been a City Council goal for several years. The first City Gateway, the "Ponies," is located at N. 175th St. in Ronald Bog Park.

Construction continues on the Interurban Trail

Supplies are arriving and clearing and drainage work has begun on the South Central segment of the Interurban Trail (N. 160th to N. 175th Streets).

Construction will continue this month with completion expected in early 2005, weather permitting. The contractor will then move on to construct the North B Segment on 200th Street between Ashworth and Meridian Avenues and then through Ballinger Commons to the trailhead on N. 205th Street.

City staff is moving toward 90

percent design plans for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Bridge over Aurora, and earlier this fall, the project artist and art jury selected a concept for the concrete pattern that will be used on the bridge. The bridge will be constructed in 2005-2006 in conjunction with the Aurora Corridor Project.

Design for the final North Central segment of the Trail is still underway. Construction of this segment is dependent on future grant funding. If funded, construction could begin next year.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

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First and third Mondays
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meetings
Second and fourth Mondays
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

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