2019 Summer construction projects

IT IS OFTEN SAID there are two seasons, winter and road construction. Shoreline will have a relatively busy road construction season this year. As with any kind of road construction, you can expect traffic delays and temporary lane closures from time to time. To ensure your safety and the safety of work crews, we ask that you be patient while we complete construction work and plan your driving routes accordingly. Here’s what to expect this spring and summer:

Meridian Avenue & N 155th Street Intersection Improvements

The aging traffic signal system at this intersection will be replaced with new signals, poles, signal controller, and improved vehicle detection. Also, to improve pedestrian safety, the radius of the curbs at the corners will be decreased requiring drivers to slow more for right turns. We will reconstruct the curb ramps at all four corners to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and the intersection will be fully re-paved.

Funds: $450,000 Federal grant and money from City’s Road Capital Fund
Timeline: Mid-April through July
Contact: Lea Bonebrake, (206) 801-2475, lbonebrake@shorelinewa.gov

NE 175th Street Pavement Preservation

If you use NE 175th between Interstate 5 and 15th Avenue NE you’ve probably noticed that areas of the paving tend to soften during hot weather in the summer. This is due to excess oil content in the pavement. To resolve this issue, we will re-pave this entire stretch of NE 175th Street. Additionally, traffic flow through the NE 175th/15th Avenue NE intersection will be improved by adding a right-turn lane from eastbound 175th to southbound 15th Avenue NE. We will also adjust signal timing. As in all City street projects, curb ramps and sidewalks will be reconstructed where necessary to meet ADA standards.

Funds: Road Surface Maintenance Program - Vehicle License Fee
Timeline: May through August
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Economic Development Update

AS WINTER TURNED TO SPRING, the Shoreline Place Community Renewal Area (CRA) began stirring. The long-awaited first redevelopment project in the CRA is officially underway. Clearing and grading operations for Trammel Crow Company’s 330-unit Alexan Apartments is visible to all who travel along Aurora Avenue N. When complete, the long vacant triangular parcel will be transformed into hundreds of new desirable apartments, including dozens of much needed affordable workforce housing units. These were made possible through the City’s Multifamily Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption Program.

With reconstruction of Westminster Way into a more pedestrian friendly street, the Alexan, along with Merlone Geier’s planned redevelopment of the former Sears Property across the street, will create a more human-scale urban neighborhood. It is all a part of a continuing effort on the part of the City and the various property owners within the CRA to reestablish and renew the area into a vibrant commercial hub for the Shoreline community.

In the coming months, that vision will continue to come into view as the Planning Commission and City Council take up their review of Merlone Geier’s plans for the redevelopment of the former Sears property. Stay tuned!

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198th Affordable Housing Update and Open House

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall Room 301

IT HAS BEEN a quiet, but busy, winter for Catholic Housing Services (CHS) and Community Psychiatric Clinic (CPC), who are developing an affordable housing project on City-owned land at N 198th Street and Aurora Avenue N. The last piece of their funding puzzle fell into place in late February. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission selected the 198th project for funding through its Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. The project team will host an open house to update the community on the 100-unit housing project, answer questions, and ask for feedback on some high-visibility design elements.

The 198th Affordable Housing Project will serve individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. CHS and CPC bring a combined 160 years of experience developing and managing affordable housing projects and providing behavioral health services. Residents living in the apartment complex will be connected to supportive services, helping them in their effort to maintain stable housing.

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Improvements coming to intersection at Greenwood and N 160th Street/N Innis Arden Way

CHANGES ARE COMING to the Highland Terrace Neighborhood. The intersection of Greenwood Avenue N with N 160th Street and N Innis Arden Way needs improvements. The City has started looking at different options for improving the intersection and we want to hear your thoughts.

Shoreline Community College is building student housing on campus. The College did a traffic study for the new housing, which shows that the City’s standards for traffic flow are not being met at the intersection. The College is required to improve the intersection within 6 years from when the student housing building opens. The housing is expected to open in Fall 2019, so the intersection needs to be rebuilt by Fall 2025.

We want to ensure that the intersection is safe, efficient, and serves the needs of the community. To do this properly, the City will be partnering with the College to develop a design concept for improving the intersection. The College will then take that concept, finish the design, and construct the improvements before the Fall 2025 deadline.

We know this is an important intersection and we want your input on the design. In late April or early May, we will be ready to share some initial concepts at a public meeting and online. Stay tuned!

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What else is happening in the area?

THE REDESIGN is one of multiple projects making changes to the intersection:

Sidewalks
The College is building sidewalks along N 160th Street and Innis Arden Way this year.

MORE INFORMATION:
Shoreline Community College
(206) 546-4101
shoreline.edu/housing

Paving
The City is repaving Greenwood Avenue N as part of the pavement preservation program.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS & VENDOR FAIR

TUESDAYS, APRIL 23 AND MAY 28 ★ 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M., CITY HALL LOBBY
RSVP: SHORELINEW.AGOV/HOMEIMPROVEMENT

HOME IMPROVEMENT SEASON is coming! Do you have a home improvement project in mind, but need some guidance to get started? Is it a house remodel or addition; subdivision of property; or a driveway, drainage, deck, sewer, or a tree project? Our workshops can help you take the next steps.

Technical reviewers will be available by appointment to help with questions regarding your house, property, land uses, and street as well as City requirements and permit information. Visit shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement to make an appointment with a technical reviewer.

In addition to appointments with technical reviewers, there will also be a vendor fair of building, design, and construction related resources. These vendors will include architects, contractors, lending institutions, materials suppliers, and other design consultants. You do not need an appointment to come in and talk with any of these vendors, so feel free to stop by between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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DOES YOUR DOG, CAT, OR RABBIT need to be spayed or neutered, but you are not sure if you can afford it? The PAWS Spay/Neuter Clinic can help. It is open to anyone who qualifies as being part of a low-income household as established by the state of Washington. Anyone in the state can use these services. To see if you qualify, visit paws.org/cats-and-dogs/spay-and-neuter.

You need to make an appointment to have your pet spayed or neutered. Surgery is performed on Wednesdays for dogs and cats and Thursdays for rabbits. Drop off is between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is the same day between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Pets must be at least eight weeks old and weigh at least two pounds to be eligible for surgery. While pets do not need to be vaccinated, microchipped, or licensed to be altered, PAWS recommends this to help keep your pet healthy and able to be easily reunited if it gets lost.

MORE INFORMATION:
PAWS - (425) 787-2500 x820
paws.org

Make an appointment: https://goo.gl/RKchHN

CityWise: City Government 101
Building our Community’s Resilience and Strength

OUR THIRD CityWise class introduces participants to the Code Enforcement and Customer Response Team (CECRT) and the Community Services Division.

Code Enforcement and Customer Response Team

The Customer Response Team (CRT) responds to and resolves resident questions, concerns, and complaints regarding City infrastructure and initial code enforcement issues. They also serve as a referral source for City services. Code Enforcement addresses higher level, non-compliant code violations.

In 2018, CRT received, investigated, and resolved 2,117 service requests. There were 301 after-hours calls received from January through October last year, 64 of which required an immediate emergency response by staff. Last year also brought significant changes. CRT had been part of the Community Services Division for years, but now reports directly to the City Manager’s Office. The Code Enforcement function, once housed in Planning and Community Development, is now part of CRT.

Community Services Division

The Community Services Division (CSD) is made up of four smaller divisions, each staffed by one subject matter expert: Neighborhoods; Emergency Management; Diversity and Inclusion; and Human Services.

Neighborhoods:

Neighborhoods are important to building a strong community. The City provides staff support to neighborhoods and helps fund activities and improvements through the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program. The Neighborhoods Coordinator works with representatives from each of our fourteen neighborhoods.

Emergency Management:

We are required by State law to have our own Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Our Emergency Management Coordinator works closely with community partners and residents to be prepared for emergencies. He also supports community organizations and groups dedicated to emergency preparedness and assistance.

Diversity and Inclusion:

The Diversity and Inclusion Program works to increase internal City organizational capacity to support equity and inclusion in its delivery of services; expands access to information and services to historically underserved communities; and supports resident-driven activities in diverse communities.

Human Services:

With the goal of promoting individual and community well-being, the Human Service plan focuses on increasing self-sufficiency, reducing the negative impact of adverse life events, and helping people achieve their full potential. The City assists 11 agencies and 20 programs with funding totaling $904,000 in 2019-2020, with an increased focus on basic needs, homelessness, and mental health.
Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program

This is a new, City-wide program to repair and rehabilitate aging sidewalks, curb ramps, and other pedestrian facilities to meet ADA standards. The program is funded by the additional $20 vehicle license fee passed by the City Council in 2018. Although much of 2019 will be spent in program development, you may notice spot repair or replacement of curb ramps that do not comply with ADA standards; replacement of broken sidewalk and driveway panels; and other pedestrian facilities this summer. Due to overgrown roots that push up sidewalk panels, many large trees will need to be replaced with new trees selected from species that are better suited to our urban environment.

Contact: Bob Earl, (206) 801-2479, bearl@shorelinewa.gov

School Walk Route Improvements

These improvements will be in the form of additional warning signage; pedestrian-actuated crossing beacons; and radar speed signs installed at locations surrounding Echo Lake Elementary School and Shorewood High School.

Funds: $106,000 WA Traffic Safety Commission grant
Timeline: Late April through June
Contact: Hazel DelaCruz, (206) 801-2476, hdelacruz@shorelinewa.gov

2019 Bituminous Surface Treatment

The City applies Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST), also called chip seal, to residential streets and secondary arterial streets to preserve the asphalt pavement surface. This year, we will be applying BST to about 15 streets in the north central and northwest neighborhoods of Shoreline. You will be notified if BST is to be applied to your street. This preservative treatment typically adds five to ten years to the life of the pavement for a fraction of the cost of replacing or overlaying it with new asphalt pavement.

Funds: Road Surface Maintenance Program - Vehicle License Fee
Timeline: July through early September
Contact: Eduardo Aban, (206) 801-2474

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Earth Day Every Day

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Central Market, 15505 Westminster Way N

We, along with Central Market, invite you to celebrate Earth Day and be inspired to make a difference throughout the year. Come try out new eco-living tools and learn what you can do to help create an environmentally friendly community.

There will be activities for all ages, including giveaways to help you go green. This year, attendees will get to take home one of three giveaway packages:

- **Sustainable Living Package**: Includes a Stasher reusable silicone snack bag, To-GoWare bamboo utensil set, and a reusable cotton produce bag to help you ditch single-use plastics and go Zero-Waste.
- **Natural Yard Care Package**: Includes a 10-lb bag of Walt’s Organic worm castings organic fertilizer and a 2-oz jar of MicraCulture’s Plant Probiotics to help cultivate a healthier lawn and garden without harsh chemicals!
- **Puget Hound Pet Care Package**: Includes a hardshell bag dispenser, a clip-on LED flashlight, a bag carrier tool, and bag refill rolls to help you care for your pet and protect water quality in Puget Sound!

If you are interested in greening your home, yard, or lifestyle, this event is for you! Kids can enjoy interactive booths and games, while adults can talk to experts about natural yard care, rain gardens, solar power, green home remodeling, veggie gardening, composting, zero waste living, habitat restoration, and more. Check the City’s Facebook page and website calendar for more event info and to register for a giveaway.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many common yard and garden products contain harsh chemicals that can harm people, pets, and the environment. You can use the “Grow Smart, Grow Safe” resource to see products rated by their hazard level, and find safer alternative products and practices.

Learn how to manage garden problems like moles, weeds, or moss, and cultivate your garden naturally! Access this resource by visiting growsmart-growsafe.org or call (206) 801-2455 to request a hard copy.

MORE INFORMATION:

Public Works Department
(206) 801-2400
shorelinewa.gov/projects

shorelinewa.gov
GREEN BUILDING
in the Light Rail Station Subareas

IN MARCH 2015, the City Council adopted the 185th Street Station Subarea Plan, which included a green building mandate. All development near the future light rail station is required to be certified as Built Green 4-Star (a green building program by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties). In September 2016, Council adopted the 145th Street Station Subarea Plan, which extended this green building mandate to new zoning near that future station.

In January, Built Green compiled their registration numbers for 2018 and Shoreline emerged as a regional leader. Shoreline registered 168 projects (primarily townhomes), which eclipses previous years and other jurisdictions. At the bottom of the page you can see how much energy, water, and money these projects will save annually once they are completed and occupied.

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Built Green Projects Annual Savings

- 1,314,360 gallons of water
- 219.9 MWh of energy
- $87,696

Equivalent To:

- 79,164 pounds of CO2 emissions
- 280.8 Nissan Leafs driven for a year
- 252.21 years of a 12W LED bulb running continuously
- 2,332.8 solar panels produced
Sound Transit Lynwood Link Extension construction update

What’s happening this month:

EARLY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES for the Lynnwood Link Extension project are underway, with work recently beginning in Seattle and Shoreline. This is a major milestone to bringing light rail to north Seattle, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood by 2024.

As Sound Transit construction activity ramps up throughout the spring, expect to see the following:

- Demolition of select structures along the corridor
- Relocation of utilities
- Clearing and grading to prepare for construction of light rail infrastructure
- Ongoing closure of the North Jackson Park-and-Ride in Shoreline
- Closure of 5th Avenue NE south of NE 145th Street

The North Jackson park-and-ride will remain closed until construction is complete in 2024. Sound Transit recently opened new temporary park-and-ride lots at both Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church and at Phillippi Presbyterian Church. The North Jackson park-and-ride location will become the new South Shoreline/145th Station upon completion of the project and will include a new 500-stall parking garage.

Starting as early as this month, the 5th Avenue NE roadway between NE 130th Street and NE 145th Street, along Jackson Park Golf Course will close so Sound Transit crews can begin work in preparation for construction of the elevated guideway. The existing pedestrian path adjacent to the golf course will remain open. Local access between NE 130th Street and the south end of the golf course will be maintained. The I-5 off-ramps at NE 130th and NE 145th Streets will both remain open.

One of the most frequently asked questions from the community has been about Sound Transit’s tree replacement program along the alignment. Trees being removed will be replaced with over four times the number of trees that are being removed.

Update of Townhouse Design Standards

THE CITY IS looking to update the design standards for townhouses in Shoreline and we want to hear from you. In recent years our community has experienced increasing demand for this housing style. However, the current design standards for townhouses are generalized. By updating design standards specific to townhouse developments, we hope to ensure building and site designs fit with the community’s vision. Help us craft appropriate standards to implement the vision of connected and well-designed communities near transit by completing the visual preference survey available at shorelinewa.gov/townhousedesign.

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