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## Council places Proposition 1 on November Ballot:

**Bond measure to construct the Shoreline Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center (ShARCC) and make park and recreation improvements**

**ON JULY 29**, City Council approved placing Shoreline Proposition 1 on the November 5 general election ballot. Approval of Proposition 1 will allow the City to construct a new aquatics, recreation, and community center. It will also allow the City to make improvements to four community parks. The City would issue up to \$103,600,000 in general obligation bonds to be paid back through an increase in property taxes.

The new Shoreline Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center (ShARCC) would replace the almost 50-year-old Shoreline Pool and the 70 plus year-old Spartan Recreation Center. It would also provide space for senior programming currently located at the Shoreline Center.

The ShARCC would be approximately 75,000 square feet and include:

- Community spaces for classes, rentals, and informal gatherings.
- 6,000 square feet of space prioritized for senior programming, including a commercial kitchen for meal services.
- A two-court gymnasium and indoor walking and jogging track.
- Exercise and weight rooms.
- An activity pool with play features, such as a lazy river and splash-pad.
- A separate eight-lane lap pool for recreational and competitive swimming and diving; swim lessons; and shallow and deep-water exercise classes. There will also be a fully accessible viewing area for approximately 500 spectators.
- A courtyard for casual community gatherings and play.

The four neighborhood parks that would be improved are: Brugger's Bog, Hillwood, Richmond Highlands, and Briarcrest Community (east Hamlin). Park improvements would include such things as playgrounds, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, trails, and a fully accessible play area for people of all physical abilities.

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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber  
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

# Council selects a preferred option for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor

**OVER THE PAST YEAR**, we have engaged the community in developing a vision for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. The goal has been to have a corridor that meets the needs of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit. The 185<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is anchored by the future light rail station on the east side of Interstate 5 and created by three roads: N/NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, and NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street.

To date, the study team has assessed the corridor's existing conditions; conducted outreach events; and developed several draft roadway options for public input. Overall, a total of 375 people provided input through outreach events and an online survey. Using that input, we developed several examples of what mid-block sections would look like along the corridor.

On July 22, City Council selected a preferred option for mid-block cross sections of N/NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, and NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street. The N/NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street preferred option is below. You can view the preferred cross sections for 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street at shorelinewa.gov/185corridor.

We are currently refining the corridor concept and developing a timeline and funding strategy for getting it built. Council is scheduled to review and adopt the 185<sup>th</sup> Multimodal Corridor Strategy later this fall.

## MORE INFORMATION

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## STUDY AREA FOR 185<sup>TH</sup> STREET CORRIDOR STRATEGY



## N/NE 185<sup>TH</sup> STREET PREFERRED OPTION



# Crosswalk flashers and speed indicators installed near schools

**THIS SUMMER**, with a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, we installed crosswalk flashers and speed indicators around Echo Lake Elementary School and Shorewood High School. The purpose is to increase driver awareness of both speed and areas of concentrated pedestrian activity. This project is funded through a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

School crossing signs, speed signs, and other traffic calming devices remind drivers to treat the area with special care and attention. Properly designed and applied traffic calming devices encourage good motorist and pedestrian behavior in school zones. School Zone signs alert and educate drivers within the school zone. We installed the following signs as part of this project:

- Speed Limit signs announce school zone speed limits.
- School Zone advance warning and End School Zone signs alert drivers that they are entering or leaving the reduced speed limit area.
- School Crossing signs notify drivers of crosswalks.
- Flashers are installed to call attention to a critical traffic point.
- Radar Speed Signs (driver feedback signs) alert drivers to their actual speed, remind them of the speed limit, and are scientifically proven to reduce speeding.

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# Stay informed about light rail construction

**EARLY WORK** for the Lynnwood Link Extension has begun in and around Shoreline. Sound Transit expects to begin building the guideway and stations in late 2019. Subscribe to construction alerts and get advance notice of road and lane closures and other construction impacts at [soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://soundtransit.org/subscribe).

## 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE closure

The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE roadway between NE 131<sup>st</sup> Street and NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street, along Jackson Golf Course, will remain closed for the next three years. Sound Transit needs to close the road so crews can construct the elevated guideway for light rail.

## Interstate-5 northbound re-striping between 175<sup>th</sup> Street and State Route-104

Northbound I-5 from 175<sup>th</sup> Street to State Route-104 has been re-striping to widen the construction work zone on the shoulder of the freeway. Lanes on Interstate-5 were re-striping from 12 feet wide lanes to 11 feet wide to expand Sound Transit's work zone on the shoulder. Lanes were also shifted closer to the center median to better access the work zone during operable hours.

## Ronald Bog Park wetland mitigation work

Ronald Bog Park is closed as Sound Transit completes wetland mitigation. Sound Transit is using an area of Ronald Bog Park for a wetland mitigation site to replace wetlands affected by light rail construction. Enhancements to the park, including trail improvements will be made as part of the project. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the fall.

## MORE INFORMATION:

Subscribe to updates:  
[soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://soundtransit.org/subscribe)

Report issues:  
**24-hour construction hotline**  
1 (888) 298-2395

Project info:  
[soundtransit.org/lynnwoodlink](http://soundtransit.org/lynnwoodlink)

Questions?  
**Sound Transit Community Outreach**  
(206) 398-5300  
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## PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

### Plastic Shopping Bags

Do not put plastic bags in your curbside recycling cart. Loose bags can cause severe technical problems at recycling facilities, jamming gears on the conveyor belt.

You can recycle empty, clean, and dry plastic grocery bags for free at the Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station at 2300 N 165<sup>th</sup> Street. Many grocery and retail stores also accept clean plastic shopping bags for recycling.

## did you know?



Have some latex paint leftover from a project? You can recycle extra latex-based paints and stains at the Shoreline Recology store for \$0.84 per pound. Paint must be liquid and in its original container, with a limit of 5 containers per drop off. Collected paint is processed to make new paints, saving resources and keeping it out of the landfill.

### MORE INFORMATION

[recology.com/store](http://recology.com/store)



## Help keep our students safe

**IT'S SEPTEMBER**, which means kids are heading back to school. Please take a moment to review the traffic safety reminders below to help everyone stay safe in Shoreline.

**SPEED...** Slow down in school zones. Shoreline Police strictly enforce the posted 20 mph speeds.

**CROSSWALKS...** Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

**PEDESTRIANS...** Always try to use a marked crosswalk. Be aware of obstructions where drivers may not see you. Do not suddenly enter the roadway. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Remember to put down your phone, especially when crossing the street.

**CROSSING GUARDS...** Law requires you obey school crossing guards and school safety patrols.

**SCHOOL BUSES...** It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

**SEATBELTS...** Stay buckled until the vehicle stops! Drivers are responsible to ensure all children less than 16 years old are properly buckled up. Visit [800buckleup.org](http://800buckleup.org) for more info.

**CELL PHONES...** Drivers may not use hand-held cell phones while they are driving, stopped in traffic, or at a stop light. The first infraction costs at least \$136 and the second ticket within five years costs at least \$234. But more importantly, distracted driving is dangerous. Across the state and here in Shoreline, we have seen a significant increase in accidents caused by distracted drivers over the past few years.

**Be aware, be safe, buckle up, slow down, and put your phone down.**

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Although the exact amount of property taxes per household necessary to repay the bonds will depend on interest rates and property values, the City estimates the owner of a median valued home (\$480,000) could expect an annual increase in their property tax of approximately \$244, or \$20 a month, over what they are currently paying.

### MORE INFORMATION

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# King County Metro offers Community Ride and Community Van services

**LOOKING AHEAD** to future traffic constraints around the region, King County Metro continues to find ways to keep people moving. Since February, Metro's Community Ride and Community Van services have been serving residents in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. These new services provide community members with both an on-demand evening option and a reservation-based, group trip option for trips at other times of day.

## Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Ride shuttle: on-demand, evening transportation service

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Ride service covers Lake Forest Park and portions of eastern and central Shoreline, including Shoreline Community College. It provides on-demand, evening transportation service within the area.

The Community Ride service travels within a specified area instead of traveling along a fixed route with a set schedule. The service operates in the evenings only and allows residents to easily connect to local points of interest as well as transportation hubs. Community Ride addresses the loss of Metro route 331's evening service.

### How to use Community Ride

- Book trips on-demand using the Community Ride app or by phone at (855) 233-1880.
- Hours: Monday – Saturday 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- All Community Ride vehicles are wheelchair accessible and have bike racks.
- All standard Metro fares and payment methods apply, including ORCA, cash, paper transfers and mobile ticketing.

### MORE INFORMATION

[kingcounty.gov/metro](http://kingcounty.gov/metro)



## Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Van: 24/7 reservation-based, group trip transportation

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Van service provides group trips 24/7 and is reserved in advance. Group trip requests are made through a local Community Transportation Coordinator, which is provided by Hopelink's Shoreline office. The Community Transportation Coordinator finds a volunteer driver to fulfill the trip request and makes the transportation opportunity open to the community at large. The minimum group size is two riders plus a driver.

The service is available to any resident of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park. The service area is flexible; reserved trips must simply originate within the boundaries of the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

### How to use Community Van

- Schedule a trip at least 48 hours in advance by contacting [Communityvan@Hopelink.org](mailto:Communityvan@Hopelink.org) or (425) 943-6721.
- 12 passenger or 6 passenger vans available. ADA-equipped vans are available upon request.
- All monthly ORCA passes, including transfers, are accepted along with mobile tickets. Drivers are unable to accept cash payment.

### MORE INFORMATION

[hopelink.org/community-van](http://hopelink.org/community-van)

## Metro North Link Connections Mobility Project:

### Help Metro improve service in north King County

**METRO HAS AN OPPORTUNITY** to significantly improve the current transit network in north King County with the opening of three new Link light rail stations in north Seattle in 2021. The new light rail stations will connect Northgate, the University District, and Husky Stadium to the rest of the light rail system.

Metro will be making changes to bus routes and introducing new mobility options in north King County in order to connect people to light rail, respond to changing transportation needs, and improve mobility and access for historically underserved populations. Metro wants to hear from you. Go to King County Metro's website to see how you can provide your input.

### MORE INFORMATION

Learn more and provide input:  
[KingCounty.gov/metro](http://KingCounty.gov/metro)



# PARK RESTROOM UPGRADES

**AS PART** of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, we conducted a needs assessment of park restrooms. Most of our park restrooms were built during the County's Forward Thrust efforts in the 1970's and have become worn and outdated. Based on the needs assessment, we developed a sequence for park restroom upgrades. Each year, we allocate \$32,000 to completely renovate one park restroom.

To date, we have renovated the restrooms in these parks: Twin Ponds; lower Hamlin; upper Hamlin; and upper Saltwater Park. The next restroom scheduled for an upgrade is lower Saltwater Park.

We are also planning for two other restroom renovations. Concurrent with the Einstein Middle School reconstruction, we will completely replace the Hillwood Park restroom.

The restroom at Echo Lake has often been damaged by vandalism and has been a magnet for crime. It is currently closed due to a structure fire and is set to be demolished near the end of the year. We are planning on replacing it with a Portland Loo. Portland Loos are easier to maintain and harder to vandalize. They also have open slats at the tops and the bottom, so they are easier to monitor for illicit activity. We are also moving the restroom closer to the Interurban trail and the parking area so police and park patrons can better monitor it.

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## New play equipment for two parks

**THIS SUMMER**, we installed new play equipment in Twin Ponds Park and will begin installing new equipment at Shoreview Park later this month. Most public play equipment has a life span of roughly 15 to 20 years. The play equipment at Twin Ponds and Shoreview Parks had reached the end of their life cycles. Last year, Council approved funding almost \$650,000 in upgrades and replacement of play equipment at the two parks (three playgrounds total). In addition to the fun-themes incorporated into the new equipment, two of the sites will have new rubberized surfaces that not only provide additional safety, but also act as interactive features of the equipment and provide better access for individuals with mobility challenges.

We are fortunate to have a great park system here in Shoreline thanks to the support of Shoreline residents from across the city. Passage of the 2006 Park Bond allowed us to make significant investments in our park system and we have continued to make investments to ensure everyone in Shoreline, young and old, can enjoy being outdoors and active. The new play equipment at Twin Ponds and Shoreview Parks will be wonderful additions to the parks and the community.

## MORE INFORMATION

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## Artists in residence program coming to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

**BEGINNING NEXT YEAR**, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will play host to a different artist in residence every several months. With a \$20,000 Cultural Facilities grant from 4Culture, the City is in the process of refurbishing the vacant caretaker's cottage at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park into a space for artists to work and exhibit their art. Once refurbished, the caretaker's cottage, built in the 1960s, will include 700 sq. ft. of exhibition space in the house with a 200 sq. ft. adjacent studio space in the garage. The artists in residence won't live at the cottage but will have regular access to the space for up to three months. They will create a body of work in a variety of visual media and literary arts with an open thematic focus on landscape and/or the sea.

Once completed, the gallery space will be available for workshops, special events, exhibits, and receptions. In the future, the courtyard space outside could be improved for larger sculptural work to be displayed.

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# EnviroStars Green Business Program comes to Shoreline

**EnviroStars™** Local businesses earn recognition for environmental practices

**SIX LOCAL** Shoreline businesses recently achieved recognition through the EnviroStars Green Business Program for taking steps to protect the environment. EnviroStars is a free, statewide program that recognizes businesses for their efforts to protect the environment and employee health and safety. Businesses can apply online for recognition and access local resources, rebates, and incentives to help them make changes.

Shoreline joined the program in early 2019 and has been working with local businesses to help them earn recognition. Since then, six Shoreline businesses have earned recognition.

To earn recognition, a business must complete a sustainable practices checklist, which includes actions like replacing inefficient lighting with LEDs, composting food scraps, and switching to safer cleaning products. The checklist covers water and energy use, solid waste reduction, pollution prevention, transportation, and community actions. Businesses can earn three levels of recognition (Partner, Leader, or Champion) based on the number of sustainable actions they have taken. EnviroStars businesses receive a window cling and



*Janice Gedlund of Cogent Environmental Consulting LLC shows off her certificate as an EnviroStars Partner Green Business.*

certificate to post at their location and are recognized online at EnviroStars.org.

Jesse Boyett DDS, Meadowbrook Apartments, and the Ballinger Commons apartment community have each achieved the "Champion" level of recognition, which is the highest. Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center, 915ers, and Cogent Environmental Consulting LLC have earned the first level of recogni-

tion, which makes them EnviroStars "Partners".

Janice Gedlund of Cogent Environmental Consulting LLC already focuses on minimizing her company's carbon impact and having an eco-friendly office. She drives a Prius or works from home, buys carbon offsets for air travel, uses energy efficient equipment and lighting, and purchases recycled content supplies. However, the EnviroStars checklist helped her "look holistically at [her] household as well as [her] home-based office" to find that "there is always room for improvement." By following the EnviroStars checklist, Janice was able to downsize her garbage by expanding recycling and composting, conserve more water, and reduce her paper use.

## MORE INFORMATION

**EnviroStars recognition for your business**  
**(877) 220-7827**

**Local green business directory**  
**[EnviroStars.org](http://EnviroStars.org)**



*Jesse Boyett DDS earned recognition as an EnviroStars Champion Green Business for their advanced sustainable actions.*

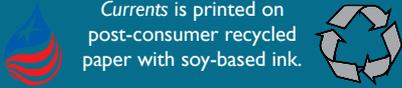


*Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center is an EnviroStars Partner Green Business*

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**FAMILY-FRIENDLY RUN/WALK**  
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