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Summer Capital Improvement Update

Almost done! As summer winds down into autumn, we are almost finished with our 2019 construction program. Some projects have been completed and others will continue into the first two weeks of October.

2019 Bituminous Surface Treatment – Completed Early! This year’s BST (chip seal) project was mainly located in the northwestern neighborhoods of Shoreline. Originally expected to continue into September, we completed our work to resurface the existing paving on about 15 streets in just over two weeks in July. This ongoing pavement preservation program is scheduled in odd-numbered years and is funded by the \$20 Vehicle license fee approved by City Council in 2009. Look for the next BST project in summer 2021.

School Walk Route Improvements – Completed. Just in time for back-to-school! Pedestrian warning signs, pedestrian activated crossing beacons, new striping, and radar speed-feedback signs are in place at Echo Lake Elementary and Shorewood High School. The project was made possible by a grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission – Thanks, WTSC!

Meridian Ave & N 155th Street Intersection Improvements - Continuing. In preparation for replacing the traffic signal system, we have completed all underground work; installed new curbs and gutters; and paved the intersection. We suspended construction work while we waited for the new traffic signal poles to be delivered in late September. We anticipate completing the project by early October. The completed work will include new curb ramps and sidewalk sections. This \$850,000 project is funded partly from a federal grant, with the remainder of the funding provided from vehicle license fees approved by City Council in 2009.

NE 175th Street Pavement Preservation - Continuing. We completed sidewalk repair and curb ramp reconstruction work in September. Weather permitting, repaving and restriping will occur the first week of October. The current four-lane configuration will remain. This approximately \$2 million project is partially funded by vehicle license fees approved by the City Council in 2009.

Thank you for your patience during the summer construction season and for your continued patience as we complete the work.

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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

Council unanimously opposes I- 976

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED Resolution No. 442 opposing Washington State Initiative 976 (I-976). If passed by voters, I-976 would remove the City's authority to impose vehicle license fees (VLF), which pay for Shoreline's pavement preservation program and our sidewalk rehabilitation program. It would also remove Sound Transit's authority to use vehicle license fees to pay for mass transit.

Passage of I-976 would significantly disrupt funding of roadway and sidewalk preservation projects and reduce funds for new transportation projects in the City as well as regionally. It would reverse City Council actions that implemented a \$20 VLF in 2009 that supports the City's pavement preservation program, and the \$20 VLF in 2018 that supports the repair and maintenance of our sidewalk network. In 2020, the combined VLFs are estimated to generate approximately \$1,660,000. Overall, while the VLF is currently only funding two programs, the loss of \$1,660,000 per year would have an impact on Shoreline's entire transportation program as the remaining revenue would not be adequate to fund pavement preservation, sidewalk rehabilitation, and other planned transportation projects.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

OCTOBER IS National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Shoreline joins thousands of other communities across the country in bringing attention to this important issue. Domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers. On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines from across the country receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of almost 15 calls every minute. Domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse. We partner with New Beginnings to provide shelter, advocacy and support to battered women and their children who live in Shoreline.

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse or you have questions about potential abuse, contact New Beginnings 24-hour help line at (206) 522-9472.



Two ballot drop boxes in Shoreline

King County Elections has provided two secure ballot drop boxes in Shoreline. Drop boxes will be open 24 hours a day beginning October 17.

LOCATIONS:

Shoreline Library
345 NE 175th Street

Shoreline Park & Ride
18821 Aurora Avenue N



The City's development agreement with Merlone Geier calls for nearly three acres of outdoor common spaces at Shoreline Place.

A revitalized Shoreline Place is coming into view!

OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, we have taken steps to help revitalize Shoreline Place (formerly the Sears-anchored Aurora Square shopping center). Property owners and the City are working in partnership to make the Shoreline Place Community Renewal Area (CRA) a vibrant place of commerce and community.

Over the next 10 to 20 years, the former Sears property at the center of Shoreline Place will be redeveloped by Merlone Geier Partners. The \$400-million redevelopment will include a mixed-use urban village of three new city blocks framed by a network of new, tree-lined streets; 75,000 square feet of retail; and 1,358 multi-family units.

Development Agreement

Due to the size and scope of the redevelopment, the City and Merlone Geier have entered into a development agreement. The development agreement will provide certainty to the City, the community, and Merlone Geier as to what will be built. To bring about

our long-held goal of increasing public gathering spaces in the CRA, the development agreement calls for nearly three acres of outdoor common spaces. The complete Development Agreement can be read in its entirety at shorelinewa.gov/shorelineplace.

With adoption of the development agreement, redevelopment will begin soon. The first phase will include approximately 17,000 square feet of commercial space in two buildings. They will be constructed as part of a new, prominent gateway plaza at the corner of 155th and Westminster Way.

Other projects of note in the Community Renewal Area

Trammel Crow's 330-Unit Alexan Shoreline Apartments, located adjacent to the Interurban Trail and across Westminster Way from Central Market and the Shoreline Farmers Market, is under construction. Opening is anticipated for late 2020.

Construction of a redesigned Westminster Way, including a redesigned

intersection with N 155th Street is underway. Completion is anticipated for next summer.

Washington State is also reinvesting in the CRA by renovating its Department of Transportation Regional Headquarters and welcoming the addition of hundreds of Washington State Department of Ecology employees. This increase in the daytime population in the CRA will be a big benefit for local eateries and other businesses.

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PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

Don't bag recyclables

Keep your recyclables loose and out of bags! When recyclable materials are placed in black and white plastic bags, drivers and sorters cannot see what's inside or if it's recyclable material. Due to safety concerns, those bags aren't opened. Instead they are sent to the landfill. Recycling should always be loose in your cart!

MORE INFORMATION

Recology CleanScapes - Shoreline
recology.com
(206) 763-4444

Learn how to be an expert recycler!

What Goes Where? Workshop
Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
The Recology Store Shoreline
15235 Aurora Avenue N Suite 102

JOIN RECYCLING EXPERTS at the Recology Store in Shoreline for a free "What Goes Where?" workshop. You'll get information on:

- Which materials you can place in your blue recycling bin;
- How to properly prepare your recyclables for collection; and
- Why proper sorting and preparation of your recyclables is so important.

You will also get expert tips and information to help make the recycling process easier and less time-consuming. This workshop takes place at the Recology Store where you'll find innovative tools to help you reduce waste! Items in the store are designed to replace disposable items, are made from recyclable materials, or provide education about waste reduction.

We hope to see you at the workshop and that you join our community effort to recycle right!

MORE INFORMATION

The Recology Store
(206) 417-3877

ADOPT-A-DRAIN

Help prevent flooding and protect Shoreline water quality

Do you have a storm drain near your house that gets blocked? You can help prevent flooding this winter by volunteering to "adopt" a drain on your street. Volunteers can check out a tool kit from the City to remove leaves and debris from on top of storm drains. City crews sweep streets to keep drains clear, but we could use your help, especially after storms! It's also a great way for students to fulfill volunteer requirements. To sign up, call the Surface Water Utility at (206) 801-2455.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain



Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by volunteering to keep stormwater drains clear.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Beyond the emergency kit: Continuing disaster preparedness

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, you may have to survive on your own for days without access to power, food, or transportation. You also may not be in “just the right place” when it happens. It is important to understand the needs of your family, your neighborhood, and your workplace beyond just the supplies needed to survive.

Here are some tips beyond just having a kit:

- Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel, or food.
- Document the valuables in your house and office. One great way to do this is to take pictures of the items with your phone (front, back and information stickers) and store them on a flash drive. Then, put the drive into an airtight bag or container and place it in your kit.
- Create and practice emergency plans! How will you contact loved ones? Does your family know what to do if you are not home? What if you cannot get home for an extended period of time? Who will take care of your pets? What if you have visitors from out of town in your home when disaster strikes? These are just some of the questions that you should consider when creating a plan. Don't just create the plan in your head. Write it, print it, and store it somewhere that can be easily accessed. Planning and practicing are essential preparedness actions.
- Have an emergency communications plan in place for your family, neighborhood, and office. Explore different methods of communication that may be accessible following a disaster, such as amateur radio.
- Get involved! With the assistance of the Shoreline Office of Emergency Management, you can organize your neighborhood into teams ready to assist each other in the event of a disaster with the Ready Shoreline program. We can provide disaster preparedness presentations to your neighborhood, social group, church, or office.
- Don't forget the Shoreline Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that is offered twice a year and can give you training on skills you might need to help your neighbors. For the amateur radio operators out there, consider joining the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) to help with communications during a disaster.

The truth is that there is no “one-size-fits-all” solution to being ready for disasters and emergencies. When preparing, make sure you pay attention to the individual and collective needs that may be unique to your situation.

MORE INFORMATION

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shorelinewa.gov/readystoreline

Build a basic emergency kit

CATASTROPHES CAN happen at any time. In an emergency situation such as a major storm or earthquake, it will likely be three to five days before rescue crews can get to you.

To assemble a basic emergency kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

Food and water should be your highest priority when you begin putting a kit together. You probably already have many of the other recommended items. Make a list of those you don't have and add one or two of them to your weekly shopping list until you have them all.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- Food - a three to five-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

**Download a recommended
supplies list at:**
ready.gov/build-a-kit



CityWise: City Government 101

Getting Down to Business

DURING THE FIRST six weeks of CityWise, participants learn about how the City serves the community. On the last night, they learn about how the City supports its own departments.

City Attorney's Office

The City Attorney's office provides legal advice and representation to City Council, the City Manager, City departments, and boards and commissions. They help minimize risk and improve the effectiveness of City operations.

Human Resources & Organizational Development

Human Resources works to attract, retain, and develop a professional and committed workforce. Starting with recruitment and selection, Human Resources provides ongoing resources including employee development and training; performance management and compliance; and reporting. They work closely with City staff to foster and support the City's organizational values.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Department (ASD) provides financial and information technology services. This includes budgeting, payroll, accounts payable, tech support, and information systems management. ASD is also responsible for the City's facilities and vehicles.

While talking about budgets may not seem like the most riveting presentation during CityWise, participants find it fully engaging. Before class, they work at home to prepare a budget with an online budget simulator. They then share their priorities, showing where they would increase, decrease, or maintain funding. A seemingly simple dot exercise on funding priorities poses more questions than it answers. Participants leave with a better understanding of the tradeoffs involved in creating a balanced, fair budget for the City.

They also learn that for every

property tax dollar collected in Shoreline, the City's share is only 12 cents. That fact makes the second part of the class even more compelling. How can economic development stimulate a robust economy in the City? Shoreline's Economic Development Manager discusses the importance of Placemaking Projects, such as strengthening the Aurora Corridor, catalyzing Shoreline Place, unlocking surplus property at Fircrest, and igniting light rail station area growth. He also talks about increasing the economic vitality of neighborhood commercial areas through enhanced identity, walkability, housing options, and access to goods and services.

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SHORELINE CITYWISE PROJECT

ARE YOU INTERESTED in learning more about the City of Shoreline? A new session of CityWise starts in January 2020, with applications available in mid-November.

Participants will gain insight into the wide range of services offered in Shoreline by engaging in informational and interactive sessions with elected representatives and City staff from a variety of City departments.

The Shoreline CityWise Project is free of charge. Watch Currents for details or visit shorelinewa.gov/citywise.



MORE INFORMATION
SHORELINEWA.GOV/CITYWISE

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ALONG THE CITY'S STREETS

THE CITY'S NEW Grounds Maintenance Team has been working throughout the summer managing vegetation in the City's rights-of-way (ROW). Unfortunately, maintenance techniques used by contractors in the past few years, specifically on Aurora, have left significant weed seed banks in our medians and landscape beds. It will take time to get ahead of new weed growth.

Because the City does not use herbicides as a routine maintenance practice, maintaining our ROW is labor intensive. Our team is dedicated to creating a more sustainable landscape and honoring the "Salmon-Safe" program initiatives. The team has been hand weeding the most problematic weeds while knocking down (weed whacking) the other weeds. As areas are fully hand-weeded, we are adding a layer of burlap and then mulch. The burlap will act as a weed barrier. As it slowly breaks down, it will also add additional nutrients into the soil for the plants.

Throughout the growing season the crew has been spending two days a week on 60 miles of ROW mowing. As the growing season comes to an end, we hope to see a significant amount of progress as we focus more time on the Aurora corridor so we will be better positioned for the start of the next growing season.

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The Grounds Maintenance Team at work in medians on 5th Avenue NE and N 175th Street.



Outreach and winter shelter for people experiencing homelessness

WORKING WITH other organizations, we are continuing to help people who are experiencing homelessness find shelter and housing. We currently provide funding to a North King County agency called Lake City Partners to support both street outreach and overnight winter shelter services.

The street outreach program provides a staff person to work directly with individuals who are living outdoors or in vehicles. The Outreach Specialist works with other community partners to help individuals and families receive funds for first and last months' rent or be assessed for public housing eligibility.

Winter shelter programs

The winter shelter program relies on a collection of churches to host the overnight program for one or two months each winter. This year, the North King County winter shelter will open on November 1 at Faith Lutheran Church in North Seattle. Over the course of the winter, it will move to the Seattle Mennonite Church, then Prince of Peace in Shoreline, and then back to Faith Lutheran for the month of February.

In addition, the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) is actively working to establish an additional overnight shelter resource to be activated during severe weather events, such as

the extended snow event of last winter. Details are still being finalized, but Shoreline Free Methodist Church has offered to host. NUHSA hopes to have the severe weather shelter available to be activated as needed no later than November 1. More information is available on their website at NUHSA.org.

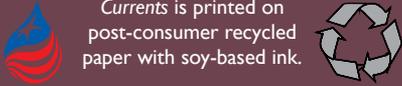
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