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Destination 2024: Preparing the City for light rail

BY NOW, everyone knows that light rail is coming to Shoreline in 2024. In preparation, we have been planning for changes that will come with it. The City Council has increased zoning densities around the two future stations (Shoreline South/145th and Shoreline North/185th) so that new housing and development can be focused around transit. To support future development, the City is also planning for transportation improvements to help get people to light rail and around the station areas.

There are eight different transportation projects linked to the opening of the Shoreline South/145th light rail station in 2024. The goal for all these projects is to ensure pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and auto traffic can get to and from the Shoreline South/145th Station as safely and efficiently as possible. The City is currently in varying stages of public outreach for the different projects. With so many projects occurring in the same area, it is sometimes helpful to step back and see the bigger picture of how all of these projects are interrelated. When we talk about a Destination 2024 project, know that we are referring to one of the eight transportation projects focused around the 145th corridor and the Shoreline South/145th light rail station.

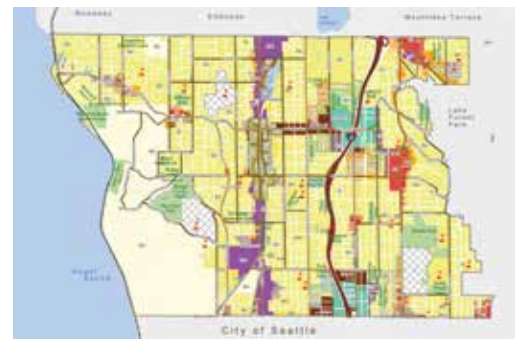
The eight projects are:

- 145th Corridor Project (I-5 to Aurora)
- 145th/I-5 Interchange Project
- 148th Street Non-Motorized (pedestrian and bike) Bridge
- 1st Avenue NE Sidewalks (145th to 155th Streets)
- 5th Avenue Rechannelization
- Off-Corridor Bike Network
- SR 522/523 (Bothell/Lake City Way) and 145th Street BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Trail Along the Rail

To learn more about each project and to see how they all fit together, go to shorelinewa.gov/destination2024 and click on the links in the interactive map.

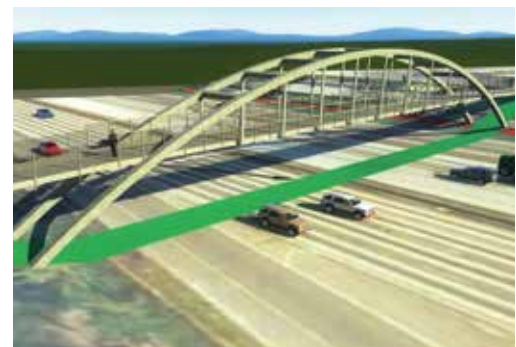
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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

Planning provides a vision for the community today - and in the future

THE GOAL OF CITY PLANNING is to maximize the health, safety, and economic well-being of all people living in our community. This involves thinking about how we can move around our city; how we can attract and retain thriving businesses; where we want to live; and opportunities for recreation. Planning helps create communities of lasting value.

One of the greatest challenges for us all is to imagine what can and should happen to our community. How should the community grow and change? What should it offer residents 10, 15, or even 20 years into the future? While architects often focus on a single building, a planner's job is to work with residents and elected officials to develop a vision that guides the layout of an entire community or region.

Planners take a broad view and look at how the pieces of a community — buildings, roads, and parks — fit together like pieces of a puzzle. This becomes a comprehensive plan, or blueprint, for where and how the City should grow in the coming decades. In Washington State, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that each city coordinate its comprehensive plan with the county and neighboring cities and towns to protect the environment and provide for efficient roads, schools, and utilities.

Next is the development of a zoning map that shows where the different types of property use can go, such as residential or commercial. With the zoning map comes a zoning code that describes how tall buildings can be, how many trees must be kept or planted on a property, and how much parking is required, among other standards. New development, such as transit stations, homes, and stores, must be designed to meet these plans and codes. This ensures that the city's vision becomes tomorrow's reality.

Communities that do not plan are often forced to deal with problems reactively. Perhaps more importantly, though, they are less likely to seize opportunities for transformative and positive change. Plans based on the best available information and the most inclusive processes will provide economic, environmental, and social benefits that far outweigh the investment of resources in the planning process.

How to make your voice heard

Planning is successful when it is inclusive and reflects the comprehensive values of the entire community. While individuals can have conflicting values and priorities, in many communities there is general agreement about a wide range of issues and opportunities. How can you get involved? Provide your input to help guide Shoreline forward.

Over the next few years, Shoreline will be updating its Comprehensive Plan, Housing Action Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Transportation Master Plan. Your voice will have the most impact if you participate in the development of these "big picture" plans that shape what is allowed and where. By the time a specific development project is submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department for a permit, the opportunity to affect the project's outcome is limited.

City staff will hold open houses, send out surveys, and be available at community events to gather your input, ask questions, and help prioritize community initiatives. Keep an eye on long-range planning on our website or look in Currents for project updates, timelines, and notices. We hope that you will share your thoughts, join with your neighbors, and help make Shoreline the best it can be.

MORE INFORMATION

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Census Day is April 1; are you ready to complete the Census?

EVERY TEN YEARS, the federal government is required by the United States Constitution to count every person in the country. The population counts and associated data (age, race, gender, homeownership, and family size) is used to distribute money for hundreds of state and federal programs; divide voting districts and electoral college representation; and plan for future community needs, such as schools and senior services. It is estimated that for every family that is missed by the census, the state loses approximately \$4,800. Washington State receives approximately \$13.7 billion annually for the 16 biggest federal programs. That funding is guided by Census counts. An additional \$200 million from the Washington state general fund is allocated based on the Census as well.

Count everyone in the household

We only get our fair share of resources when every person in our community is counted. So, when you receive your formal invitation from the Census Bureau to complete the Census online, be sure to fill it out completely for every member of your family! Don't forget kids and babies. Within the next few weeks, every household will get a letter from the Census Bureau with a link to the secure website and a code called the "Census ID." You'll enter this code on the website as another way of verifying which households have completed the census. But don't worry, if you do not receive a letter or it gets misplaced, you can still complete the Census without the code. Households can also request to complete the Census online, by phone, or by mail in any of 13 available languages.

Census Day

The official "Census Day" is April 1, but the survey will be available online from mid-March through June. For individuals and families in group living arrangements or those who are living unsheltered, the Census will coordinate an effort with dormitories, barracks, and shelter operators to count everyone where they are on April 1. During the months of May, June, and July, households that have not yet completed the Census will receive several reminders in the mail, followed by visits from Census takers to encourage complete responses.

The results from the Census will start to become available in December, when the Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress. States will receive their redistricting counts next March to redraw voting districts.

Beware of scams

Don't forget, the Census will not ask for your social security number, citizenship status, or banking information. Your personal data will be protected and can only be used to create statistics.

In addition to doing your part to complete the Census, you can help our community get a full count by encouraging your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate.

MORE INFORMATION

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METRO NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON PROPOSED ROUTE CHANGES

North Link Connections Mobility Project

METRO HAS an opportunity to significantly improve the current transit network in north King County with the opening of the three new Link light rail stations in north Seattle in 2021. Feedback gathered during Phase 1 helped Metro better understand the mobility needs and priorities in north King County.

From what Metro heard, some themes became evident, including:

- Improving east-west connections to move people across town.
- Ensuring that travel time is either faster or stays the same.
- Improving connections to hospitals and medical facilities like Seattle Children's Hospital, the University of Washington Medical Center, and facilities on First Hill.
- Improving connections to new markets like South Lake Union.
- Ensuring that transfers bus to bus and bus to Link light rail are easy to understand and easy to do.

During Phase 2, Metro wants to hear your feedback on the proposed changes. To learn more and to take a survey to provide feedback, visit Metro's North Link Connections Mobility Project webpage at kingcounty.gov/metro

MORE INFORMATION
kingcounty.gov/metro

175TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 28
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Aurora Community Church
1900 N 175th Street

PLEASE JOIN US at an open house for the N 175th Street Corridor Improvements Project.

We will share design concepts for the corridor (Stone Avenue N to I-5) that address the feedback we heard when we asked the community for input last spring, including from people who live along the corridor, local businesses, community organizations, and people who travel on 175th Street.

This is the most critical time in our design process for you to let us know your thoughts on the concepts. We want to know what you think we are missing as we work on refining the design and moving toward a final concept.

Can't attend but want to participate? Visit shorelinewa.gov/175corridor for more details about the project, opportunities to view the design concepts, and to provide feedback online starting April 27.

About the project

The 175th Street corridor is one of Shoreline's most active east-west arterials. N 175th Street between Stone Avenue and I-5 needs to be improved to make it easier and safer for all corridor users. Improvements may include measures to reduce traffic congestion, completion of the sidewalk network, adding on-corridor or parallel bicycle facilities, and development of an overall design that supports the increased use of the corridor.

MORE INFORMATION

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N 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge Project Open House

Tuesday, April 7, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Presentation at 5:45 p.m.)
Parkwood Elementary School Cafeteria, 1815 N 155th Street

AS CHANGES OCCURR around the light rail station areas, it will be important for people to get to the stations safely and efficiently. This includes strengthening non-motorized connections. One such project is to build a pedestrian and bike crossing over I-5 at N 148th Street.

Based on a study conducted in 2016 and 2017, a bridge crossing I-5 in the area of N 148th Street provides the shortest, most direct access to the Shoreline South/145th Station from neighborhoods west of I-5; draws the most potential users; and is the lowest cost alternative.

What's happening now?

Design work for the bridge began in the summer of 2019 and consists of three main parts:

- Bridge span over I-5: What type of bridge will be built?
- West trail connection: How will the bridge connect to 1st Avenue NE?
- East bridge landing: How will the bridge connect to the new transit center on the east side of I-5?

For each part of the project design, we are reviewing several options. Based on technical needs and community input, we will select a preferred alternative design for the bridge later this spring. The City is continuing to seek funding to fully fund this project. If successful, construction will begin in 2022 and be complete in 2023 before the new light rail station opens.

How to get involved and provide input

We need your feedback on each option for the bridge span over I-5, the west trail connection, and the east bridge landing. We also want your feedback as we develop the key criteria for selecting a preferred alternative. We will be hosting several events and online forums throughout the design process. We will report what we hear from you as we move through each stage. We look forward to your participation!

Can't attend the open house in person?

Please visit our online open house where you can learn more about the project, see the design concepts we're considering, and provide feedback.

Online Open House

April 7 through April 24
148thbridge.infocommunity.org

MORE INFORMATION:

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City seeks new youth members for PRCS/Tree Board

WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for two youth volunteers, age 15 to 19, to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS/Tree) Board. The term of service begins September 24, 2020 and ends June 24, 2021.

Youth Board Members must live in Shoreline and are appointed by the City Council to serve one-year terms that coincide with the school calendar. At the end of each year, the youth board member may request reappointment for an additional year for a maximum service of four years, or until they reach the age limit.

Applicants must complete a Shoreline Community Services Application online at shorelinewa.gov/parkboard or pick up a paper copy from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (17500 Midvale Avenue N). Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020.

The PRCS/Tree Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks, recreation, public art, and environmental issues. Meetings are held at City Hall on the fourth Thursday of the month from January through October and the first Thursday in December. Meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/parkboard

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New Summer Camp Payment Options

Pay for camp in three monthly payments!

WE RECENTLY MADE CHANGES to our summer camp registration process to make it more equitable. Instead of having to pay for camps in full at the time of registration, people can now make payments over a three-month period.

Providing equitable access to City programs and services is a priority for us. Unfortunately, some of our current policies do not create equitable outcomes. One such policy impacts who gets to partake in one of our most popular programs – summer camps. Prior to changing our policy, 100% of the summer camp fee was required at the time of registration. Requiring payment in full at the time of summer camp registration creates an obstacle for many families. Since summer camps fill quickly, those who have the financial resources to pay in full at the time of registration have a clear advantage over those who do not.

The new process requires a non-refundable deposit for each registration at the time of registration, with three subsequent payments to be made over a three-month period. Extending the payment time allows people who do not have the full payment amount available in March to still register before camps fill up.

MORE INFORMATION

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EASTSIDE OFF LEASH DOG AREA TO REMAIN OPEN – FOR NOW

AS 2019 ENDED, the City and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) came to an agreement about extending the current lease on the Fircrest Campus for an off-leash area for dogs. DSHS had previously slated the dog park for closure on New Year's Day. The extension will run only through June 30, 2020. The City and DSHS are continuing discussions regarding the possibility of a longer-term arrangement.

MORE INFORMATION

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TWIN PONDS GIVING GARDEN

DO YOU LOVE gardening or are you looking for a way to give back to your community? The volunteer-run Twin Ponds Giving Garden grows over 2,000 pounds of organic produce for area food banks each year. Volunteering at the garden is a great way to meet like-minded people, learn about growing vegetables, and contribute to the ongoing effort to support our neighbors with nutritious, organically produced food. Volunteers are needed to grow, water, harvest, and deliver produce from March through November each year.

MORE INFORMATION

twinpondsgarden@gmail.com

Twin Ponds Park Community Garden
15401 1st Avenue NE



PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

ELECTRONIC WASTE, or e-waste, including computers, monitors, and televisions, are not allowed in recycling or garbage carts. They contain toxic materials that can be hazardous to human health and the environment. Recology offers free curbside collection of small electronics for single-family residential customers in Shoreline. You can also bring these items to the Shoreline Recology Store.

MORE INFORMATION

Shoreline Recology Store
15235 Aurora Ave N, 206-417-3877



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TAKE OUR FUN, informative online quiz about recycling. You might be surprised at how you stack up!

Confused about recycling? The new resource also includes an interactive recycling guide. With information about what goes in your blue cart, what goes in the compost, and how to deal with difficult items, the new guide is a handy resource to get your recycling questions answered all in one place.

Try the quiz at shorelinewa.gov/recycling!



did you know?

RAIN GARDENS are beautiful landscape features that help improve drainage by soaking up excess rainwater. They act like a natural filter to clean dirty runoff, helping protect clean water in our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. The City offers rebates of up to \$2,000 for home or business owners in Shoreline to install a rain garden or native vegetation landscaping feature on their property. To schedule a free site consultation, contact the Shoreline Surface Water Utility at 206-801-2478 or visit shorelinewa.gov/soakitup.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/soakitup
206-801-2478

Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail Update

Drilling Begins

You may have noticed big changes are afoot now that Sound Transit has begun work to construct the guideway, or track. Crews have completed the first drilled shaft at Northgate Way and 1st Avenue NE. These shafts will hold the columns that will support the future stations and guideway.

5th Avenue Northeast Re-alignment

Sound Transit is installing a new traffic circle at NE 185th Street and 10th Avenue. The traffic circle will reduce traffic congestion during the re-alignment of 5th Avenue NE and NE 185th. **Fifth Avenue will be fully closed from 183rd to 185th for approximately two years.** From 180th to 183rd, 5th will be local access only. We suggest using signed detour routes to avoid traffic.

MORE INFORMATION

Subscribe to updates:
soundtransit.org/subscribe

Report Issues:
24-hour construction hotline
1-888-298-2395

Questions?
Sound Transit Community Outreach
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Local sales tax credits and affordable housing

DURING THE 2019 Washington State Legislative Session, legislators made the issue of homelessness and affordable housing one of their highest priorities. They recognized that cities and counties are on the front line when it comes to tackling these issues, and they voted to share a portion of the existing state sales tax to help fund local efforts.

The City is taking advantage of this new law to bring more resources to bear on this challenging local and regional issue. At their October 28, 2019, meeting, the City Council voted to receive a tax credit of 0.0073% of taxable retail sales, which translates into an estimated \$86,000 per year; the credit is in place for the next 20 years. This is not a new sales tax but a reallocation of existing state sales tax funds to cities.

For a smaller city like Shoreline, there are three possible uses for these funds:

- Acquiring, rehabilitating, or constructing affordable housing;
- Operations and maintenance of new affordable or supportive housing facilities; or
- Rental assistance to tenants who are at or below 60% of the county median income.

At its February 10 meeting, City Council directed staff to use the funds for rental assistance. The City currently contributes \$27,000 to Hopelink's Financial Assistance Resiliency Program, which provides rental assistance and other financial support to Shoreline households at risk of homelessness. This new \$86,000 is expected to provide rental assistance support to approximately 60 additional Shoreline households over the course of a year. This is a significant increase in funding focused on preventing homelessness for Shoreline residents.

MORE INFORMATION

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FREE TAX PREP

DID YOU KNOW many families are eligible for valuable tax credits every year? To get these credits, you must file a tax return (even if you do not owe any income tax). To help ensure you claim all the tax credits you are entitled to, come to one of the free tax preparation sessions sponsored by United Way of King County.

Free tax preparation services

If you earned less than \$66,000 in 2019, you can use United Way of King County's free tax preparation services. For a list of all tax sites for King County or to find sites serving non-English speakers, call 211 or go to freetaxexperts.org.

Available through April 18.

File for free online

If you don't need in-person tax help, simply visit MyFreeTaxes.com where you can quickly and easily file your taxes online for free.



FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS & VENDOR FAIR

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28, and May 19

6:00 to 8:00 p.m., City Hall lobby

RSVP: shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement

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

Technical reviewers are available by appointment to help with questions regarding your house, property, land uses, and street as well as City requirements and permit information.

We're also offering a vendor fair of building, design, and construction related resources. These vendors include architects, contractors, lending institutions, materials suppliers, and other design consultants. No appointment is needed for the vendor fair, so feel free to stop by between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION & RSVP:

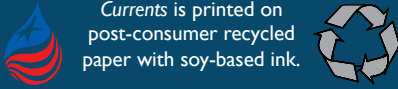
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