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Overlay marks first step of Shoreline's North City Project

Construction on the major street improvements planned for North City is set to begin late this year and changes are already underway.

During July, the City of Shoreline resurfaced 15th Avenue Northeast between North 152nd and 160th Streets in anticipation of new striping. New striping reconfiguring 15th Avenue Northeast into two through-lanes with a two-way left turn lane in the middle and bike lanes on each side between North 150th and 175th Streets is expected in early September.

Shoreline's North City Project includes improvements to

the commercial area aimed at revitalizing the shopping district as well as rechannelization and pedestrian safety improvements along the entire 15th Ave. NE corridor.

When the project is complete, 15th Avenue Northeast will be three lanes from North 150th Street to just north of North 180th Street. The portion from North 175th to 180th Streets will be rechannelized as part of the 2004 construction of the business district improvements.

"The North City neighborhood and business district have put in a lot of time and energy

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Hats off to Shoreline!

Shoreline marks its eighth year as a City at Celebrate Shoreline on Saturday, Aug. 16 with a parade and festival.

For more Celebrate Shoreline details see page 6.



Master plans help City plan the future

Although Shoreline is a relatively new city, it has been an established community for many years. Our roads, surface water facilities and parks are now showing their age in many places.

Shoreline spent its first years making the most critical fixes to these systems – many of them through small construction projects that could bring immediate relief to problems residents had been enduring for many years. Now it is time for the City to plan for bigger projects and it needs your help.



This fall, the City of Shoreline will begin developing Master Plans for transportation, surface water facilities and parks, recreation and open spaces. The City will also be completing a major update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Master plans look at the whole system – whether it is for transportation or surface water — to identify problems, prioritize needs and develop long-term solutions that are in line with community priorities and what the City can financially afford.

How these systems affect our environment will also be an important component of the master plans. For example, the scope of the surface water plan will include analysis of habitat in relation to the control and treatment of storm water.

"We will be looking at ways to protect or enhance environ-

mental resources as part of these comprehensive plans," explains Shoreline Planning and Development Services Director Tim Stewart.

An important part of the master plan process is hearing from the community. You are the ones who drive on the roads everyday, play in the parks and see where the water flows in your neighborhood during rain storms. The City needs you to not only help identify problem areas and suggest solutions, but also to weigh-in on what our community's priorities should be over the coming years.

"These plans will provide factual data that will help the City make the best use of our resources," says Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen. "Since the plans will guide future City Council decisions, it is important that the community take an active role in the process."



At its July 14 meeting, Shoreline City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for \$500,000 with Berryman and Henigar, Inc., to complete the update to the Comprehensive Plan and develop the Transportation and Surface Water Master Plans. The City will coordinate the development of these plans with the development of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan which is already underway. (See related story on page 3.)



Now that the contract has been approved, City staff will work with the contractor to finalize the details of the public involvement process. A public kick-off meet-

ing is tentatively scheduled for mid- to late-September when people are back from summer vacations and following the start of the school year.

The Planning Commission will also play a major role in the process. Look for more information about upcoming meetings on the City of Shoreline's Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com, in the City's biweekly column-style ad in the Shoreline Enterprise and on Shoreline's government access cable channel 21. Those who are interested in receiving email updates about the master plans and Comprehensive Plan updates including information about public involvement opportunities, can log on to <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/directory/email/index.cfm> to add their name to the Comprehensive Plan/Master Plan email subscription list.

The draft master plans and draft Comprehensive Plan update are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year and Planning Commission public hearings are expected to be held in the spring of 2004. For more information about the master plans or Comprehensive Plan update, contact Anna Kolousek, Assistant Director of Shoreline Planning and Development Services at (206) 546-8805.

Preliminary parks survey results show interest in more trails and walking paths

Shoreline staff recently shared the preliminary results of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services survey that was completed by over 500 randomly selected Shoreline residents in June. The survey was conducted as part of the "needs assessment" phase of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update now underway.

The survey is just one way Shoreline is gathering information from the community about its values and vision for park facilities, programs and services. The City has already held stakeholder meetings and a large focus group. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board is playing a major role in the update. More community input will be gathered in collaboration with the other master plans being developed by Shoreline (see related story on page 1).

"The parks update will be coordinated with the development of the other master plans not only in the public involvement process, but also in the environmental reviews because parks, surface water and transportation are so connected," explains Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry. "We will also be coordinating on policy revisions to the Comprehensive Plan to ensure we don't have conflicting policies."

The City is taking a three-step approach in updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan. The first step in-

cludes inventorying and assessing existing facilities, programs and services. The second consists of gathering community input about values and vision for the parks system. The final step is developing a strategy of how to proceed with the plan that bal-

ances community needs with City resources.

The City expects a draft plan update to be completed by the end of this year or early next year.

For more information about the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan update, contact

Parks survey highlights

Most important park facility needs:

- Trails
- Small neighborhood parks
- Natural areas/nature trails
- Large community parks

Most important improvements:

- Upgrade existing neighborhood parks, playgrounds, shelters
- Upgrade natural areas and nature trails
- Upgrade Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
- Improved shoreline and beach access

How park money should be allocated:

- Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, facilities
- Improvements/maintenance of specialty parks
- Acquisition & development of walking/biking trails, greenways

Walking map now available

The City of Shoreline has teamed up with Seattle & King County Public Health to create the first walking map of Shoreline.

"These maps provide an additional catalyst to get our community outside and walking," said Carolyn Edmonds, chair of the Board of Health and King County Councilmember. "Walking instead of driving is an excellent alternative. By walking we promote our health, meet more

neighbors, build community and decrease traffic congestion and pollution."

Maps are available at Shoreline City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.), Spartan Gym (18560 First Ave. NE) and Shoreline Pool (19030 First Ave. NE). Or visit <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/parks/index.cfm> to download a PDF version of the map. For more information, call Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5541.

2004 City of Shoreline budget preview

As summer winds down, City of Shoreline departments are beginning to develop 2004 spending plans.

Although the City's preliminary 2004 base operating budget is estimated to be 3 percent below the adopted 2003 budget, the 2004 proposed budget will also be affected by lower projected revenues.

Initial financial forecasts indicate that, beginning in 2004, the City's ongoing expenditures will exceed ongoing revenues. The City will be forced to either increase revenues and/or decrease expenditures to balance the budget.

"The City Council's conservative budgeting through the years has left Shoreline in a better position than many of our neighboring jurisdictions," says Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen. "But the downturn in the economy paired with recent voter initiatives to limit revenues that we counted on to provide basic City services will mean that we may have to make some tough choices in an already lean budget."

City Manager Steve Burkett will present the proposed 2004 budget to the City Council Oct. 20. The first public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 27 with a second hearing Nov. 10. Adoption of the 2004 budget and property tax levy is slated for Nov. 24.

Look for more budget news in the October issue of Currents which will be a "special issue"

devoted to the City's budget. For more information about the City budget and the adoption sched-

ule, contact Senior Budget Analyst Patti Rader at (206) 546-1724.

Shoreline City Council sets goals for 2003-2004

Each year, the Shoreline City Council meets to determine priorities for the following year. These priorities become City Council Work Plan Goals that guide budget development and provide staff direction.

As the legislative and governing body of the City of Shoreline, the City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and goals, determining service levels and allocating resources. It has the authority to adopt laws and ordinances as needed to conduct City business and appoints a City Manager to implement its policies and programs.

At its June 9 regular meeting, the Shoreline City Council adopted its 2003-2004 Work Plan, which includes nine goals:

- 1. Work toward completing the Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail projects;**
- 2. Enhance our program for safe and friendly streets;**
- 3. Update elements of the Comprehensive Plan including environmental, surface water, transportation and parks and open space;**
- 4. Improve storm drainage system at Ronald Bog and 3rd Ave. NW;**
- 5. Review and act upon the Bond Advisory Committee recommendations;**
- 6. Implement an active economic improvement plan;**
- 7. Implement the City Hall project;**
- 8. Implement Gateway Master Plan to enhance community identity;**
- 9. Support and pursue King County's proposed improvements to the sold waste transfer station.**

Short-term Ronald Bog drainage improvements provided immediate flood relief last winter

Ronald Bog is a visible part of the Thornton Creek Watershed, which runs through Shoreline and Seattle into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach. Flooding problems in Shoreline's area of the watershed — which affect 15 to 20 homes each year — are caused primarily by inadequate and out-of-date storm water control systems.

In 2003, the City of Shoreline will be developing a Surface Water Master Plan that will evaluate and recommend solutions for flooding problems and drainage issues throughout the City, including areas around Ronald Bog.

The Ronald Bog Drainage Improvement Project previously approved by City Council has been put on hold until the Master Plan is complete (See related story on page 2).

In the meantime, short-term improvements offering surrounding areas immediate relief from flooding have been completed and additional improvements are being designed.

Improvements include:

- The City cleared debris and roots from the storm drainage pipes in two locations: south of Ronald Bog and the vicinity of 10th Avenue NE at NE 175th Street. Both pipes were checked for damage via videotaping devices.



Crews with vector trucks cleaned out catch basins and storm lines to remove debris and roots from storm drainage pipes, ensuring that existing drainage systems work to their peak potential.

- The City created a temporary berm of eco-blocks at the outlet of Ronald Bog to provide winter flood protection.

- This year pipes will be repaired or replaced in two locations: (1) NE 175th Street be-

tween 10th and 12th Avenues NE and north on 10th Avenue NE from NE 175th Street to NE 177th Place and; (2) NE Serpentine Place from 5th Avenue NE west to NE 175th Street.

- The City is also designing a sidewalk on the south side of NE 175th Street between 10th and 12th Avenues NE where the drainage improvements are taking place.

Construction of these improvements is expected to begin this fall. For more information about the Ronald Bog Drainage Improvement Project, contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-1700.

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into working with their neighbors and the City on this plan and I am happy to see their efforts becoming a reality," says Shoreline Deputy Mayor Kevin Grossman.

City staff has also been working with the residents along North 168th Street and North 177th Street to finalize the plans for neighborhood traffic mitigation. These two areas were identified in the ordinance creating the North City Subarea Plan to have traffic mitigation improvements made before the business district improvements were built. The budget for the North City Project also has funds reserved

to make necessary traffic mitigation improvements after the project is complete based on new traffic patterns.

Approximately \$5.96 million has been allocated in Shoreline's Capital Improvement Program for design and construction of improvements in the district and along the 15th Ave. NE corridor.

For more information about the North City Project, call the North City Project line at (206) 533-2280, email northcity@ci.shoreline.wa.us or visit www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/northcity/index.cfm.



Celebrate Shoreline's eighth year on Aug. 16

Join friends and neighbors at Shoreline's big birthday bash, Celebrate Shoreline on Saturday, Aug. 16. This annual event marks Shoreline's eighth year as a City and begins with a parade at 11:00 a.m. on 15th Ave. NE.

The parade begins at St. Mark's School (N. 180th St. and 15th Ave. NE) and disperses at Ridgecrest Elementary School (16516 10th Ave. NE), the site of the Celebrate Shoreline Festival.

The Festival is full of family fun including live mu-

sic, food vendors, community booths, face painting, hands-on art projects, inflatable toys and an arts and crafts market. The festival also includes the Cruise in Car Show at Ridgecrest Elementary from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Shoreline Parade road closures

Although the parade begins at 11:00 a.m., the following streets will be closed for the Celebrate Shoreline parade from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16.

- 15th Ave. NE from NE 155th St. north to 24th Ave. NE
- 15th Pl. NE north of NE 180th St.
- NE 165 St. from 10th NE to 15th NE
- NE 158 at 15th Ave. NE (on West side of 15th NE)
- NE 162 at 15th Ave. NE (on West side of 15th NE)
- NE 166 at 15th Ave. NE (on East side of 15th NE)
- NE 168 at 15th Ave. NE (on East and West sides of 15th NE)
- NE 169 at 15th Ave. NE (on West and East sides of 15th NE)
- NE 170 at 15th Ave. NE (on West and East side of 15th NE)
- NE 171 at 15th Ave. NE (on East side of 15th NE)
- NE 172 at 15th Ave. NE (on East side of 15th NE)
- NE 175 at 15th Ave. NE (on West and East sides of 15th NE)
- NE 177 at 15th Ave. NE (on East side of 15th NE)
- NE 180 at 15th Ave. NE (on West side of 15th NE)
- 11th Ave. NE at NE 165th (South side of 165th)
- 12th Ave. NE at NE 165th (South side of 165th)
- 14th Ave. NE at NE 165th (South side of 165th)



Safety reminders to start off the school year

Traffic and pedestrian safety is important all year. With school beginning again in a couple of weeks, the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Police would like to remind you and your family how to be a safer driver, pedestrian and bicyclist.

Expect the unexpected

- stay alert. Whether you are walking, driving or riding, do not take anyone else's actions for granted. Just because they are "supposed" to do something does not mean that they will. Incorrect assumptions can cause accidents.

As a driver

- Drive the speed limit. Speed limits are in place to make our roads safer. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit

on residential streets is 25 mph.

- Yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right-of-way at intersections whether or not there is a painted crosswalk.
- Stop at a crosswalk when other cars are stopped. Assume there is a pedestrian, even if you don't see one.

As a pedestrian

- Walk facing traffic on sidewalks or paths.
- Cross only at crosswalks or intersections.
- Stop at the edge of the road before crossing the street.
- Walk, never run, across the street. Do not try to "beat" an oncoming car – cars are moving faster than they appear to be.
- Look left, right and then left again. Keep looking both ways until safely across the street.

- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a car. If you are not sure the driver sees you, let the car pass.

- Wear bright clothing and/or reflective material at night.
- Consider walking with your child on his or her route to school at least once to point out "danger spots" and offer safety advice.

As a bicyclist

- Ride with traffic on the right hand side of the street.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals and use proper hand signals.
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicles.
- Stop at intersections. Walk your bike across busy intersections.
- Protect your head by wearing a properly adjusted helmet.

Shoreline's next Clean Sweep Recycling Event

The City of Shoreline is planning to host its Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event in October, to help residents clean their homes of items that can be recycled and/or reused. Some items, such as computer monitors and TVs, may require a small cash fee; other products, such as cellphones and bulky yard waste, can be recycled for free. Watch for specific details in the flyer that will be mailed to your home.

To encourage the sustainable use of resources through recycling, the City will be expanding

its recycling collection services, beginning in Spring 2004. Many items, such as fluorescent light bulbs, are now banned from curbside garbage and disposal at the landfill. In order to provide this increasing support to residents, the City will stop accepting bulky garbage at Recycling Events, beginning in Spring 2004.

Please note: The fall event will be the last to offer disposal of large, bulky garbage. After the fall event, residents can take their garbage items to the First Northeast Transfer Station in Shoreline, or they can schedule

a curbside pick-up by calling Waste Management.

For more information about proper disposal of recyclables or hazardous waste, log on to the City of Shoreline Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com, and download "Where to Take It," or pick up a copy of Shoreline's "Guide to Recycling" at City Hall, 17544 Midvale Ave. N. You may also call Shoreline's Recycling Intern at (206) 546-2659, or visit www.metrokc.gov/swd.

Watch for your flyer in the mail, with more information about the Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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www.cityofshoreline.com

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