



## SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2017  
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 · Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

### King County Councilmember Dembowski

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 5:45 p.m.
2. **AGENDA ITEM**
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - Discussion of County Plans and Initiatives
3. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:45 p.m.

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## Memorandum

**DATE:** March 27, 2017

**TO:** Shoreline City Council  
Debbie Tarry, City Manager

**FROM:** Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**RE:** Dinner Meeting with King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski

**CC:** John Norris, Assistant City Manager

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King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski will attend the March 27, 2017 dinner meeting with the City Council. Staff has worked with Councilmember Dembowski's office to put together an agenda for the meeting. While Councilmember Dembowski and his staff regularly check in with the City informally, the Council hosts dinner with him at least on an annual basis to have an opportunity to all meet together and discuss issues that affect both Shoreline and King County.

The County is working on a number of planning processes, initiatives and implementation of existing programs presently, including a joint effort to develop low-income housing in Shoreline; implementation of the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) and Best Starts for Kids Levies, and Metro Connects (Metro long range plan); partnering on the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project; regional planning process around county roads and land conservation; and an update on the Westpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This memo provides a brief synopsis of the topics and some questions and/or discussion items for Council to consider which may generate discussion. As always, the questions and discussion points are suggestions. As there are so many topics, we may not get through all of them in one meeting and staff can follow up with written materials if necessary.

In addition, Councilmember Dembowski may want to share other items with Council at the conclusion of the above discussion items.

### **Low Income Housing**

Council will recall from the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting that the City is partnering with King County to provide affordable housing on City property at Aurora and 198<sup>th</sup> Street. As discussed by Council, the direction was to not limit the affordability level in the proposal process, and as such the County anticipates that they may receive proposals for both workforce and/or very low income housing for the site. The proposals may include a variety of construction methods including a potential to pilot less expensive construction methods to facilitate development. Councilmember Dembowski would like to discuss the modular construction being piloted by the Council and a list of housing investments the County is exploring.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Are there other opportunities for the City to partner to foster affordable housing options in Shoreline?
2. Are there County or other initiatives that the City can support, in addition to working together at the Legislature?

### **MIDD and Best Starts for Kids Levies**

#### *MIDD Levy*

The County recently renewed the MIDD levy, which levies a countywide 0.1% sales tax that generates about \$134 million per two-year biennium for programs and services for people living with mental illness and chemical dependency. Following renewal of the MIDD levy in August of 2016, the County Council recently passed the Service Improvement Plan for MIDD2. Next, the County is beginning to implement the new initiatives and improvements identified in the service plan, along with revising some existing services.

#### *Best Starts for Kids Levy*

Voters also recently approved the Best Starts for Kids Levy, which included the need to develop an implementation plan for how to program the funds. The King County Council approved the implementation plan last fall, which Councilmember Salomon served as a Sound Cities Association (SCA) representative for that process.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What has changes with the programs in the MIDD2 levy, and what are the intended results?
2. How are the services being distributed around the county, and what's the best way for Shoreline residents to access those services?
3. What is the process for determining the effectiveness of both levies and is there an opportunity to review and alter course if necessary?

### **King County Metro**

#### *Metro Connects*

The County Council finalized the Metro Connects plan last fall, which is the transit long-range plan that dictates how and where the County makes future transit investments, both capital and operating. The plan also maps out how service hours will be reinvested once

light rail service begins, which is critical to accessing light rail stations in Shoreline. Metro staff has recently begun working with cities and the Council on implementation of the plan.

### *192<sup>nd</sup> Park and Ride Lot*

The City has identified the opportunity to pursue transit oriented development (TOD) at the Aurora and 192<sup>nd</sup> Street Park and Ride lot, including adding it as a Council goal in 2011. The City's interests are twofold: 1) to better utilize a significant space on a transit corridor for affordable housing; and 2) to explore the possibility of moving the transit center function from Aurora Village (off Aurora) to allow transit to stay on Aurora and save time and reliability. However, while the lot is operated by Metro, the land is owned by WSDOT and cannot be considered for TOD unless the County takes ownership. The County and WSDOT have been in discussion about the County taking ownership for a number of years, but recently staff was made aware that the County and WSDOT are close to completing the transfer.

### Discussion Questions:

1. How do we partner to ensure that Metro provides robust transit service in the future, not only to light rail stations but to ensure that all Shoreline residents can easily access light rail?
2. What plans or opportunities are there to redevelop the Park and Ride facility at 192<sup>nd</sup>, and how can the City help?

### **King County Initiatives**

#### *Regional Roads Planning Process*

The County has identified a significant deficit in funding for county roads, which has put a significant strain on the ability to maintain existing roads. Additionally, there are a number of road segments surrounded by cities (a.k.a. 'Orphaned Roads', such as 145<sup>th</sup> and 205<sup>th</sup> adjacent to Shoreline) in which it's challenging for the County to maintain. The County recently kicked off a planning process for the region to identify what roads are critical and how to fund and maintain those road segments.

#### *Land Conservation Initiative*

Executive Constantine kicked off a process to identify land for future conservation to preserve open space. The initial review was only in unincorporated areas, but the planning process recently was expanded to include city needs. County staff is considering the potential of a levy in 2018 to fund purchase of conservation lands moving forward.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does the County expect to get out of the regional roads planning process, and how do they see addressing the orphaned roads in the future?
2. Identified land conservation needs will clearly outstrip any possible funding source - how does the Council view prioritizing these needs and how will cities needs be considered within any plan?

### **145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project Partnership**

The 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project brings together two topics from above - Metro service and the 145<sup>th</sup> orphaned road segment. The County is the proud owner of half of 145<sup>th</sup> Street, from the centerline north to the back of the sidewalk. The City will need King County to process permits and work with their utility franchises to foster necessary utility improvements to complete the project. In addition, the City expects frequent, rapid transit service on 145<sup>th</sup> Street to adequately serve the 145<sup>th</sup> light rail station.

Discussion Question:

1. Are there additional options for partnership to achieve both the goals of the County to divest the road segment and reconstruct the corridor to allow for transit service?

### **Wastewater**

#### *Westpoint Treatment Plant*

The City will become a wastewater provider this fall, and in anticipation of that, the City has had a representative on the Regional Water Quality Committee for the past three years (Councilmember McConnell previously, Deputy Mayor Winstead currently) to fully understand the issues surrounding wastewater. Included within the system is how the region treats its wastewater, which includes the Renton, Westpoint and Brightwater County treatment plants. Councilmembers will have seen in recent news the failure of the Westpoint plant, which affects the regional wastewater system.

#### *Wastewater Treatment Contract*

The County is seeking to extend the contracts the County has with wastewater treatment providers (including the Ronald Wastewater District/Shoreline) past the existing 2035 contract termination date. Much like the solid waste system, the county system is funded through guaranteed flows from its providers.

Discussion Questions:

1. What happened at Westpoint and when will it be fully operational again?
2. What is the impact to the wastewater system?
3. What is the potential wastewater contract extension needed for?