



## SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Tuesday, February 20, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center  
Mt. Rainier Room

	<u>Page</u>	<u>Estimated Time</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER		6:30
2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL		
3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS		
4. COMMUNITY PRESENTATION		6:40
(a) NetGreen	<u>1</u>	
5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT		7:10
<p><i>This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on topics other than those listed on the agenda, and which are not of a quasi-judicial nature. The public may comment for up to three minutes; the Public Comment under Item 5 will be limited to a maximum period of 30 minutes. The public may also comment for up to three minutes on agenda items following each staff report. The total public comment period on each agenda item is limited to 20 minutes. In all cases, speakers are asked to come to the front of the room to have their comments recorded. Speakers should clearly state their name and city of residence.</i></p>		
6. STUDY ITEMS		
(a) Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans	<u>5</u>	7:30
(b) Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	<u>17</u>	8:10
(c) Discussion of the Gambling Tax Rate	<u>29</u>	9:00
8. ADJOURNMENT		9:45

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Community Group Presentation: NetGreen
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Linda VerNooy, Executive Director

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Netgreen will provide to the Council and community a presentation of their programs and services. Providing the presentation this evening is Linda VerNooy, Executive Director.

**BACKGROUND:**

Recently the Council amended their Rules of Procedure to include an agenda item titled, "Community Group Presentation," which is made available by request at the second study session of each month (Section 5.4.B). Attached are presentation guidelines (attachment A).

In order for the presentation to be scheduled on the Council agenda planner, two Councilmembers must sponsor the presentation. Councilmember Janet Way and Councilmember Cindy Ryu are the two sponsoring Councilmembers as per the attached request form (attachment B). NetGreen is the third community group presentation scheduled and presented.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT A**

Shoreline City Council Community Group Presentations Guidelines

**ATTACHMENT B**

NetGreen Request Form



## SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATIONS GUIDELINES

*Under the Shoreline City Council's Rules of Procedure, Section 5.4: Study Sessions....*

The Council shall make available at its study session of each month, a **Community Group Presentation**. The order of business shall omit Council Reports and include Community Presentations following the Consent Calendar. The intent of the presentations is to provide a means for nonprofit organizations to inform the Council, staff and public about their initiatives or efforts in the community to address a specific problem or need. The presentations are available to individuals who are affiliated with a registered nonprofit organization. In order to schedule the presentation, two Councilmembers under rule 3.2 B must sponsor the request. The presentations shall be limited to 30 minutes with approximately 15 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for questions. Guidelines for presentations include:

1. Each organization or agency must complete a request form and submit it to the Shoreline City Council Office. The form shall be available on the web, from the City Clerk's Office and also published in the agenda packet.
2. For planning purposes, the presentation must be scheduled on the agenda planner at least four (4) weeks in advance of the meeting date requested.
3. Information and sources used in the presentation should be available in hard copy or electronically for reference.
4. Up to three (3) members of the organization are invited to participate.
5. The presentation must support the adopted position/policy of the organization.
6. The presentation should be more than a general promotion of the organization. The information presented should be about specific initiatives/programs or planning that the organization is doing which is relevant to Shoreline citizens and government.
7. Presentations shall not include:
  - i. Discussion of ballot measures or candidates.
  - ii. Issues of a partisan or religious nature.
  - iii. Negative statements or information about other organizations, agencies or individuals.
  - iv. Commercial solicitations or endorsements.
8. Organizations which may have alternative, controversial positions or information will be scheduled at the next study session.

**Please complete the attached form. For questions regarding scheduling Community Presentations, contact Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager, at (206) 546-8978**



# REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

Date Request Submitted: Nov. 6, 2006  
 Council Study Session Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: Linda VerNooz  
 Title or Position: Assistant Director, Co-Founder  
 Nonprofit Organization: Netgreen Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: 153 NE 60 St. Seattle, WA 98115  
 Email Address: linda@netgreen.us  
 Phone Number: 206-310-4901 Fax Number: 206-781-0724

Topic: Summary overview of the presentation you wish to make and statement of action you wish Council and/or the community to take if relevant. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Present the Community "Get Carbon  
Neutral" campaign to share the  
benefits that this campaign  
would provide to the City of  
Shoreline and to the environment

I have received and read Council rule 5.4-Community Presentations and affirm that my presentation will comply with this rule.

Signature of Requestor: [Signature]

(1) Sponsoring Councilmember: [Signature]

(2) Sponsoring Councilmember: [Signature]

This form must be returned to the Shoreline City Council Office 4 weeks prior to the City Council study session meeting date requested. For confirmation, staff from the Council Office will contact you to discuss arrangements. Please send this form to:

Shoreline City Council  
 17544 Midvale Avenue North  
 Shoreline, WA 98133-4921  
 Fax: (206) 546-2200 or Email: [Council@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:Council@ci.shoreline.wa.us)

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Update on Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans (NTAP)
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works – Traffic Services
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Jesús Sanchez, Operations Manager Rich Meredith, City Traffic Engineer John Marek, Associate Traffic Engineer

**BACKGROUND**

In 2005, Shoreline City Council directed Shoreline's Public Works Department to work with each of the City's neighborhoods to develop individual plans that would address neighborhood transportation issues specific to each community. The goal of these Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans (NTAP's) is to improve safety, mobility and livability of the city's neighborhoods by working closely with residents to identify key concerns, evaluate possible solutions and develop a prioritized list of recommendations and projects to address these concerns. The recommendations identified in the plan will then be used to guide both short and long-term traffic and pedestrian improvements and help identify potential mitigation measures for larger projects being planned in the city.

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

This is an update of the Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning process. No action is requested at this time. City staff have worked with residents in three Shoreline neighborhoods to develop draft plans for the North City, Ridgecrest and Briarcrest neighborhoods. The recommendations identified in the plans have been presented to the neighborhood and the draft plans are currently under departmental review. Once the reviews are completed, the plans will be finalized and posted on the City's web site.

Staff are now beginning the planning process to develop plans for three additional neighborhoods: Echo Lake, Ballinger, and Westminster Triangle. It is expected that the initial drafts for these plans will be completed by late spring of 2007.

### Planning Process

In the fall of 2005 city staff began working with the North City, Ridgecrest and Briarcrest neighborhoods to develop plans for their communities. The City held open meetings, inviting residents to come and identify specific issues or concerns they had regarding pedestrian and traffic safety issues. Residents were asked complete survey cards identifying any transportation concerns that they had or wanted to be addressed in the neighborhood plan. The City also reviewed concerns previously identified by the community through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program.

Once the transportation issues were identified, Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committees comprised of volunteer residents from the neighborhoods were created to work with traffic services staff. Through a series of meetings, staff worked with the neighborhood advisory committee, representatives from Police and Fire Departments, as well as local school representatives, to discuss the various identified issues, then develop and prioritize recommendations to address those issues.

In late spring to early summer of 2006, the City held Open Houses for each of the three neighborhoods, presenting the preliminary recommendations identified for their respective plans. Residents were asked to complete survey cards indicating their general support for the recommendations developed and to provide any additional input. This input was used to create a draft plan.

### Recommendations

The plans identify a variety of improvements and recommendations to enhance safety and the livability of the neighborhood. For all three neighborhoods, reducing speeds and cut through traffic, as well as improving pedestrian access were key priorities. To address issues of speeding and cut-through traffic the plans recommend a combination of increased enforcement and educational efforts, as well as the construction of physical devices such as traffic circles and speed humps. The construction of pedestrian walkways is also a key component of the plans. Each plan identifies multiple routes which were considered important to the community for improved pedestrian access and safety. Attached is a list of prioritized projects and a map indicating the proposed recommendations for each neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Action Plans are considered to be active working plans, and the City recognizes that new issues and concerns will arise in the future. As a result, it is recommended that the plans be revisited periodically to update and revise the recommendations as needed.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The 2007 budget for the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program will fund the necessary staff time and resources needed to continue working with communities to develop the plans for the remaining neighborhoods. While the funding for the development of the plans has been identified, there is not a dedicated funding source for implementing the recommendations identified in the plan. The cost for implementation is dependant on each specific neighborhood and the recommendations that were developed.

When developing the recommendations for the plans, it was important to hear from communities just exactly what they felt was needed without limiting them with dollars. The goal was to gain a better understanding of the vision that the community has for it's neighborhood by taking a look at improvements that were technically feasible.

The total estimated cost to implement the recommendations identified in each plan is shown below:

<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Traffic Improvements</b>	<b>Pedestrian Improvements</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
North City	\$170,000	\$5,830,000	\$6,000,000
Ridgecrest	\$90,000	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Briarcrest	\$205,000	\$4,700,000	\$4,905,000

Although the total costs are high relative to the needs of the communities, the communities understand that there are not only limited funds but also competing interests similar throughout the city and as such, a rational approach to implementing these improvements needs to be carefully planned over a period of time. As such, communities were asked to prioritize recommendations as high, medium or low priority. This would provide additional insight to the City on those improvements which were of highest importance to the neighborhood and to help guide funding strategies for implementing those recommendations.

Focusing initially on those recommendations of highest importance to each neighborhood allows us to approach improvements in more rational and affordable manner. The estimated cost for high priority improvements is shown below.

<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>High Priority Traffic Improvements</b>	<b>High Priority Pedestrian Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
North City	\$25,000	2,515,000	\$2,540,000
Ridgecrest	\$25,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,475,000
Briarcrest	\$140,000	\$2,185,000	\$2,325,000

The city has already completed several low cost recommendations in each neighborhood plan such as clearing vegetation, installation of traffic signs and pavement markings, and the construction of traffic calming devices. In addition, the installation of a walkway on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 175<sup>th</sup> St and NE 167<sup>th</sup> St was completed in 2006 as part of the Sidewalk CIP Program. This was identified as a high priority project for the Ridgecrest neighborhood.



Staff are continuing to identify funding opportunities through existing programs and sources to implement other NTAP projects. Possible funding sources include:

- Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program
- Traffic Small Works Projects
- Priority Walkway Program
- Grants
- CIP
- LID

Over the coming years Public Works Traffic Services Section will allocate funding through the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program and their Traffic Small Works Project funds to continue to implement both high and medium priority projects identified through the plans. In addition, staff will seek out grant opportunities to fund pedestrian safety projects.

The most costly projects are walkway installation projects. Currently the primary funding opportunities for sidewalk installation along continuous routes are through the City's Sidewalk Priority Routes Program or through the CIP process. The Sidewalk Program is constructing sidewalks and pedestrian facilities along priority routes identified in the Transportation Master Plan. Traffic Services recommends giving special consideration to those locations identified in the Transportation Master Plan which are also priority routes identified in a Neighborhood Traffic Action Plan. An example of this type of coordination was the construction of walkway along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 167<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street in 2006.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

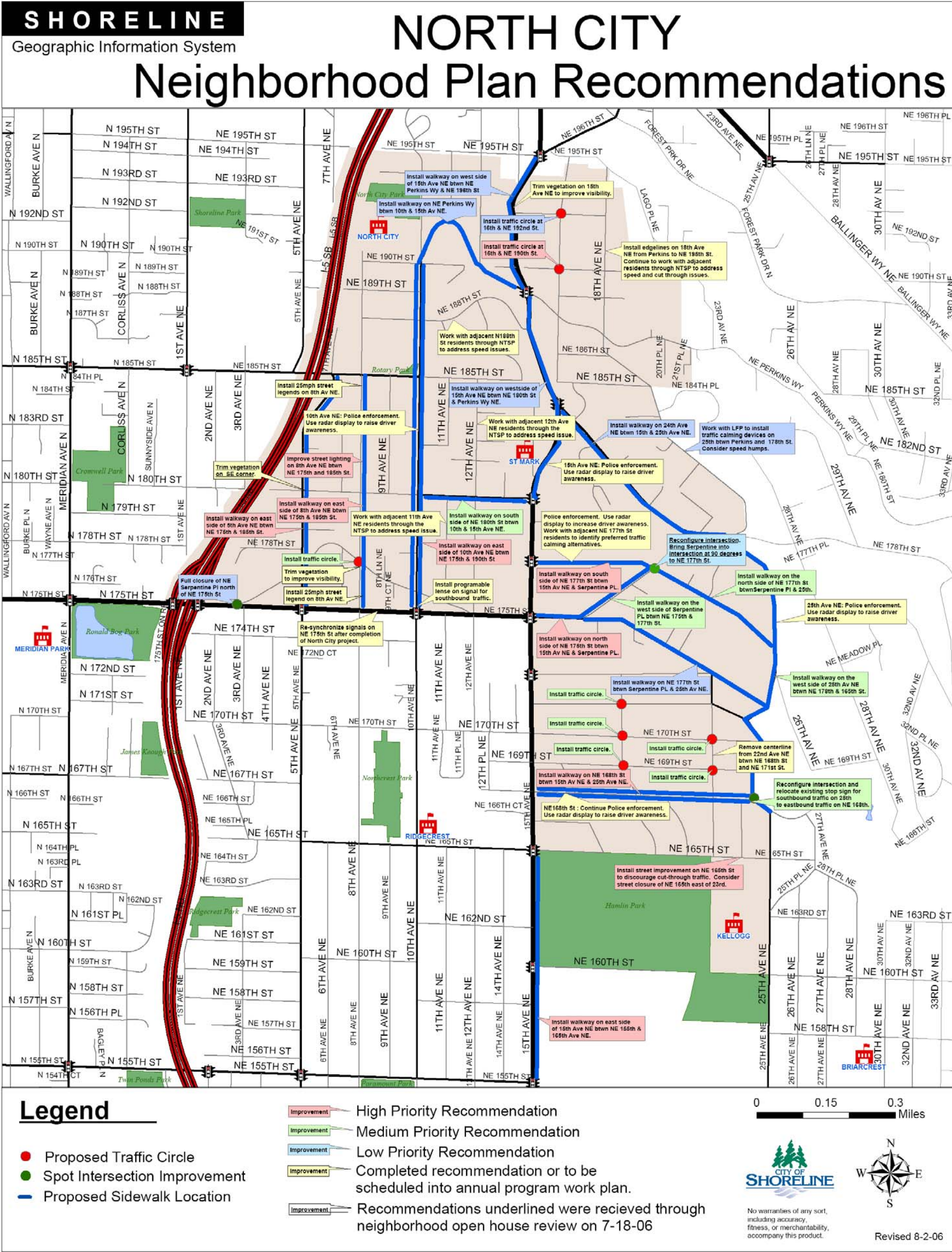
This is an update of the Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning process. No action is requested at this time.

Approved By:      City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

### **ATTACHMENTS (Optional)**

- Attachment A: North City Neighborhood Plan Recommendations Map
- Attachment B: North City Traffic Projects list
- Attachment C: North City Pedestrian Projects list
- Attachment D: Ridgecrest Neighborhood Plan Recommendations Map
- Attachment E: Ridgecrest Traffic and Pedestrian Projects list
- Attachment F: Briarcrest Neighborhood Plan Recommendations Map
- Attachment G: Briarcrest Traffic Projects list
- Attachment H: Briarcrest Pedestrian Projects list

APPENDIX A



## APPENDIX B

### North City Prioritized Project Recommendations

#### *Traffic Projects*

Location	Project	Priority
NE Serpentine Pl north of NE 175 <sup>th</sup> St & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Street closure	Low
8 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE Serpentine PL	Traffic Circle	Med
8 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE 175 <sup>th</sup> to NE 185 <sup>th</sup>	Upgrade street lighting	High
16 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 190 <sup>th</sup> St	Traffic Circle	Low
16 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 192 <sup>nd</sup> St	Traffic Circle	High
NE 165 <sup>th</sup> St east of 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Mid block traffic calming device or Street Closure	High
22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE & NE 170 <sup>th</sup> St	Traffic Circle	Med
22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE & NE 169 <sup>th</sup> St	Traffic Circle	Med
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE 178 <sup>th</sup> to Perkins Way NE	Speed humps	Low
NE 168 <sup>th</sup> St - 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Curb revision on southwest corner	Med
NE 169 <sup>th</sup> St & 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
NE 170 <sup>th</sup> St & 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
NE 171 <sup>st</sup> St & 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
NE 175 <sup>th</sup> St - 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Serpentine Pl	Chicane	Low



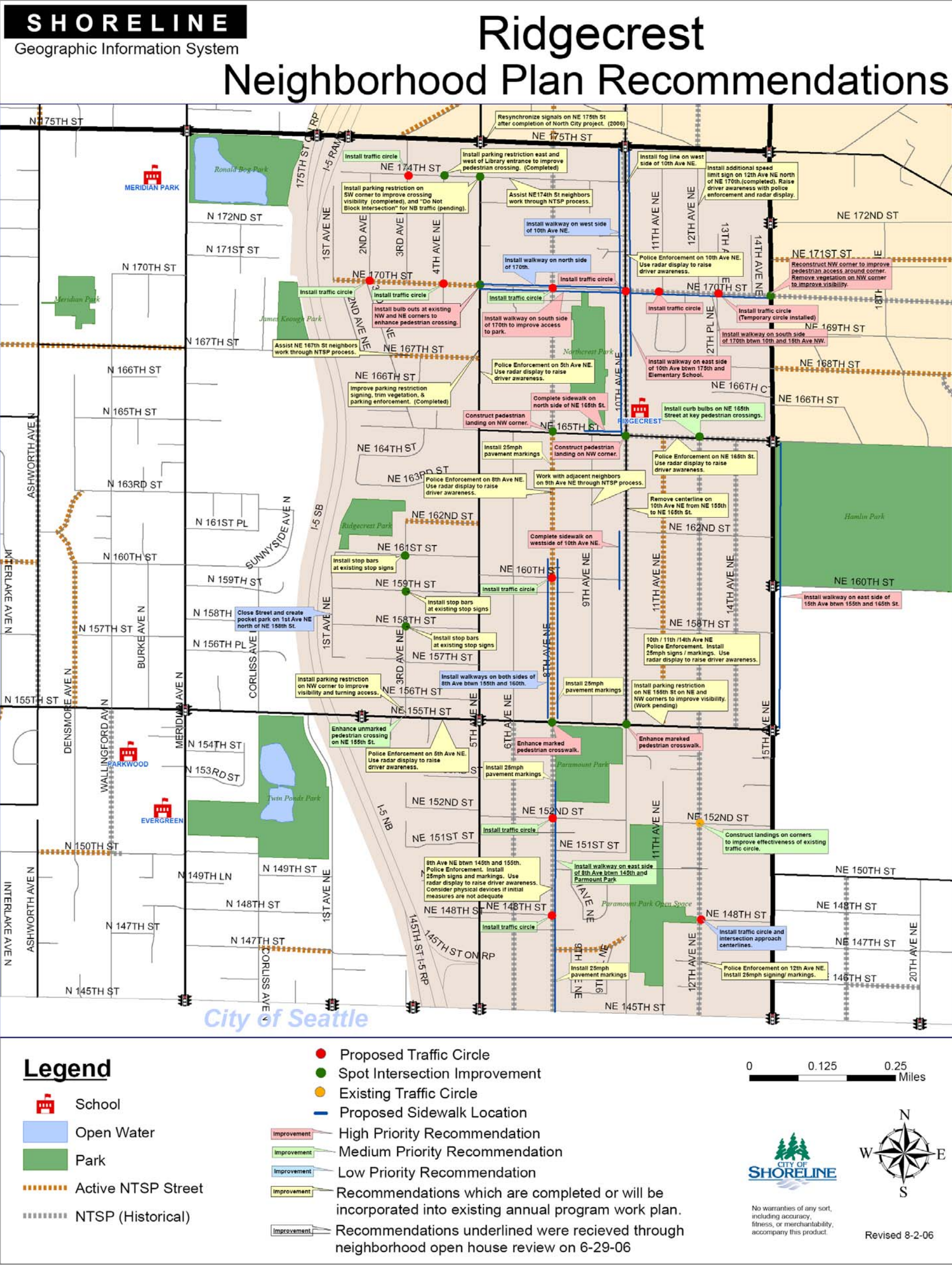
## APPENDIX C

### North City Prioritized Project Recommendations

#### *Pedestrian Projects*

Location	Project	Priority
NE Serpentine Pl - NE 175th St to NE 177th St	Sidewalk on west side	Med
5 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE 175 <sup>th</sup> to NE 185th St	Sidewalk on east side	High
8 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE 175 <sup>th</sup> to NE 185th	Sidewalk on east side	High
10 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE175th to NE 190th St	Sidewalk on east side	High
10 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE – NE 175 <sup>th</sup> to NE 190th St	Sidewalk on west side	Low
15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Perkins Wy	Sidewalk on west side	Low
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE - NE 175 <sup>th</sup> to NE 165th St	Sidewalk on west side	Med
NE 168 <sup>th</sup> St - 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 25th Ave NE	sidewalks both sides	High
NE 175 <sup>th</sup> St - 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Serpentine Pl	Sidewalk on north side	High
NE 177 <sup>th</sup> St - 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Serpentine Pl	Sidewalk on south side	High
NE 180 <sup>th</sup> St between 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave and 15th Ave NE	Sidewalk	Med
NE 175 <sup>th</sup> St between Serpentine Pl and 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Sidewalk	Low
NE Perkins Wy between 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sidewalk	Low
15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE between Perkins Wy NE and NE 180 <sup>th</sup> St	Sidewalk	Low
24 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE between 15th Ave and 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Sidewalk	Low

APPENDIX D



## APPENDIX E

### Ridgecrest Recommended Improvement Projects

#### ***Traffic Projects***

Location	Project	Priority
NE 170th & 10th Ave NE	Traffic Circle	High
NE 170th & 11th Ave NE	Traffic Circle	High
NE 170th & 13th Ave NE	Traffic Circle	High
12th Ave NE & NE 152nd St	Install raised corner treatment on NW and SE corners existing circle	Med
NE 170th & 2nd Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
NE 170th & 4th Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
NE 174th & 3rd Ave NE	Traffic Circle	Med
12th Ave NE & NE 148th St	Install traffic circle and raised corner treatment	Low
1st Ave NE north of NE 158th St	Street Closure (create pocket park)	Low

#### ***Pedestrian Projects***

Location	Project	Priority
5th Ave NE & NE 170th St	Curb bulbs on 5th at NE and NW corners at crosswalk	High
8th Ave NE & NE 155th St	Crosswalk enhancement	High
10th Ave NE between NE 165th and NE 175th	Sidewalk on east side	High
10th Ave NE between NE 158th and NE 162nd	Sidewalk on west side	High
10th Ave NE & NE 155th St	Crosswalk enhancement	High
15th Ave NE between NE 155th St and NE 165th	Sidewalk on east side	High
NE 165th St & 8th Ave NE	Pedestrian landing on NW corner	High
NE 165th St between 9th Ave NE & 10th Ave NE	Sidewalk on north side	High
NE 165th St & 10th Ave NE	Pedestrian landing on NW corner	High
NE 170th St between 5th Ave NE and 10th Ave NE	Sidewalk on south side	Med
NE 170th St between 10th Ave NE and 15th Ave NE	Sidewalk on south side	High
NE 165th St & 12th Ave NE	Curb bulb at existing marked crosswalk	Med
8th Ave NE between NE 155th and 160th St	Sidewalks on one side	Low
10th Ave NE between NE 165th and NE 175th	Sidewalks on west side	Low
NE 170th St between 5th Ave NE and 10th Ave NE	Sidewalk on north side	Low





## APPENDIX G

### Briarcrest Recommended Improvement Projects

#### Traffic Projects

Location	Project	Priority
NE 146 <sup>th</sup> St & 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 148 <sup>th</sup> St & 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St & 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St & 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 168 <sup>th</sup> St & 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Reconfigure intersection	High
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St & 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 155 <sup>th</sup> St & 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 160 <sup>th</sup> St & 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St & 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	High
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St & 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	Medium
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St & 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	Medium
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St & 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	Traffic circle	Medium
NE 165 <sup>th</sup> St & 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Reconstruct Northwest/sw corners	Low
25 <sup>th</sup> PI NE / 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE / 28 <sup>th</sup> PI NE	Install center approach lines	Low



## APPENDIX H

### Briarcrest Recommended Improvement Projects

#### *Pedestrian Projects*

Location	Project	Priority
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 168 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on east side	High
27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 155 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on east side	High
27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, north of NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St	Fill ditch to extend walkway	High
NE 149 <sup>th</sup> St, 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Bothell Way	Walkway on south side	High
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St, 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on north side	High
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St, 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on north side	High
NE 158 <sup>th</sup> St, 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on south side	High
NE 160 <sup>th</sup> St, 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on one side	High
NE 160 <sup>th</sup> St, 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on second side	Low
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE at NE 168 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on west side	High
17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on one side	Medium
NE 147 <sup>th</sup> St, 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on one side	Medium
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St, 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on north side	Medium
25 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St to 200 ft north	Improve existing sidewalk on west side	Medium
27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 155 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 160 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on east side	Medium
15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 155 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on east side	Low
NE 150 <sup>th</sup> St, 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW	Improve/delineate pedestrian walkway on south side	Low
27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 160 <sup>th</sup> St	Walkway on west side	Low
NE 155 <sup>th</sup> St, 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	Walkway on north side	Low

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager's Office
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Council adopted the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan in April 2004, and subsequently, it was adopted by the Washington State Office of Emergency Management and FEMA. The Hazard Mitigation Plan (plan) identifies and recommends projects and programs that when implemented, would eliminate, minimize, or otherwise mitigate the vulnerability of the people, property, environmental resources, and economic vitality of the community to the impacts of future disasters. The hazards that the City is potentially vulnerable to are:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| ○ Earthquakes          | ○ Flooding       |
| ○ Hazardous materials  | ○ Wildland fires |
| ○ Severe weather       | ○ Volcano        |
| ○ Landslides/sinkholes | ○ Tsunamis       |

The plan defines each hazard, assesses the risk the hazard poses to Shoreline and provides long-term mitigation actions and implementation strategies that could reduce the loss in the event of a hazard event. These identified projects and programs are termed "mitigation initiatives" and constitute the principal component of the plan. Overall, the fundamental purpose of the plan is to guide, coordinate, and facilitate the efforts of the agencies, organizations, and individuals participating as they seek funding, authority, or other resources necessary for implementation of mitigation initiatives. The Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for tracking and reporting the plan's progress.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, which the Council adopted on May 2003, the City contracted with the University of Washington Institute for Hazard Mitigation to prepare the plan. The plan identifies 28 strategies (see attachment A, Chapter 9, Action Plan), which have been programmed into department work plans. For ease of reporting, this update will focus on the timeline for implementation, which is grouped into three categories: short-term (1-2 years), long-term (3-5 years) and ongoing (3-5 years). By-and-large, the majority of the strategies are ongoing and requires multiple-year planning efforts.

## Short-Term Strategies

Short-term means the mitigation strategy will be implemented in years 1 to 2 and is either critical to the life safety of Shoreline residents, or relatively easy to implement because funding has already been secured or is readily available.

Strategy	Status
<b>M-1:</b> Create a full time position in the City of Shoreline for an Emergency Management Coordinator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Completed - June 2004</li> </ul>
<b>M-6:</b> Identify critical community facilities and infrastructure that are without back up power generators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Completed assessment - most facilities have only partial backup power</li> </ul>
<b>M-11:</b> Identify critical city facilities and infrastructure and acquire back up power generators for those currently without.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o City has installed a generator at the Police Department</li> <li>o City received grant to install a generator at the Spartan Recreation Center (identified as a possible emergency shelter) - targeted for April 2007 completion</li> </ul>
<b>M-21:</b> Reassess the City of Shoreline evacuation and primary response routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Completed assessment</li> <li>o Battery backups were added to 6 signals and 4-5 more are planned in 2007</li> </ul>

## Long-Term Strategies

Long-term means that mitigation strategies will be implemented in 3 to 5 years. Long-term mitigation measures will take more effort to implement and funding has not been secured/identified or is not readily available.

Strategy	Status
<b>M-4:</b> Create and maintain a partnership with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to ensure that the I-5 overpasses located in Shoreline are retrofitted to current seismic standards within a reasonable time frame.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 145th bridge and 195th pedestrian bridge were retrofitted</li> <li>o 155th and 175th bridges are scheduled for 2008-2009</li> <li>o Staff continues to work with the State to program the 185th bridge</li> </ul>
<b>M-9:</b> Provide incentives for voluntary structural retrofitting of older structures on vulnerable soils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o City is participating in the regional Project Impact Partnership Retrofit Program, which offers courses to citizens - information is available in the "Get Ready Shoreline" mailer distributed to every household - January 2007</li> <li>o Staff assisted in 2006 update of "Earthquake Home Retrofit Handbook," which is available to citizens</li> <li>o Staff will promote retrofitting</li> </ul>

## Strategy

**M-10:** Improve/expand storm water drainage, dams, detention and retention system capabilities.

**M-12:** Identify critical government functions and establish backup operations for these functions.

## Status

- homes as part of the 2007 Building Safety Week in May
- Staff will send letters to affected homes - targeted for 2007
- Ongoing implementation of the Surface Water Master Plan
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) project - targeted for February 2007-September 2008

## Ongoing Strategies

Ongoing means that the mitigation strategy will be implemented in years 1 to 5 years and will continue into the future indefinitely. Ongoing also indicates that they have a continuing component to the strategy.

## Strategy

**M-2:** Create a communitywide comprehensive education program to educate the public about hazards and hazard mitigation.

**M-3:** Create and maintain a partnership with utility providers to ensure that the utility infrastructure serving Shoreline is retrofitted or built to standards that make them less vulnerable in a hazard event including critical infrastructure protection.

**M-5:** Implement non-structural retrofitting in city facilities and provide incentives for non-structural retrofitting for privately owned

## Status

- Staff created "hazards brochure" for Permit Center
- "Get Ready Shoreline" mailer distributed to every household - January 2007
- Communitywide meetings scheduled - February, April, September 2007
- Staff provides education and outreach via community groups and events, neighborhood meetings, etc. (e.g., Celebrate Shoreline, Night Out, Chamber, Rotary, etc.)
- Staff sent letters to faith-based organizations and have distributed education materials to 4 churches
- Staff sent letters to all Neighborhood Council reps and Block Watch Captains for participation in Ready Neighborhood Program
- City Manager sent letter to Seattle City Light - January 2007
- Staff is exploring mutual aid possibilities
- City facilities are approximately 85% complete - this remains ongoing due to dynamic

## Strategy

structures throughout the city.

**M-7:** Identify and assess critical and essential city infrastructure and facilities.

**M-8:** Assure that the public is informed of the necessity of maintaining a 3-day supply of food and water, along with basic first aid and medical supplies.

**M-13:** Educate homeowners, developers and business owners about how to reduce impacts of urban flooding.

**M-14:** Provide incentives for non-structural retrofitting of hazardous materials containment throughout the city.

**M-15:** Create and maintain a partnership between City and Washington State Public Health Laboratories so there is coordination during and immediately after a disaster.

**M-16:** Create and maintain partnerships with educational and care facilities.

## Status

organizational changes

- o This strategy will be addressed in the Public Works Continuity of Operations Plan - targeted for 2008

- o City is active in 3Day3Way County campaign
- o "Get Ready Shoreline" mailer distributed to every household - January 2007
- o Communitywide meetings scheduled - February, April, September 2007
- o Staff provides education and outreach via community groups and events, neighborhood meetings, etc. (e.g., Celebrate Shoreline, Night Out, Chamber, Rotary, etc.)

- o City is active in joint efforts with neighboring jurisdictions to solve downstream flooding issues
- o Staff created "hazards brochure" for Permit Center
- o "Get Ready Shoreline" mailer distributed to every household - January 2007

- o Citywide recycling events are held twice annually
- o Staff conducts ongoing environmental education classes and continues supporting the battery recycling program

- o Health Department is active on the City's Emergency Management Council
- o Health Department hosted a meeting/tour of facility in 2005
- o Police and Emergency Management have actively partnered with the School District's Safety Committee
- o Staff taught National Incident Management System (NIMS) to Community College staff
- o Staff worked with American Red Cross and Community College to install shelter supplies facility in city - completed in 2006

## Strategy

**M-17:** Institute low impact development regulations for new developments as well as re-development projects.

**M-18:** Create and maintain a partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Fire Department so there is coordination in implementing mitigation measures as well as coordination during and immediately after a disaster.

**M-19:** Create and maintain a partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline School District so there is coordination in implementing mitigation measures as well as coordination during and immediately after a disaster.

**M-20:** Create and maintain a partnership with Snohomish County.

**M-22:** Educate business owners about potential hazards and hazard mitigation.

**M-23:** Educate private homeowners about how to implement measures to reduce impacts of wildland fires.

**M-24:** Utilize the most current data and technology to develop a work program to regulate development and re-development on NEHRP E soils.

## Status

- Staff identified all nursing care facilities in city and during December's 2006 windstorm contacted all facilities
- Planning Department has administratively adopted the low impact standards of the 2005 King County Surface Water Design Manual, which makes low impact design provisions an option
- Staff is working toward the adoption of the 2005 King County Surface Water Design Manual - targeted for 2007
- Fire Department is an active participant on the Emergency Management Council
- Ongoing coordination with Fire Department with community events, CERT, Incident Command System and NIMS trainings, and citywide drills/exercises
- School District is active on the Emergency Management Council
- Staff participates on the School District's Safety Committee, which began in December 2006 and will continue with ongoing meetings planned through 2007
- Ongoing relationships have been developed with the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency and Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management
- Presentations delivered/planned for the Chamber and Rotary meetings to promote Business Ready Program in 2007
- Created "hazards brochure" for Permit Center
- Fire Department distributed wildfire prevention handouts to targeted households
- Currently addressed via the adopted building codes under SMC 15
- Staff is working toward the adoption of 2006 International codes - targeted for July 2007

## **Strategy**

**M-25:** Target code enforcement of abatement of nuisance vegetation on both City right-of-ways and public property.

**M-26:** Utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in decision-making processes.

**M-27:** Utilize the most current data and technology when regulating landslide areas.

**M-28:** Remove the Robinson Water Tower.

## **Status**

- Ongoing Public Works Right-Of-Way Maintenance Program
- Ongoing Code Enforcement Program

- Ongoing GIS Program

- Currently addressed via the adopted building codes under SMC 15

- Council adopted Critical Areas Ordinance - 2006

- Completed - 2004

Overall, nearly every City department plays a role in addressing key strategies. In addition, to a large degree, mitigating the City's hazards requires strong, healthy partnerships with other agencies and staff would like to express appreciation to all of the City's partners:

- Fire Department
- Shoreline School District
- Shoreline Community College
- Shoreline's Auxiliary Communications Team
- Washington State Department of Public Health Laboratories
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- American Red Cross
- Center for Human Services
- Crista Ministries

## **RECOMMENDATION**

This report and presentation are for informational purposes and no Council action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Chapter 9, Action Plan

## 9. Action Plan

This section outlines the implementation agenda that the Emergency Management Council should follow for the five years following adoption of this plan. More information about each of the items listed can be found in Section 8.

The items are displayed on Table 9.1 in the order of their priority for implementation. They have been ranked for implementation based on input from the Stakeholder Committee and other participants; however, a benefit to cost analysis will be completed as part of the project development process, using FEMA approved benefit cost methods. See Appendix B for more information about these methods. The Emergency Management Council should consider the following an action plan for the first 5-year planning cycle.

Each mitigation strategy is assigned a timeline. This estimates the amount of time it will take to begin implementation of each strategy. Under timeline there are three categories, short term, long term and ongoing. Short Term means that the mitigation strategy will be implemented in years 1 to 2 and is either crucial to the life safety of Shoreline residents, or relatively easy to implement because funding has already been secured or is readily available. Long Term means that mitigation strategy will be implemented in years 3 to 5. Long term mitigation measures will take more effort to implement and funding has not been secured or is not readily available. Ongoing means that the mitigation strategy will be implemented in years 1 to 5 and will continue into the future indefinitely. Ongoing mitigation measures should be implemented early in the planning cycle, but will be ongoing projects once implementation has occurred.

Each mitigation strategy is related to a plan goal and objective. After implementation plan goals should be used to assess how well each of the mitigation strategies is accomplishing its intended goal and objective.



Table 9.1: City of Shoreline Action Plan

	Mitigation Strategy	Associated Hazards								Timeline	Lead Agency	Funding	Implementation Strategies (Section 8)	Plan Goals Addressed				
		Earthquakes	Hazardous Materials	Severe Weather	Landslides & Sinkholes	Flooding	Wildland Fire	Volcano	Tsunami/Seiche					Goal 1: Protect public health, welfare, and public safety	Goal 2: Minimize losses to existing and future properties	Goal 3: Encourage coordination and communication amongst public and private organization	Goal 4: Ensure continuity of critical facilities and corresponding operations of local government	Goal 5: Protect and promote environmental quality
M-1	Create a full time position in the City of Shoreline for an Emergency Management Coordinator.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Short Term	City Manager's Office	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-2			x		
M-2	Create a community wide comprehensive education program to educate the public about hazards and hazard mitigation.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget, EMPG, HGMP, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	p. 8-3	x				
M-3	Create and maintain a partnership with utility providers to ensure that the utility infrastructure serving Shoreline is retrofitted or built to standards that make them less vulnerable in a hazard event including critical infrastructure protection.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Public Works	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-4				x	
M-4	Create and maintain a partnership with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to ensure that the I-5 overpasses located in Shoreline are retrofitted to current seismic standards within a reasonable time frame.	x								Long Term	City Manager's Office	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-4		x			
M-5	Implement non-structural retrofitting in city facilities and provide incentives for non-structural retrofitting for privately owned structures throughout the city.	x								Ongoing	Public Works Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-5		x			
M-6	Identify critical community facilities and infrastructure that are without back up power generators.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Short Term	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-6	x				
M-7	Identify and assess critical and essential city	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Public Works	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-7		x			

Mitigation Strategy		Associated Hazards							Implementation Strategies (Section 8)					Plan Goals Addressed				
		Earthquakes	Hazardous Materials	Severe Weather	Landslides & Sinkholes	Flooding	Wildland Fire	Volcano	Tsunami/Seiche	Timeline	Lead Agency	Funding		Goal 1: Protect public health, welfare, and public safety	Goal 2: Minimize losses to existing and future properties	Goal 3: Encourage coordination and communication amongst public and private organization	Goal 4: Ensure continuity of critical facilities and corresponding operations of local government	Goal 5: Protect and promote environmental quality
	Infrastructure and facilities.																	
M-8	Assure that the public is informed of the necessity of maintaining a 3-day supply of food and water, along with basic first aid and medical supplies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget, EMPG	p. 8-7	x				
M-9	Provide incentives for voluntary structural retrofitting of older structures on vulnerable soils.	x								Long Term	Planning & Development Services, Public Works	DHS/FEMA, Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-8		x			
M-10	Improve/expand storm water drainage, dams, detention and retention system capabilities.					x				Long Term	Public Works	Shoreline Capital Improvement Budget, HGMP, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	p. 8-9		x			
M-11	Identify critical city facilities and infrastructure and acquire back up power generators for those currently without.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Short Term	Public Works	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-10		x			
M-12	Identify critical government functions and establish backup operations for these functions.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Long Term	City Manager's Office	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-10				x	
M-13	Educate homeowners, developers and business owners about how to reduce impacts of urban flooding.					x				Ongoing	Public Works Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-11	x				
M-14	Provide incentives for non-structural retrofitting of hazardous materials containment throughout the city.	x	x							Ongoing	Public Works Department	Shoreline Operating Budget, Pre-HGMP, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	p. 8-12		x			

Mitigation Strategy	Associated Hazards							Timeline	Lead Agency	Funding	Implementation Strategies (Section 8)	Plan Goals Addressed				
	Earthquakes	Hazardous Materials	Severe Weather	Landslides & Sinkholes	Flooding	Wildland Fire	Volcano	Tsunami/Seiche				Goal 1: Protect public health, welfare, and public safety	Goal 2: Minimize losses to existing and future properties	Goal 3: Encourage coordination and communication amongst public and private organization	Goal 4: Ensure continuity of critical facilities and corresponding operations of local government	Goal 5: Protect and promote environmental quality
M-15 Create and maintain a partnership between City of Shoreline Emergency Services and Washington State Public Health Laboratories so there is coordination during and immediately after a disaster.	x	x							Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-13			x		
M-16 Create and maintain partnerships with educational and care facilities.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-13			x		
M-17 Institute low impact development regulations for new developments as well as re-development projects.				x	x				Planning & Development Services	Shoreline Operating Budget, Shoreline Capital Improvement Budget	p. 8-14					x
M-18 Create and maintain a partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Fire Department so there is coordination in implementing mitigation measures as well as coordination during and immediately after a disaster.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-15			x		
M-19 Create and maintain a partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline School District so there is coordination in implementing mitigation measures as well as coordination during and immediately after a disaster.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-15			x		
M-20 Create and maintain a partnership with Snohomish County.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-16			x		
M-21 Reassess the City of Shoreline evacuation and primary response routes.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-17				x	

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M-22	Educate business owners about potential hazards and hazard mitigation.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Police Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-17	x				
M-23	Educate private homeowners about how to implement measures to reduce impacts of wildland fires.					x			Ongoing	Planning & Development Services	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-18	x				
M-24	Utilize the most current data and technology to develop a work program to regulate development and re-development on NEHRP E soils.	x							Ongoing	Planning & Development Services	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-19				x	
M-25	Target code enforcement of abatement of nuisance vegetation on both City right-of-ways and public property.			x			x		Ongoing	Public Works, Planning & Development Services	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-19		x			
M-26	Utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in decision-making processes.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing	Finance Department	Shoreline Operating Budget	p. 8-20				x	
M-27	Utilize the most current data and technology when regulating landslide areas.				x				Ongoing	Planning & Development Services	Shoreline Operating Budget, Private Developers	p. 8-21		x			
M-28	Remove the Robinson Water Tower.	x		x								p. 8-21					

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Card Room Gambling Tax
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Finance
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Debbie Tarry, Finance Director

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

In July 2006 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 437 (Attachment A) which reduced the card room gambling tax rate from 10% to 7% for a nine month period starting July 2006 and concluding March 31, 2007. Ordinance No. 437 provides that the card room gambling tax rate will return to 10% effective April 1, 2007. One reason the Council adopted the nine month reduction in the card room gambling tax rate was due to the temporary negative impacts to the casino operations from the Aurora construction project. The expiration date of March was selected to provide some recovery time after substantial completion of the project in late December, early January. However, due to adverse weather and the concrete strike substantial completion has been delayed until late February or early March.

Mayor Ransom has requested that the Council consider a two month extension of the tax rate reduction to accommodate the delay in substantial completion. This means that the 7% card room gambling tax rate would remain in effect until May 31, 2007, if approved by the City Council. Parker's Casino has submitted a letter to the City requesting that the tax rate remain at 7% because of the negative impact of the increase in minimum wage to their business.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

An additional two months reduction in gambling tax is estimated to reduce gambling tax revenues to the City by approximately \$112,000. The revenue reduction would necessitate a reduction in the revenues allocated to the Roads Capital Fund for capital projects.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2005 the City Council reduced the card room gambling tax rate from 11% to 10%. This rate change was effective April 1, 2005. The tax rate reduction was in response to requests from casinos as they believed the tax rate reduction would enable them to have a more acceptable profit margin. Also a review of tax rates of other local jurisdictions indicated that most jurisdictions had a card room gambling tax rate of 10%.

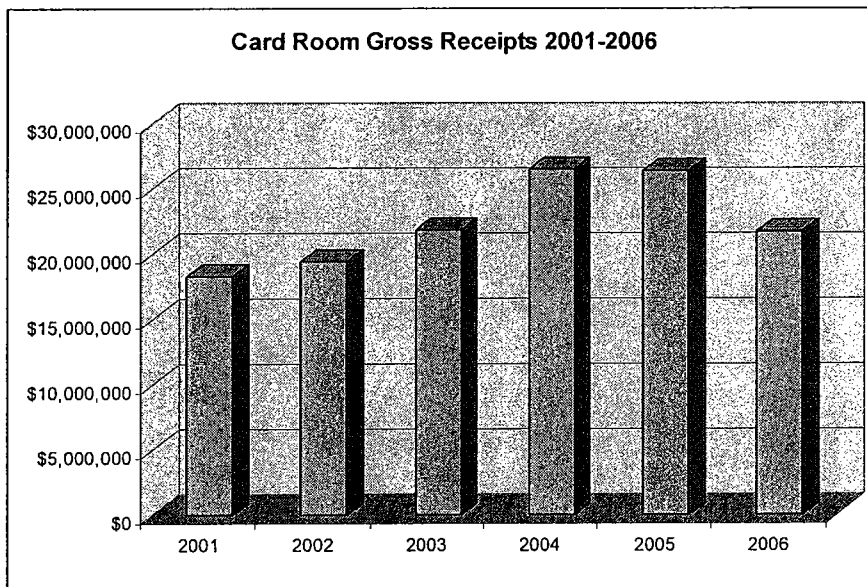
On December 8, 2005, a state-wide smoking ban went into effect for public places. This included all non-tribal casinos. It appears that this smoking ban had a negative impact on the overall card room activity occurring at the casinos within Shoreline. In addition to the smoking ban casinos have indicated that the level of local casino activity has been

negatively impacted by competition from regional non-tribal casinos, tribal casinos, on-line illegal betting, and traffic impacts from the Aurora improvement project. Although not all casinos are in the construction zone, delays and less traffic on Aurora in general has contributed to a loss of patronage.

As a result of these impacts the casino operators requested an additional decrease in gambling tax rate in July 2006. Council approved Ordinance No. 437 which reduced the gambling tax rate from 10% to 7% for nine months, primarily to mitigate any negative impacts that the Aurora construction was having on business activity levels within the casinos. If Council takes no further action the card room gambling tax rate will return to 10% on April 1, 2007.

### **DISCUSSION**

In 2006 overall gross receipts for the City's five casinos were down by 17.5%, \$4.6 million, compared to 2005. Gross receipts for 2006 totaled \$21.7 million, approximately the same level as 2003.



Although overall card room gross receipts were down by 17.5%, individual casinos had varying activity levels. The Golden Nugget is the only casino that had greater card room gross receipts in 2006 than in 2005. The Golden Nugget gross receipts were 4.8%, \$106,269, greater than those generated in 2005. The other four casinos experienced a drop in gross receipts

in 2006. Of the four casinos that experienced a drop in gross receipts, Debbie's Drift On Inn had the greatest drop, 27.1% or \$1.6 million, and Parker's had the lowest decrease, 12% or \$677,800. The following table shows the gross receipts for each casino for 2001 through 2006:

Card Room Gross Receipts Annual Totals 2001 - 2006								
Casino	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Gross Receipts \$\$ Change 2005 to 2006	% Change 2005 to 2006
Drift on Inn	6,985,380	6,448,370	6,974,897	\$5,711,995	\$5,905,951	\$4,302,524	-\$1,603,427	-27.1%
Hollywood	0	0	1,298,809	\$5,753,616	\$5,764,890	\$4,867,981	-\$896,909	-15.6%
Golden Nugget	0	1,025,408	2,149,027	\$2,476,600	\$2,197,973	\$2,304,242	\$106,269	4.8%
Goldie's	4,821,256	5,768,931	5,568,043	\$7,015,323	\$6,758,391	\$5,224,913	-\$1,533,478	-22.7%

Hideaway	1,480,501	1,526,308	1,584,498	\$919,005	\$17,495	\$0	-\$17,495	-100.0%
Parkers	5,052,948	4,649,161	4,285,255	\$5,455,839	\$5,710,732	\$5,032,932	-\$677,800	-11.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,340,085</b>	<b>19,418,178</b>	<b>21,860,529</b>	<b>\$26,413,373</b>	<b>\$26,337,937</b>	<b>\$21,732,592</b>	<b>-\$4,605,345</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>

Even though the card room tax rate was reduced from 10% to 7% for the last six months of 2006, Goldie's casino continues to be behind in making full payment on the gambling taxes and penalties owed to the City. Goldie's accumulated in excess of \$54,000 in penalties during 2006 as a result of late payment of taxes. The City agreed to allow Goldie's to pay the penalties over a nine month period of January through September 2007, as long as all future quarterly payments were made on time and in whole to prevent the further accumulation of any penalties. Unfortunately, Goldie's only paid \$50,000 of their fourth quarter tax due totaling \$97,110 by the due date of January 30, 2007. The partial payment has resulted in additional penalties of \$4,700. The City received the remainder of the tax due totaling \$47,110 on February 12, 2007. The additional penalty for the late payment of fourth quarter taxes of \$4,700 will still be assessed.

In the view of staff, the non-tribal industry throughout the State is facing serious structural competition well beyond the control of the City. The decline in card room gross receipts is not only being experienced by the casinos in Shoreline, but also by casinos in most jurisdictions. Most jurisdictions agree that the smoking ban has been a major contributor to the decline in card room activity in 2006. In addition to this, the continuing competition from both tribal casinos and on-line betting has likely contributed to the saturation of the gambling market. Even though construction along Aurora may have had some negative impact to the casinos, staff continues to believe that this is not the major reason for the decline in gambling activity. As stated last July, it would not surprise us to see some casinos in the region go out of business, change emphasis or merge. Regardless of any reasonable action the City undertakes these larger forces will determine the shape of the industry and the future of local casinos.

Staff believes that Shoreline casinos do benefit from some local competitive advantages. First of all, Seattle does not allow casinos so Shoreline establishments have a distinct advantage in being the closest casino gambling available for all of north Seattle. Second, Shoreline has established that no new casinos are allowed, but that existing ones may continue as non-conforming uses. This guarantees no added local competition. It also makes it possible that if a casino were to go out of business that someone else may purchase that business in order to preserve the use and gaming license since no more would be allowed in the future. This makes the existing gambling licenses very valuable.

Staff acknowledges that the level of gambling activity within the City has declined. Even though this is the case, there is no guarantee that a lower tax rate will result in all casinos being profitable or remaining in business. A review of local jurisdiction gambling tax rates continues to show that the most common card room tax rate is 10%.

Staff continues to recommend that the City's gambling tax rate be 10%. This recommendation is based on the substantial completion of the Aurora project, the tax rate of surrounding jurisdictions and the limitation on future gambling expansion within Shoreline.



### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council take no further action. Ordinance No. 437 as adopted by the City Council, will sunset the gambling tax reduction to 7% as of April 1, 2007, and will result in the card room gambling tax rate returning to 10%.

Approved By:      City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Ordinance No. 437

**ORDINANCE NO. 437**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,  
ADOPTING A NINE MONTH REDUCTION IN THE CITY GAMBLING  
TAX ON SOCIAL CARD ROOMS TO 7% OF GROSS RECEIPTS; AND  
AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE 3.30.020.**

WHEREAS, The City Council received requests from the Shoreline card room operators for a reduction in the City's gambling tax; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds there is a sufficient showing that the current tax rate may result in unprofitable operations due to statewide and local factor affecting the gaming industry and temporary impacts from the Aurora Project; and the gambling tax rate should be reduced during the period of Aurora Project impacts; now therefore

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment in effect from July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.** Shoreline Municipal Code section 3.30.020 is amended as follows for the period July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007:

3.30.020 Imposed.

Pursuant to RCW 9.46.110 as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, there is levied upon all persons, associations or organizations a tax on all gambling activities occurring within the city as permitted by state law at the following rates:

... [A- C unchanged]

D. All social card game rooms licensed under the provisions of RCW 9.46.030(1) and (4) at a rate equal to ~~7~~ 10 percent of the annual gross receipts exceeding \$10,000.

**Section 2. Amendment in effect after March 31, 2007.** Shoreline Municipal Code section 3.30.020 is amended as follows effective April 1, 2007:

3.31.020 Imposed.

Pursuant to RCW 9.46.110 as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, there is levied upon all persons, associations or organizations a tax on all gambling activities occurring within the city as permitted by state law at the following rates:

... [A- C unchanged]

D. All social card game rooms licensed under the provisions of RCW 9.46.030(1) and (4) at a rate equal to 10 ~~7~~ percent of the annual gross receipts exceeding \$10,000.

**Section 3. Publication, Effective Dates.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication of a summary consisting of the title.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 24, 2006.**

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Mayor Robert L.Ransom

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Scott Passey  
City Clerk

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Ian Sievers  
City Attorney

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