

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Adoption of Ordinance No. 865: Amending the City of Shoreline Commute Trip Reduction Plan
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Nytasha Sowers, Transportation Services Manager
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

In 2006, the Washington State Legislature passed the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act updating the 1991 Commute Trip Reduction Law, which requires local governments experiencing the greatest automobile-related air pollution and traffic congestion to develop and implement plans to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips. The City of Shoreline adopted a CTR Plan in 2008. Per State law, local CTR plans must be updated at least once every four years in order to establish any new four-year targets and program strategies.

In June 2018, the state CTR Board adopted a draft Strategic Plan and because no major changes were made to the CTR Program, the CTR Board took action to exempt local jurisdictions from plan updates for the 2019-2023 cycle. The current Shoreline CTR Plan has an effective period through the 2015-2019 cycle. Staff would like to utilize the state CTR Board exemption by not making any changes to the City's CTR Plan and extending the City's current CTR Plan for the 2019-2023 cycle.

A public hearing was held on September 16, 2019 on proposed Ordinance No. 865 which would amend the current CTR Plan to cover the 2019-2023 planning period. Following the public hearing, Council directed staff to bring this proposed ordinance back to Council for adoption. Tonight, Council is schedule to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 865.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with tonight's action.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt Ordinance No. 865 which amends the current CTR Plan to cover the 2019-2023 planning period.

Approved By:            City Manager **DT**    City Attorney **MK**

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2006, the Washington State Legislature passed the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act updating the 1991 Commute Trip Reduction Law, which requires local governments experiencing the greatest automobile-related air pollution and traffic congestion to develop and implement plans to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips. Shoreline is located within the affected urban growth area and is required to have a CTR Plan.

The City of Shoreline CTR Plan was adopted in 2008 and incorporated by reference into the City's Municipal Code (SMC 14.10.020). It is an aggregation of City-adopted goals and policies, facility and service improvements, and marketing strategies about how the City will help make progress for reducing drive alone trips and vehicle miles traveled. The Plan supports achievement of Comprehensive Plan goals and Shoreline's vision.

Per State law, local CTR plans must be updated at least once every four years in order to establish any new four-year targets and program strategies. The City of Shoreline CTR Plan was last updated in September 2017 by Ordinance No. 787, which amended the 2008 CTR Plan with the 2015-2019 CTR Implementation Plan Update. That staff report can be viewed at the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2017/staffreport091117-7c.pdf>.

In June 2018, the CTR Board adopted a draft Strategic Plan with no major changes made to the CTR program. Since no major changes were made to the CTR program, in July 2018 the CTR Board issued a memorandum exempting CTR jurisdictions from CTR Plan update requirements for the 2019-2023 cycle. This allows jurisdictions to defer updating CTR Plans until June 2023.

## **DISCUSSION**

On September 16, 2019, a public hearing and Council discussion were held regarding proposed Ordinance No. 865 (Attachment A), which would amend the current CTR Plan to cover the 2019-2023 planning period. The staff report for the September 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing can be found at the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2019/staffreport091619-8a.pdf>.

At the public hearing, one public comment was received in support of the CTR Plan to promote people driving less. Following the public hearing, Council conducted a brief discussion and general support was provided for proposed Ordinance No. 865. Council then directed staff to bring back proposed Ordinance No. 865 on tonight's consent agenda.

### **COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED**

This program is related to Council Goal 2: Improve Shoreline's infrastructure to continue the delivery of highly-valued public services. The major goals for the CTR program are to improve transportation system efficiency, conserve energy, and improve air quality.

### **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact associated with tonight's action.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt Ordinance No. 865 which amends the current CTR Plan to cover the 2019-2023 planning period.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Ordinance No. 865

**ORDINANCE NO. 865**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING THE CITY OF SHORELINE COMMUTE TRIP  
REDUCTION PLAN, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 14.10.020 OF THE  
SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

WHEREAS, RCW 70.94.527 requires the City of Shoreline to adopt a commute trip reduction plan ("CTR Plan"); and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 787, the City adopted its CTR Plan for the 2015-2019 planning period; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2018, the Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Board (CTR Board) adopted a strategic plan, entitled *Expanding Travel Options: Faster, Smarter and More Affordable*; and

WHEREAS, because there were no major changes being made to the State's CTR Program at that time, the CTR Board took action to exempt jurisdictions from local/regional plan updates for the 2019-2023 cycle, permitting jurisdictions to defer updates until June 2023 if they so desired, despite RCW 70.94.527's requirement that the City is to update its CTR Plan every four years; and

WHEREAS, the CTR Plan currently incorporated by reference within SMC 14.10.020 provides for a planning period ending 2019; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to reflect the deferral of updates to 2023 as authorized by the CTR Board;

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

**Section 1. Amendment to SMC 14.10.020.** SMC 14.10.020 City of Shoreline CTR Plan, dated August 25, 2008, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 526, 658, and 787, is amended to cover the 2019-2023 planning period.

**Section 2. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.

**Section 3. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation.

**Section 4. Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this Ordinance consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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Mayor Will Hall

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jessica Simulcik-Smith  
City Clerk

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Margaret King  
City Attorney

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019