

City receives grant to replace RR bridge

Thanks to recently approved federal funds, a 1923 bridge (re-built in 1956) over the Burlington Northern tracks in Shoreline will be replaced by a stronger concrete version.

The wooden bridge located on Richmond Beach Drive is the only access to an island of homes on 27th Ave. NW separated from the rest of Shoreline by the railroad tracks. Last year the City was forced to impose weight limits on the bridge for safety reasons, but began looking for a long-term solution to the outdated structure.

In June, the City of Shoreline was approved to receive Federal Bridge Funds to replace the bridge. Based on preliminary estimates, the total project cost would be \$1,014,850. The City would be required to match 20 percent of that amount. Burlington Northern has expressed interest in contributing to



the City's match in exchange for being relieved of further maintenance obligations on the bridge.

"Project costs are based on preliminary estimates that are subject to change in the design process and could increase," explains Public Works Director Bill Conner.

"The unique geography poses limitations so deviations from the design standards will be necessary," says Shoreline Capi-

tal Projects Manager Jon Jordan. "The federal Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee that approved the funds recognizes this and that should help us through the process. But many other approvals will be needed before this is a done deal."

Shoreline will begin design of the new bridge in 2001 and construction could begin in 2002 or 2003, depending on environmental concerns.

New police program offers victim notification

This summer, King County introduced a new program that offers crime victims another avenue of control in their lives.

Crime victims can now register with the King County VINE Program (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) to find out more about offenders' status. This automated system notifies registered victims about charges, court dates, bail amounts and jail release.

The program was initiated in 1994 in Louisville, Ky., by the

parents of a murder victim, Mary Byron. Byron was a domestic violence victim who was murdered by her attacker when he was released from prison. Since then the program has expanded across the United States.

"This program is especially useful for domestic violence cases, although victims of any type of crime can benefit," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "The more information victims have the better able they are to deal with the situation."

The VINE program is free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The program provides information on the custody status of inmates who have been booked into the King County Department of Adult Detention jails only. The system does not currently provide information on inmates in juvenile detention facilities or any municipal jails in King County.

Brochures on how to register for the VINE program are available at the Shoreline Police Department, both Neighborhood Police Centers and at City Hall. Contact the Shoreline Police at (206) 546-6730 for more information.