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Past and present Shoreline City Councilmembers were joined by Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Jay Inslee, King County Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds, Puget Sound Regional Council Director Bob Drewel and other special guests to officially break ground on the Aurora Corridor Project.

Construction begins on Aurora

The City of Shoreline is making its part of Aurora Avenue North a better, safer place to travel and do business. Over 200 people joined the City in celebrating the beginning of construction on the Aurora Corridor Project, N. 145th to 165th Streets and the Interurban Trail Bridges Project at a July 6 ceremonial groundbreaking.

Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen was joined by Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Jay Inslee and Puget Sound Regional Council Director Bob Drewel as featured speakers.

"This is a day we have all been waiting for," said Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "Improving

Aurora has been a top priority since before incorporation. And now we are doing just that."

In June, the Shoreline City Council awarded a \$23.6 million construction contract to Gary Merlino Construction Company to complete the Aurora Avenue North Multimodal Corridor N. 145th to 165th Streets and Interurban Trail Bridge Project. Construction is scheduled to be completed winter 2006.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor Project visit www.shorelineaurora.com or call the Aurora Info Line at (206) 546-5680 to hear a recorded construction update message.

Seattle magazine ranks Shoreline the region's number one neighborhood to live

Shoreline is number one according to *Seattle* magazine.

In its July issue, *Seattle* magazine ranked 84 Seattle area "neighborhoods" and Shoreline topped the list of the best places to live.

Areas were ranked on quality of life features such as parks, commute time to major work areas and housing affordability. Here is an excerpt from what they had to say about Shoreline:

"This enclave of ranches, split-levels and mid-century homes has for years been

underappreciated for its affordable prices (median price is \$272,000), great freeway access and good schools. No longer. Buyers have rediscovered the neighborhood, with its not-so-bad drive times to downtown Seattle or Redmond; as a result, homes are sitting on the market only 28 days. Shoreline tops the *Seattle* magazine list of best neighborhoods."

"The city has plenty of parks, including, naturally, those on the water (it comes by its name honestly) overlooking Puget Sound and the Olympics. There's plenty

of retail in these parts, and plenty of restaurants of every stripe."

"Shoreline has long been known for its abundant parks, respected school district, and strong neighborhoods. We have a great quality of life here and it is getting better every year," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen.

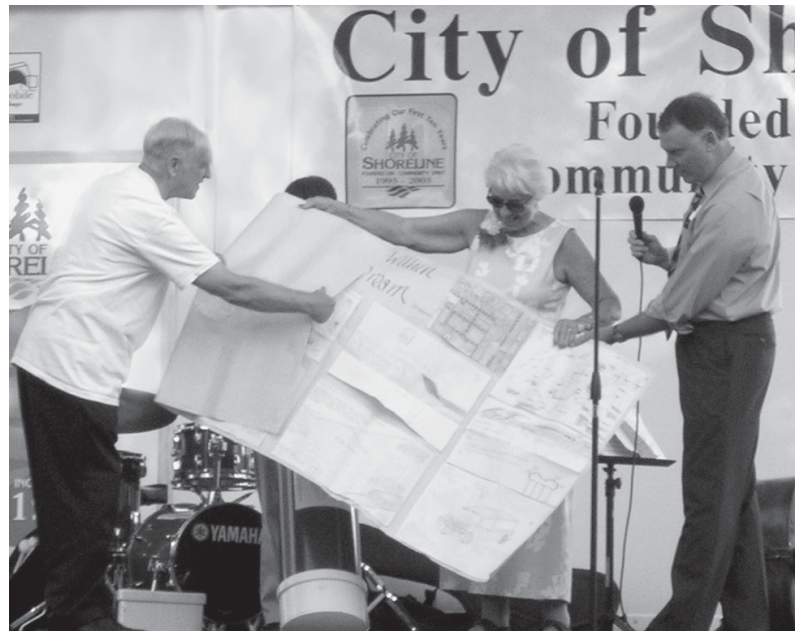
"It is an honor for Shoreline to be recognized as the best place to live even if it was not too much of a surprise to those of us who live here. After all, those qualities are what brought many of us here in the first place."

Shoreline celebrates 10 year anniversary

"Community spirit and a 'we can do it' attitude are what built Shoreline," said Mayor Hansen. "I couldn't be more proud of our community and what we've been able to accomplish together in just 10 years."

Shoreline's 10th Anniversary Celebration was held July 16 at the Shoreline Historical Museum and also included music, refreshments, the opening of a time capsule created in 1995 and the opening of a special museum exhibit featuring 10 years of Shoreline history.

Mayor Hansen's toast to the City topped off the event: "Here's to our first 10 years and the many accomplishments we've achieved. Our history is great but our best years are yet to come. The future is even brighter, full of hope with limitless possibilities. To 10 years!"



As part of the City's 10th Anniversary Celebration, Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen was joined by Shoreline's first mayor, Connie King and Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal, to open a time capsule created when the City incorporated in 1995.

2005-2006 City Council Work Plan

Each year, the Shoreline City Council develops a work plan outlining City priorities for the coming year. Council adopted the following 2005-2006 Work Plan at its July 25 meeting:

Goal No. 1

Work toward completing the Aurora Corridor Project

Goal No. 2

Complete the Interurban Trail Project

Goal No. 3

Enhance our program for safe and friendly streets

Goal No. 4

Implement an active economic development plan

Goal No. 5

Implement the city hall project

Goal No. 6

Review and consider improvement in code enforcement standards

Goal No. 7

Develop a plan for acquiring priority park, open space, critical area and surface water property

North City construction gets lively with portable murals



Portable murals add color to North City construction fences.

The North City construction area along 15th Avenue NE is now more colorful thanks to portable murals painted at the Shoreline Arts Festival in June.

The 10 murals were designed by professional artists Marsha Lippert (a North City resident) and Roberta McDaris Long who also supervised the painting by community members at the festival. The murals are painted on 4'x8' sheets of plywood donated by North City Lumber and are designed to hang on construction fencing.

The idea behind the murals was to get the community involved in making the construction area more interesting and to promote community support of businesses during construction. The project was co-sponsored by the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council.

Since the beginning of construction in June, contractors

have been installing underground utility vaults and conduit along 15th Avenue NE. They have also installed new driveway approaches, curbs, gutters and sidewalks near the North City Safeway. To increase productivity, the City's contractor began working Saturdays in July and will continue to do so until the trenching for the underground utility work is completed.

In July, Ronald Wastewater completed main and side sewer replacements and Puget Sound Energy began replacing the gas main along 15th Avenue NE. These projects are being completed independent of the City's project but are being coordinated to minimize impacts.

For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or call the North City Info Line at (206) 533-2280 for a recorded construction update message.

Council adopts new Capital Improvement Plan

Following a public hearing, Shoreline City Council adopted the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at its July 11 meeting. Highlights from the CIP include:

Aurora Corridor Project N. 145th Street to N. 165th Street and Interurban Trail Pedestrian Bridges:

Shoreline's plan to redesign and upgrade the first mile of the corridor includes two through-traffic lanes in each direction, a



Interurban Trail Bridge over Aurora.

Business Access/Transit lane in each direction for buses, a center median for U-turns, sidewalks and underground utilities. Two bridges — one over Aurora and another over N. 155th Street — will provide safe crossings for Interurban Trail users. Construction has begun and is scheduled to be complete by winter 2006.

Interurban Trail:

A pedestrian/bicycle trail from N. 145th to N. 205th Streets will provide a City-wide trail system linking parks, neighborhoods and businesses. Four of the five segments are either complete or will be soon.



Construction in North City is scheduled to be completed by summer 2006.

North City/15th Avenue Improvements:

Underground utilities, new street signals, six-foot sidewalks with planting and utility zones, on-street parking, new storm drainage and a gateway into the North City area will improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and revitalize the commercial area. Construction has begun and is scheduled to be complete by summer 2006.

Richmond Beach Overcrossing:

A concrete bridge will replace the existing deteriorating timber structure over the Burlington Northern Railroad at Richmond Beach Drive NW and NW 196th Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2006.

Third Avenue Drainage Improvements:

A stormwater conveyance and detention system will alleviate flooding in the area between 3rd and 6th Avenues NW south of Richmond Beach Road. The conveyance portion of the project is complete and construction on the detention portion is scheduled to begin in 2007.

The CIP is a six-year plan for capital expenditures needed to restore, improve and expand the City's infrastructure, including sidewalks, roads, trails, drainage, parks and City facilities. The proposed six-year plan totals \$161.5 million with \$28 million in General Capital Projects, \$300,000 in City Facilities Major Maintenance, \$117 million in Roads Capital Projects and \$15 million in Surface Water Capital Projects.

Copies of the 2006-2011 plan may be downloaded from www.cityofshoreline.com, and are available on CD by calling Beau Sinkler in the City Finance Department at (206) 546-0790.

Copies are also available for review at: City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.); Shoreline Police Station (1206 N. 185th St.); Eastside Police Center (521 NE 165th St.); Westside Police Center (624 Richmond Beach Road); and Shoreline Library (342 NE 175th St.) and Richmond Beach Library (19601 21st Ave. NW). For more information, contact Shoreline City Engineer Jill Marilley at (206) 546-8777.



A new stormwater conveyance system and road overlay on Third Avenue NW was completed as part of the Third Avenue Drainage Improvements.

City establishes rules for motorized scooters

Motorized scooters are a new and popular form of transportation, especially for teens and young adults. Shoreline has been exploring ways to keep both scooter riders and others traveling on City streets safe.

At its June 20 meeting, the Shoreline City Council adopted an ordinance establishing rules for motorized foot scooters and mini-motorcycles in Shoreline. Below is a question and answer summary that provides an overview of the regulations that apply to motorized foot scooters and similar devices covered under the ordinance.

How old do I have to be to ride a motorized foot scooter legally on City of Shoreline streets?

If the scooter is electric powered you must be 13 and if it is gas powered or you are riding a "similar device" as defined in the ordinance you must be 15. A similar device is any motorized transportation device (for example, a motorized skateboard) not specifically defined by State law in the Revised Code of Washington.

Do I have to wear a helmet?

Yes.

What equipment does my scooter need?

Your scooter is required to have a working muffler, working brakes, and a front and rear light if ridden during hours of limited visibility.

Are there any other operator rules I should know about?

Yes. All riders are required to follow the state established "Rules of the Road" which can be reviewed at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/RCW/index.cfm?fuseaction=chapterdigest&chapter=46.61>. When making left turns, you are required to dismount and walk your scooter across the street. Riders are not allowed to generate a noise that creates a public disturbance as defined in the Shoreline Municipal Code, Chapter 9.05.010. And finally, you are not allowed to take a passenger on your scooter or tow someone with your scooter.

Are there any restrictions as to when I can ride?

Yes. Riding is only allowed from sunrise to sunset in the summer, i.e., April to October, and from sunrise to 8 p.m. in the winter, from November to March.

Where can I ride my scooter?

You must ride on the far right side of the road and in bicycle lanes when available. Riders may only travel on roads with speed limits of 25 mph or less. You can ride on sidewalks as long as you are riding an electric powered motorized foot scooter. Gas powered scooters are not allowed on

sidewalks. Scooters are also not allowed in parks or on the Interurban Trail unless otherwise posted.

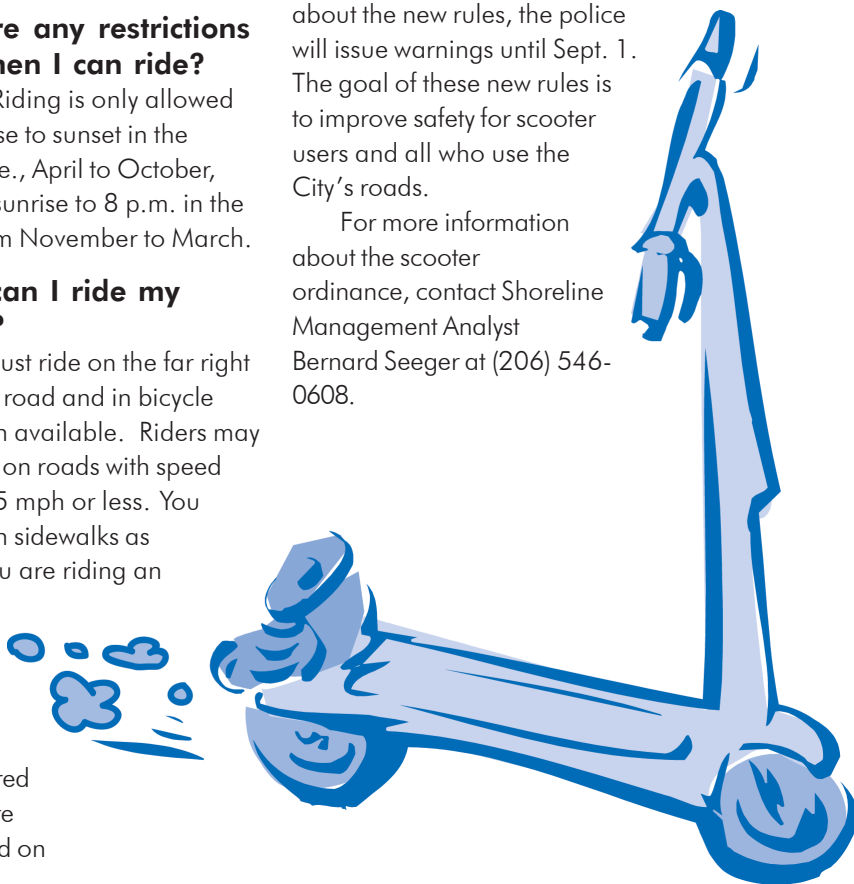
What is the penalty if I break one of these rules?

If you are 16 or older you will be issued a traffic infraction with a maximum fine of \$250. If you are under 16 you and your parents may receive a written/verbal warning on your first violation. On the second violation, the police officer is authorized to confiscate and impound your motorized foot scooter.

Is there anything else I should know about?

The ordinance is in effect now. To give people time to learn about the new rules, the police will issue warnings until Sept. 1. The goal of these new rules is to improve safety for scooter users and all who use the City's roads.

For more information about the scooter ordinance, contact Shoreline Management Analyst Bernard Seeger at (206) 546-0608.



Council adopts Comprehensive Plan Update

The Shoreline City Council adopted an updated version of the Comprehensive Plan at its June 13 meeting.

Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan guides the City's physical, economic and social development

over the next 20 years. The State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities and counties to create Comprehensive Plans and to update them every seven years to comply with the GMA.

Shoreline began review of its

plan in 2003 and also began developing master plans detailing the City's future transportation, surface water and parks needs.

The two-year review process included public meetings, workshops and extensive review by Shoreline residents, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, the Planning Commission and City Council. Over the past six months, the City Council has used its meetings to solicit public comment and to deliberate on the plans. The update recommended by the Planning Commission and adopted by Council reflects comments made at meetings and hearings as well as written comments from the public.

The City Council Recommended Updated Comprehensive Plan is available for review on the City Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com, with strikethrough and underlined areas so residents can follow the changes made to the recommended draft.

Council adopted the Surface Water and Transportation Master Plans on July 11. Final copies of the updated Comprehensive Plan and Master Plans will be available for purchase soon. Please call Shoreline Planning and Development Services at (206) 546-1811 if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the plans. The City will compile a list and notify you when the plans are printed and ready for pickup.

For more information, contact City of Shoreline Senior Planner Andrea Spencer at (206) 546-1418, or email aspencer@ci.shoreline.wa.us.

Celebrate Shoreline 2005



This year marks the City's 10th anniversary and the party is going to be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of the fun! For more information visit www.cityofshoreline.com.



Friday, August 19

Celebrate Shoreline Teen Skate Competition & Band Show

Noon to 8 p.m., Connie King Skate Park, 15300 8th Ave. NE

Saturday, August 20

Shoreline Rotary Run

8:15 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. run, Shoreline Stadium, 18560 1st Ave. NE. For more information, contact Allen Anderson at (206) 546-6631, www.shorelinerotaryrun.org.

Celebrate Shoreline Parade & Festival

11 a.m., parade on 15th Ave. NE. Noon to 5 p.m. Festival at Ridgecrest Elementary School, 16516 10th Ave. NE

Sunday, August 21

Celebrate Shoreline Sand Castle Building Contest

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th St.

More help now available for home repair

The City now offers two home repair programs.

The Major Home Repair Program for Shoreline, administered by the King County Housing Repair Program, offers income-qualifying homeowners emergency grants and no-interest loans to make needed repairs to their homes. The Major Home Repair Program covers replacement of systems such as new roofs, plumbing fixtures and piping and larger maintenance projects such as exterior house painting. When the home is sold, the loan is repaid and the proceeds return to a revolving fund to make new loans and grants.

But what about the little things that go wrong, such as a leaky faucet, broken stair tread or the need for a new light fixture to increase room lighting? That's where the new Minor Home Repair Program can help.

The Minor Home Repair Program, provided through a contract with Senior Services, provides carpentry, plumbing and electrical repairs to income-eligible homeowners. The homeowner pays a small charge for labor, and materials are provided at cost.

In addition to repairs, the program can also install safety aids such as grab bars and hand rails or make other accessibility improvements for residents with disabilities. Homeowners of all ages can qualify based on income and family size.

For a free estimate or to

schedule a repair through the Minor Home Repair Program, call (206) 448-5751 or TDD (206) 448-5025. For information about the Major Home Repair Program, call (206) 296-7640 or TTY 711.



The Minor Home Repair Program offers help to income-eligible Shoreline residents.

Spartan Rec Center: A great place for parties

Shoreline's remodeled Spartan Gym has been renamed Spartan Recreation Center to better reflect the diversity of programs now available to Shoreline residents.

Don't forget that the facility, located at 18560 1st Ave. NE, may be rented for family gatherings, birthday parties and other events. For example, the Cascade Room can accommodate up to 64 people.

Some of the special birthday features that are available at the Spartan Recreation Center include:

- Two-hour, Saturday party spots beginning at 10 a.m.;
- On-site recreation staff available to serve as party host;
- Party package options to serve eight or more (see below);
- Disposable plates, napkins, eating utensils, cups and table cloths on-site;
- Helium balloons, streamers, candles, party bags, cake, ice cream and more;
- Indoor play-room, especially equipped for pre-school party goers;

- Adjacent gym and grass fields available for elementary age party patrons;

- Swimming pool within walking distance (including afternoon open swim);

- Accessible kitchen area for food preparation, warming and serving.

The following tiered fee schedule reflects a discount for Shoreline residents:

Basic Package: \$40-\$75 per hour

Deluxe Package (includes party host and play area): \$90-\$120 per hour

Ultra-Deluxe Package (includes host, play area and theme decoration): \$130-\$155 per hour

For more information about programs at the Spartan Recreation Center, log on to www.cityofshoreline.com/parks or call (206) 418-3383.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

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First and third Mondays
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Regular Meetings
Second and fourth Mondays
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City of Shoreline Web site

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