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2015 Budget maintains priority public services

City Manager Debbie Tarry presented the 2015 Proposed Budget to the Shoreline City Council at its October 13 meeting. The \$72.6 million budget is balanced and maintains priority services desired by Shoreline's residents as expressed in citizen satisfaction surveys.

In late 2012, the City began to see an economic upturn. That improvement continued in 2013 and 2014. Economic forecasts provided by regional analysts indicate that this trend will continue at a slower rate in 2015. The 2015 forecast is for tax revenues, including property tax, to improve. Shoreline's property tax revenues are expected to increase by \$298,000 (2.9%). General sales tax revenue is projected to grow by \$120,000 (1.6%) in 2015 as compared to the projected 2014 collections.

The 2015 Proposed Budget is \$5.1 million (6.5%) less than the current 2014 budget. The primary reason for this is a \$5.4 million decrease in capital spending as the Aurora Corridor project will be winding down in 2015.

The fundamental purpose of the City's budget is to allocate resources that support the community's vision and priorities. To achieve this, the City Council has established five goals as part of the City Council's 2014-2016 Work Plan. The 2015 Proposed Budget includes operating programs to meet each of these goals.

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic base

Goal 2: Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure

Goal 3: Prepare for two Shoreline light rail stations

Goal 4: Enhance openness and opportunities for community engagement

Goal 5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood initiatives and programs.

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Budget Summary

Operating Budget	\$39.1 million
Capital Budget	\$23.2 million
Debt Service	\$3.6 million
Surface Water Utility	\$5.5 million
Other	<u>\$1.2 million</u>
Total	\$72.6 million

Adoption of Budget and Property Tax Levy

Monday, Nov. 24, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

More information:
shorelinewa.gov/budget



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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
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City appeals Snohomish County Boundary Review Board's decision

On October 9, 2014, the City of Shoreline filed its appeal of the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board's (BRB) decision to deny the City of Shoreline's proposed assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District in Snohomish County. The BRB entered their written decision denying the assumption at their September 11 meeting. The City filed its appeal in Snohomish County Superior Court.

Over ninety percent of the District is located within the borders of the City of Shoreline. The remainder lies within Snohomish County and includes Shoreline's potential annexation area at Point Wells, a portion outside of Shoreline's potential annexation area in unincorporated Snohomish County, and four residential parcels within the Town of Woodway. The area within Snohomish County is identified as part of the Ronald Wastewater District Service Area in the District's Comprehensive Plan that was previously approved by the Snohomish County Council.

A portion of the utility rates charged to the District's ratepayers have been used to maintain the District's system in Snohomish County. Lift station #13 is located within unincorporated Snohomish County and serves 61 homes in Shoreline, in addition to a small number of homes in Woodway. Current utility ratepayers have paid for maintenance of the lift station and other utility infrastructure in the area. Given that the City will be the future owner of the utility system, it is the City's desire to keep the District whole from both a service efficiency perspective and an equity obligation to the utility's ratepayers.

On September 18, King County's BRB entered their written decision approving the assumption in King County. The City and the District are moving forward with the assumption in King County. Currently the District and the City are working collaboratively on the development of a Transition Plan to lay the groundwork for the assumption of the District by the City in 2017.

The BRBs are quasi-judicial bodies empowered to hear and review incorporations, annexations, assumptions, mergers, and disincorporations by cities, towns and special-purpose districts.

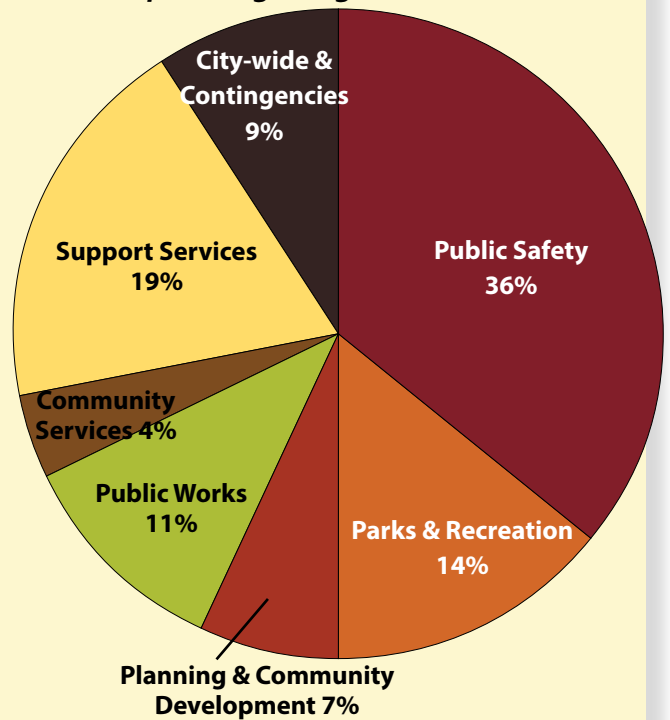
For more information about the City's assumption of Ronald Wastewater District visit shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption.

Your resources at work in the City

The City's 2015 Budget totals \$72.6 million. Over 53% of the total (\$38.6 million) is spent on the City's operating budget. The operating budget represents the cost of providing services to the Shoreline community on a day-to-day basis:

- **Public Safety:** Police services, domestic violence assistance, prosecuting attorney, public defender, municipal court and jail services.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Parks and open space maintenance, recreation programs and cultural services.
- **Planning and Community Development:** Code enforcement, permitting, zoning and Comprehensive Plan updating.
- **Public Works:** Street and right-of-way maintenance, traffic management and environmental services.
- **Community Services:** Customer Response Team, emergency management, neighborhoods coordination and human services.
- **Support Services:** Budget and financial reporting, accounts payable/receivable and payroll, grant writing, maintaining network, computer and telephone systems, administration, legal services, communications, records management.
- **City-Wide and Contingencies:** Liability and property insurance, equipment and vehicle maintenance, operations and replacement.

Operating Budget Allocations

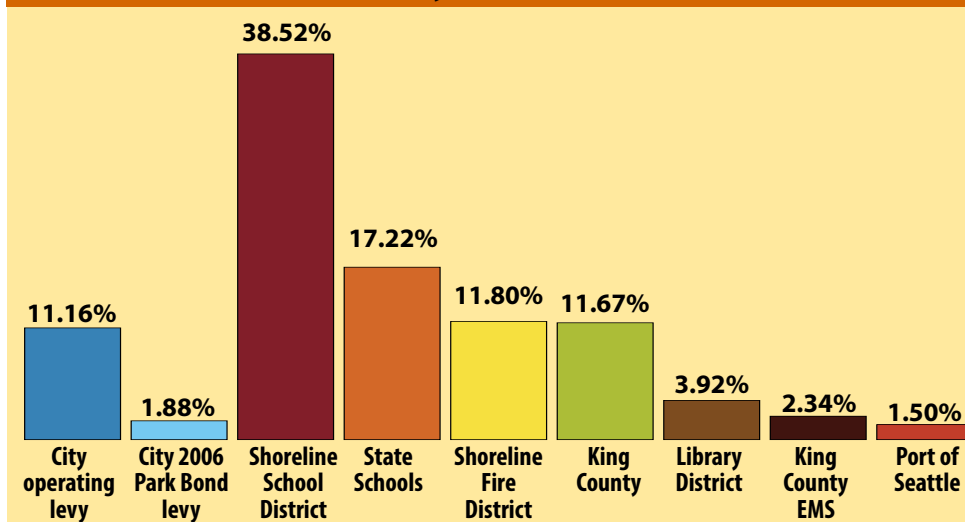


Where do your property taxes go?

There are a number of taxing districts that collect property taxes from Shoreline property owners. One piece of property may fall under the jurisdiction of as many as 10 separate districts, each with its own levy rate.

The City of Shoreline receives about 13% of the total property taxes paid by Shoreline property owners. This includes the City's operating levy used to fund City services and the 2006 voter approved Park bond levy. The bond proceeds were used to acquire open space and make a variety of park and trail improvements throughout the City.

Tax Levy Allocations



2015 Budget

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"There are never enough resources to do all of the programs or projects that our community desires, but the 2015 proposed budget effectively allocates tax dollars to fund basic public services for the Shoreline community," stated City Manager Debbie Tarry. "Our focus continues to be on delivering value to our residents through City services that make Shoreline a great place to live and invest."

Throughout October and November each year the City Council discusses the coming year's budget. Public hearings to receive citizen input occur in November. A final version of the budget is scheduled for approval at the November 24 City Council meeting.

To review budget documents, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/budget.



HOLIDAY EVENTS



HOLIDAY CRAFTS MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 22
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Spartan Rec Center
202 NE 185th Street

NORTH CITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, Dec. 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Les Schwab
NE 180th & 15th Avenue NE

CHRISTMAS SHIP VISIT

Tuesday, Dec. 9
7:30 to 8:50 p.m.
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
2021 NW 190th Street

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden's
SOLSTICE STROLL
Friday to Sunday, Dec. 19 - Dec. 21
4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Kruckeberg Botanic Garden
20312 15th Avenue NW
RSVP at kruckeberg.org

Camp Shoreline for kids 4-12
HOLIDAY DAY CAMP
Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29 & Jan. 2
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
\$40/\$45 per day
Spartan Recreation Center
Register at (206) 801-2600 or
shorelinewa.gov/registration



LIGHT RAIL

145th Street Station Subarea zoning alternatives selected for study

On November 10, the City Council chose three zoning alternatives to be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 145th Street Station Subarea. One of the scenarios included is a no action alternative. It is important to remember that no action doesn't mean no change. Current zoning still allows for more capacity than currently exists, including building heights of 35 feet in single-family zones.

The other two zoning alternatives that will be studied in the Draft EIS are the "Connecting Corridors" and "Compact Community" scenarios.

The Connecting Corridors scenario showcases both 5th Avenue and 155th Street as connecting corridors between station subareas; commercial districts at 165th Street, 15th Avenue, and Aurora Avenue N; and the community renewal area at Aurora Square.

The Compact Community scenario does not emphasize corridors, but focuses potential growth solely on the area within roughly a ½ mile radius of the future light rail station at N 145th Street.

Visit the 145th Street Subarea Plan Design page at shorelinewa.gov/145design to view the full-size scenario maps.

EIS Process

The purpose of determining a range of potential zoning scenarios at this early stage of the subarea planning process is to begin studying impacts through the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS analyzes potential impacts to traffic, utility, school, and natural systems, both within a 20 year timeframe and at full build-out (which could take many decades) to determine potential mitigations or solutions to fix problems before they arise.

Subarea Planning Process

Following the Draft EIS analysis, comment period, and public hearing (dates TBD), Council will choose one of the above scenarios to be analyzed in a

185th Street Station Subarea Plan NEXT STEPS

November 20 - Planning Commission: Review Final EIS.

December 4 - Planning Commission: Discuss Subarea Plan and Planned Action Ordinance.

December 18 - Planning Commission: Final meeting before public hearing.

January 15 - Planning Commission: PUBLIC HEARING on full 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package, which will consist of Subarea Plan (including policies, prioritized capital projects, Comprehensive Plan land use and zoning designations), Development Code regulations, Final EIS, and Planned Action Ordinance.

February 9 - City Council: Council Study Session on Subarea Plan package

February 23 - City Council: Potential Council adoption of Subarea Plan package

more detailed Final EIS. Following the Final EIS analysis, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the entire subarea plan package, including the 145th Street Station Subarea Plan, Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations, Final EIS, development regulations, and Planned Action Ordinance, which will all be developed between now and next summer, with many opportunities for public involvement along the way.

Following the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Council will potentially amend and adopt the full subarea plan package, which would change zoning and development regulations in identified areas. Adoption is currently scheduled for June 2015.

Following adoption, homeowner decision-making and market forces will determine the pace and intensity of transformation over decades and perhaps generations.



Echo Lake Park with new benches, picnic tables and newly seeded lawn

Echo Lake Park construction nears completion

The improvements at Echo Lake Park are nearing completion after a summer under construction. Improvements, funded by the King County Trail Levy, create a trail head for the Interurban Trail and include handicapped accessible porous asphalt pathway connections, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, a barbeque grill, and renovations to the existing restroom (one unisex stall design). Additional park improvements were also made including a handicapped accessible beach entry, a fish rail, a tot play structure with safety surfacing, a re-graded/seeded open lawn area, and an irrigation system. The park will remain closed until early spring to give the newly planted grass time to take root.

For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/echolake or contact Park Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2603.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to Shoreline Municipal Code and State law, only rain water is allowed down a storm drain. If you spill something, it doesn't matter how big or small, be sure to clean it up before it reaches the storm drain. Spills should be reported by calling the City of Shoreline Spill Response number at (206) 801-2700. To understand your duty to report, visit ecy.wa.gov.

Holiday Baskets Drive Food, Toys, and Teen Gifts

Help Shoreline families this holiday season by donating food, gifts, money, or your time to the Shoreline PTA Council's Holiday Baskets Food, Toys, and Teen Gifts drive. To learn more visit shorelinepta.org/holiday-baskets.

Health insurance enrollment period now open

The open enrollment period for Washington Healthplanfinder began on November 15 for health insurance coverage beginning January 1, 2015. The enrollment period will extend through February 15, 2015.

Washington Healthplanfinder is the online marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses in Washington State to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage and gain access to tax credits, reduced cost sharing, and public programs such as Medicaid.

Shoreline residents between the ages of 19 and 64 who need health insurance can enroll online at wahbexchange.org or by calling toll free (855) 923-4633.

If you need more personal help signing up for health insurance, in-person assisters are available at the following nearby locations. Call for days and times.

- **Center for Human Services:** (206) 362-7282 (Spanish language services available)
- **International Community Health Services:** (206) 362-7282 (Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Korean language services available)
- **Northwest Hospital Emergency Room:** (206) 368-6565
- **DSHS, North Seattle Community College Campus,** (206) 934-7471

In-person assisters provide unbiased information to consumers and help with the mechanics of the enrollment process; however, they cannot recommend individual plans.

If you think you might be eligible for Medicaid (income at or below \$31,809 for a family of four) you can apply any time, you do not have to wait for open enrollment. Families with incomes between 139% and 400% of poverty may be eligible for subsidized health plans.

If you experience a special qualifying event, such as a divorce, having or adopting a child, moving to an area with different health plan options, or losing your health insurance coverage, you may apply for coverage within 60 days of the event.



AURORA CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION

Construction Update

It's hard to believe we only have a little more than a year before the final phase of the Aurora Corridor Project is complete! The City appreciates everyone's patience during these years of construction. The end is in sight.

The contractor is on schedule and has finished most of the utility, sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway work on the west side of Aurora Avenue between N 192nd Street and N 200th Street. Work on the connecting side streets in that stretch is also mostly complete, as is the new base pavement on those streets and the southbound Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane up to N 200th Street.

Utility work is continuing from N 200th to N 205th streets. As with the work so far, this will be followed by grading the new BAT lane, constructing the sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and then laying the base pavement. When utility work on the west side is finished, the contractor will begin working on the utilities on the east side of Aurora. Firlands Way N and N 195th Street will remain closed on the west side to finish the retaining wall and remaining work in the vicinity. Early next year, traffic will shift to the west side to use the new BAT lane so work can proceed on the east side.

The entire project is scheduled for completion January 2016.

Why does construction take so long?

There is no question that minimizing the inconvenience to affected businesses, residences, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the motoring public while building a new roadway is a challenge. That is especially true on a roadway as heavily traveled as Aurora. Many people wonder why construction must take so long. To get an idea of just what goes into reconstructing Aurora, below is a general sequence of the work being done:

1. **Site preparation** - Construction work begins with site preparation. For the Aurora Corridor Project, it began with surveying and removing the existing median curbs. The road was restriped to shift traffic to the east in order to establish the work zone on the west side.

The existing signals at N 200th and N 205th streets were also removed and replaced with temporary wire strung signals to match the temporarily realigned traffic. The contractor then started clearing the vegetation and material on the west side to prepare for utility relocation and installation. A similar process will occur when work shifts to the east side.

2. **Utility Relocation** - A number of utilities on the Aurora Corridor are being converted from aerial (on poles) to underground. These include:
 - Power (Seattle City Light, aka SCL)
 - Telecommunications (Frontier and Comcast)
 - Street lighting
 - Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) fiber optics for signal coordination

Other utilities that have to be relocated for the project are water (Seattle Public Utilities), sanitary sewer (Ronald Wastewater), and storm drainage lines. Depending on the number of utilities, the contractor may have to dig five to six trenches of different widths and depths in front of businesses and properties. This will occur on both sides of Aurora and on adjacent side streets.

The general order of work for utility relocation and installation is as follows: 1) Locate Existing Utilities; 2) Install Utility Vaults; 3) Excavate Utility Trench; and 4) Connect Utilities.

3. **Roadway Excavation** - When utilities are installed and underground work is finished, roadway work can begin. Some of the side streets have to be lowered to meet the future Aurora grades. The excavation and grading required results in short-term closures of the streets. When the excavated grades are reached, the roadbed is further prepared with a rock base.

Roadway work has many different elements, including constructing retaining walls; installing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, illumination, and signals; paving; constructing medians; final paving; and landscaping.

Completely rebuilding a heavily traveled roadway through an urban environment requires a lot of planning and coordination. The good news is, Aurora is right on schedule to be complete in January 2016!

We're seeking youth members for the Library Board

Are you interested in helping Shoreline's library system and gaining experience in local government? Earn community service hours and let your voice be heard by serving on the City's Citizen Advisory Library Board.

The Board provides information, makes recommendations relating to the Shoreline and Richmond Beach Libraries, promotes programs and reviews library policies. The Library Board consists of nine members and meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each odd numbered month.

The City is currently accepting applications for a youth member age 15 to 19 to serve a renewable one-year term.

Community Service Applications are available to download at shorelinewa.gov/libraryboard, Shoreline City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center, Shoreline Pool, Richmond Beach Library and the Shoreline Library.

For more information, contact Sheryle Harp at (206) 801-2623 or sharp@shorelinewa.gov.



Richmond Beach Saltwater Park pedestrian bridge

Saltwater Park bridge and beach access closed in January

The 50-year old Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge that serves Richmond Beach will be closed in early January for much needed structural repairs and upgrades. The repair work is expected to take approximately six to eight weeks and will require complete closure of the bridge and beach area, including the off-leash dog park.

The repairs are necessary to maintain a safe bridge and allow continued access for emergency and maintenance vehicles. Completion of these repairs will extend the life of the bridge 20 or more years.

For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/bridgerepair or contact Capital Project Manager Noel Hupprich at (206) 801-2472 or nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov.



As our daylight hours get shorter and the weather often makes visibility more challenging, please use extra caution in school zones and help keep our kids safe!

Volunteer tax preparers needed

Every year, tax credits provide financial relief to low and moderate income Shoreline residents. Help hardworking, low-income families keep more of what they earn through United Way's Free Tax Campaign. Volunteers walk clients through their taxes as well as connect them to savings opportunities and public benefits.

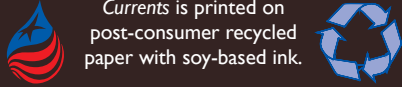
For more information, visit King County United Way's website at uwkc.org or email freetax@uwkc.org.

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DATES	Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, Jan. 2
TIME	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
COST	\$40*/\$45 per day *Resident Discount
LOCATION	Spartan Recreation Center, 202 NE 185th Street
REGISTER	(206) 801-2600, shorelinewa.gov/registration



(206) 801-2700 Customer Response Team 24 hours/7 days a week
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