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City begins planning for 145th Street/SR 523 Corridor

Beginning in early 2015, the City will engage the community in a year-long process to prepare a Corridor Study for the 145th Street/State Route 523 Corridor. The corridor is a key east-west connection for the region linking bus rapid transit on Aurora, light rail, and I-5. In need of significant upgrades, the study will serve as the master plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety and operations, transit speed and reliability, and freight mobility on the corridor.

A major obstacle to addressing these issues in the past has been the multijurisdictional nature of 145th Street's location and function. The southern border of the City of Shoreline ends where the northern edge of the sidewalk begins on 145th Street. As the diagram on page 5 shows, the complex arrangement of ownership and regulatory authority for the roadway includes the City of Seattle, King County, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Shoreline does not own any of the right-of-way but experiences significant traffic and safety issues associated with this street. Traffic volumes on this street are anticipated to increase due to highway tolling on the Lake Washington bridge(s), regional growth, and the future light rail station at NE 145th Street and I-5. As a result, upgrades will be needed to accommodate these volumes, as well as improve safety for bicycles and pedestrians, and speed and reliability for transit. At this time, improvements can only be made by WSDOT, King County or the City of Seattle; all of which have stated that improvements to 145th Street are not a priority.

The best way to achieve effective multi-modal improvements that address the needs of all users is to implement them corridor wide. However, with the current multi-jurisdictional ownership, it has become clear that the only way improvements to 145th Street will be undertaken in the near future is if ownership is consolidated. The City has been meeting with the City of Seattle, King County, and WSDOT and they are all supportive of the City's efforts to consolidate ownership under the City of Shoreline

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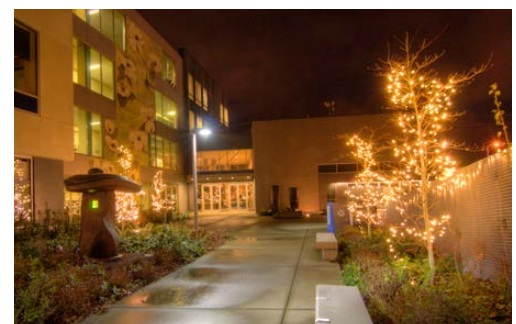
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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings



Council continues to nurture community partnerships

Shoreline is stronger when everyone works together. By building strong partnerships with other agencies and organizations, the City is able to provide more programs and services efficiently to Shoreline residents. Throughout the year, the City Council and City staff work to build partnerships.

In October, November, and December of this year, the City Council has been meeting with key community partners to strengthen partnerships and to achieve the community's shared goals. In October, the Council met with the Shoreline School Board and the Board of Trustees of the Shoreline Community College. In November, Council met with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Executive Board and its new Executive Director. And in December the Council met with the Council of Neighborhoods.

These meetings help establish strong working relationships between the different organizations and help all of them work together to achieve the community's goals as outlined in Shoreline's Vision 2029. Developed by residents in 2009, Vision 2029 describes what residents want Shoreline to look like 20 years in the future in 2029. As part of the process for developing Vision 2029, residents also had an opportunity to update the City's framework goals.

First developed through a series of more than 300 activities held in 1996-1998, the updated Framework Goals provide the overall policy foundation for the City's Comprehensive Plan and are used to help set City Council goals each year. When implemented, the Framework Goals are intended to preserve the best qualities of Shoreline's neighborhoods today and set direction for the City's future.

Framework Goal 17 calls for strengthening partnerships with schools, non-governmental organizations, volunteers, public agencies, and the business community. Creating strong partnerships helps lead to positive benefits for the whole community. Working with the School District has enabled the City to enter into joint use agreements that allow for the creation of more park space at Sunset School Park and Paramount School Park, and has allowed the City to operate the Spartan Recreation Center at the Shoreline Center. Working with the Community College, the City has been able to develop ongoing small business workshops that have helped hundreds of small business owners here in Shoreline. These are just two examples of some of the great programs that can develop out of strong partnerships.

The Council and City staff will continue to explore opportunities to work with different organizations and groups in Shoreline to provide residents with the programs and services they need.

To learn more about Vision 2029 and the City's Framework Goals, visit shorelinewa.gov/vision2029.

Waste diversion planning now required for new projects

As of January 1, 2015, all construction and demolition projects will need to comply with construction and demolition waste requirements before the City will issue a permit.

Shoreline is joining King County, Seattle, and other local jurisdictions in efforts to meet new regional landfill diversion goals. King County is working towards a goal of zero waste by 2030. Certain materials are easy to either salvage or recycle. Currently, many transfer stations restrict or ban asphalt paving, brick, concrete, metal, cardboard, and new gypsum scrap from being sent to a landfill for disposal within King County. Seattle and King County have set up a facility certification program identifying qualified receiving and recycling facilities that comply with adopted standards in those jurisdictions.

To help the region accomplish its waste diversion goals, Shoreline is now requiring permit applicants to submit a Waste Diversion Plan, a Deconstruction and Salvage Assessment, and a Waste Diversion Report for all demolition and construction projects with a work area greater than 1,000 square feet and tenant improvement projects greater than 2,500 square feet.

The Deconstruction and Salvage Assessment will allow builders to identify potentially salvageable materials.

Prior to, or at the final inspection approval, applicants will need to submit a Waste Diversion Report to the City. The report will show what waste materials were produced by the project, how much, and where they went.

If you have any questions about the new waste diversion requirements contact Shoreline Planning and Community Development Department at PCD@shorelinewa.gov or at (206) 801-2500.



Parks Director's Retirement Reception

Monday, Jan. 26, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
City Hall Lobby

After over 43 years serving in parks departments in the region, Dick Deal, Parks and Cultural Services Director since 2004, is retiring. Please join the City Council, the Parks Board, and staff as we recognize and honor Dick for his years of dedicated service.

Margaret King selected as Shoreline's new City Attorney

City Manager Debbie Tarry selected Margaret King to be the City's new City Attorney. King's selection was the culmination of an extensive search after long-time City Attorney Ian Sievers announced his retirement. King's first day of employment with the City was November 3.

"I'm excited to appoint Margaret as the City's new City Attorney," stated Tarry. "She has an extensive background in working with local governments on complex legal issues. Her skills and legal knowledge will be a great asset to the City. Margaret will be a valuable asset to the City's leadership team."

King has 23 years of professional legal experience, 17 of which have been representing state or local governments. Most recently King was

the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Snohomish County serving as the chief legal adviser to the Snohomish County Council, the elected County Treasurer, and the Department of Emergency Management. Prior to that she worked as a Senior Associate Attorney for Kenyon Disend, PLLC where she served as the City Attorney for the cities of Roslyn, Sultan, and Gold Bar, and the Town of Hunts Point, and as an Assistant City Attorney for the cities of North Bend and Tukwila.

Because of the ongoing issues with the Point Wells development in Snohomish County and King's prior position as the chief legal adviser to the Snohomish County Council, the City ensured there would be no conflict of interest before finalizing

the employment offer. Because King has not worked on any issues related to the Point Wells development since she started working for Snohomish County in 2013, the City and King are confident there are no conflicts of interest that would prevent her from fully representing the City.

The City hired the executive search firm Prothman to lead the candidate search. Prothman received 18 applications for the position. Of those, nine candidates were identified for initial screening. Of those, the City Manager chose six finalists to be interviewed by three panels. The interview panels were made up of City staff and the City's Leadership Team. The final interview was with the City Manager.



Aurora tree pruning – helping our trees help us

During the month of February, you will see a different kind of work being done on Aurora Avenue. A Puget Sound Corps team will work with City staff to prune young street trees along Aurora Avenue between 145th and 185th Streets to help them develop a strong, sound structure that will keep them healthy and safe as they mature. Well cared for trees provide a wide variety of environmental services

while contributing to the health, beauty and economic vibrancy of the community.

The City of Shoreline received an Urban Forestry Restoration Project Grant that is administered by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry Program to conduct the work.

For more information about the

tree pruning work on Aurora contact Park Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov, or (206) 801-2603. For more information about the Urban Forestry Restoration Project, visit the Project online or contact Micki McNaughton at (360) 902-1637 or mckimcnaughton@dnr.wa.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

The City is hosting a Christmas tree recycling event on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Meridian Park School parking lot at 17077 Meridian Avenue N. Please remove all hooks, ornaments, tinsel, and tree stands. Do not bring flocked, artificial or garden trees, branches, wreaths or swags.

If there is ice or snow on the road on event day, call (206) 801-2450 for a recorded message of the event's status. For general information call (206) 801-2700 or visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov.



Saltwater Park bridge closure

The pedestrian bridge at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park that provides access to the 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.

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

Planning begins for the 145th Street/SR 523 Corridor

Purpose of a Corridor Study (continued from page 1)

The redevelopment of the 145th Street corridor promises to be a significant and complex capital improvement project in the City of Shoreline.



During peak periods, the I-5 interchange is extremely congested.

The Study will serve as the master plan for the proposed improvements to the corridor. The Study process will evaluate several options for accommodating multiple travel modes, including vehicles, buses, walking, cycling, and freight. It will also consider the impacts to property owners associated with potential roadway widening. The Study process will take into consideration the future location of the light rail station at I-5 and the additional transportation demands created

as a result. The interchange at I-5 greatly influences the function of the entire corridor, thus evaluation of improvements at that location will be an important component of the Corridor Study.

Input from residents, property owners, business owners, community groups and human service organizations will be important during the process. Over the course of 2015, the City will engage in a rigorous public engagement process seeking such input. The City will conduct a series of open houses that will build upon each other as it develops the Study.

For more information about the 145th Street Corridor Study visit shorelinewa.gov/145Corridor or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at amcintire@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2483.



One of the busiest roadways in the area but not a very highly used transit corridor due to its congested nature and marginal pedestrian facilities.

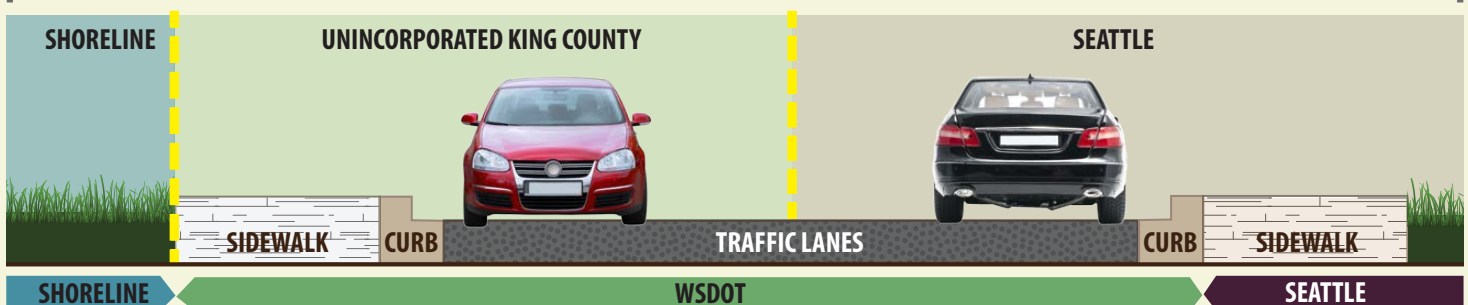
The collision rate for 145th Street is more than two and a half times higher than the regional average for urban principal arterials.



Sidewalks are poorly constructed and maintained, falling far short of ADA requirements.

Ownership and Responsibility for 145th Street

CURRENT ROAD OWNERSHIP



CURRENT MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY



Be StormReady - prepare for winter weather

The City of Shoreline has been recognized by the National Weather Service as a StormReady Community. StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness, but we need your help in maintaining that state of readiness! Visit shorelinewa.gov/stormready to find out how you can prepare for winter storms.

Snow Removal

When it snows, City plows will concentrate their efforts on main roads (primary routes) first to accommodate fire, medical, and police response, as well as Metro transit, school buses, and commuter traffic. As long as it continues to snow, the City will only plow primary routes. Once the snow has stopped and all primary routes are clear, plows will move to secondary roads. Once the secondary roads

are cleared, plows will move into neighborhoods. If at any time it starts snowing again while plows are clearing secondary or neighborhood streets, the plows will return to the primary routes and the process of clearing streets will begin again. While the City will eventually get to all streets, it is possible that it might take several days after the final snow before residents see a plow on their street. Snow plowing route maps are available at shorelinewa.gov/stormready.

Property Owner Responsibilities

Shoreline property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice off driveways and sidewalks near their property, including the ridge of snow left along the edge of driveways by snow plows. The City cannot plow individual driveways. If you plow snow or have it removed from your property, do not place the snow in the public right-of-way. This is illegal

and can lead to hazardous street conditions. Please keep the removed snow on your own property or make arrangements to have the snow removed to another private property location. Also, to help prevent pooling water or flooding, please help clear catch basins to make way for runoff from melting snow..

The City encourages you to stay home during a heavy snow storm unless there is an emergency. If you must travel, the City asks that you use public transportation whenever possible.

Garbage & Recycling Pick-up

Icy streets may prevent Recology CleanScapes from collecting garbage and recycling on designated days. To learn more about adverse weather and holiday policies visit RecologyCleanScapes.com or call (206) 763-4444

Protect Your Pipes

Every winter, frozen pipes cause damage in homes, apartments, and businesses. To avoid this, keep your heat on at least 40 degrees, especially when on vacation. When frozen pipes thaw they can cause cracks, flooding, and water damage.

Power Outages

The Seattle City Light website allows you to check the status of a power outage (<http://www.seattle.gov/light/sysstat/>). Contact Seattle City Light for more information at (206) 684-7000.

Shoreline's Customer Response Team

Shoreline's Customer Response Team (CRT) is here to help! Our CRT representatives are on call 24 hours a day/7 days a week and can respond quickly to emergencies. CRT staff are committed to keeping Shoreline neighborhoods safe and in good condition.

If you have an issue such as a downed tree in the right of way, flooding, downed wires, road failures, overgrown vegetation, or a code enforcement concern, CRT can help. Simply give them a call at (206) 801-2700. During normal City Hall business hours, a representative will speak with you immediately. In the evenings or on the weekend, leave a message and someone will return your call promptly.

(206) 801-2700



Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

During the holidays we all become busier and more distracted. Juggling multiple priorities and having our attention pulled in different directions presents criminals with an opportunity to take advantage of us.

Tips to avoid holiday crime

Package Delivery – Consider your alternatives when having packages delivered. An unattended package sitting for hours on a front porch is an easy target. Do you have a secure location where your package could be placed by the delivery person? Can a neighbor, friend, or family member receive your package for you? Can you have your packages delivered to your workplace?

Purses – Stealing a purse from an unattended shopping cart while the owner is distracted is a recurring holiday crime. Keep your purse in your hand or strapped close to your body while shopping.

Parking – Purchases sitting in open view in an unattended vehicle provide an easy target. If possible, park in areas easily viewed from storefronts and by foot traffic. Lock your car, and make sure your valuables are either well hidden or stored in the trunk.

Phone Calls – You and your family are likely to be using your credit and bank accounts much more frequently during the holiday season. Scam artists know this and will take advantage of unsuspecting people by cold calling and requesting personal information. This criminal activity often takes the form of an unsolicited phone call allegedly from a bank or credit company looking for personal information to assist them in “correcting” financial irregularities within your account. DO NOT give out personal identification or account information unless you have made the phone call and there is no doubt with whom you are speaking.

For more crime prevention information, visit the Police webpage at shorelinewa.gov/police.

LIGHT RAIL

Public Hearing on 185th Street Station Subarea Plan

Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber at City Hall

On January 15, the Shoreline Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the full 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package. The package includes the Subarea Plan, Development Code regulations, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Planned Action Ordinance. Visit shorelinewa.gov/185FEIS to review the documents.

The Subarea Plan itself includes policies, prioritized capital projects, and Comprehensive Plan land use and zoning designations.

After the public hearing, the Planning Commission will deliberate and adopt their recommendation for Council. The Council is scheduled to study the Subarea Plan package at its February 9 meeting and potentially adopt it on February 23.



The Winter Recreation Guide will hit homes soon and registration will begin on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Look for our new programs such as Youth Creative Arts, and new adult fitness classes as well as the return of Friday Badminton.

Call (206) 801-2600 for recreation program information.

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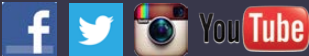
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