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## 20 years as a City - Past to Present

### *Innovations in transportation influence a changing Shoreline*

The Puget Sound region is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. And while Shoreline has experienced relatively little growth since incorporation in 1995, that trend is beginning to change. People outside of Shoreline are beginning to see the great community that exists here. Shoreline is a first tier suburb located within 25 miles of major job centers north, south, and east. With the addition of light rail, Shoreline will become an even more desirable place to live.

Ever since the Great Northern Railroad made its debut in Richmond Beach in 1891, Shoreline's development has been greatly influenced by innovations in transportation. Richmond Beach grew up around the railroad. With the construction of the Seattle to Everett Interurban Trolley line through Shoreline in 1906 and the paving of the North Trunk Road with bricks in 1913, Shoreline began to develop as a suburb. Its rural, but more easily accessible location, attracted new developments.

The construction of Highway 99 and later I-5 changed the area forever as Shoreline went from a rural suburb to a dense suburb of a major American City. Light rail will continue Shoreline's evolution and will impact settlement patterns just as the Interurban, Highway 99, and I-5 did in the past.

People from across the region will be attracted to living near light rail because of the convenient access it provides to the University of Washington, downtown Seattle, Sea-Tac airport, and other locations. They will also be attracted to the vibrant Shoreline community that we have all come to love.



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## 145<sup>th</sup> STREET/SR 523 Multimodal Corridor Study

Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

## Efficiently protecting our valuable infrastructure

The City of Shoreline has 345 lane miles of paved surfaces with an estimated replacement value of \$380 million. The City Council has made maintaining this infrastructure a high priority, recognizing negative impacts of deferred maintenance over the long-term.

In the past, the City largely relied upon the use of thin asphalt overlay applications to maintain City streets. However, with the cost of materials escalating significantly every year, the City switched to using Bituminous Surface Treatments (BSTs).

BSTs are widely used to extend the life of a road, create a new wearing surface, and waterproof existing pavement. Costs are generally 75% less than the cost of a typical asphalt overlay, allowing for greater road coverage. By using the BSTs, the City is able to maintain and protect 10 to 15 miles annually versus just two to three miles.

Unfortunately, due to the high temperatures we faced this summer, some of the BST applications on heavily traveled N 175<sup>th</sup> Street east of I-5 began to soften. Street crews were able to add sand, which helped stabilize the pavement, but it is an issue that will require further review. However, even with the isolated incidences of surface instability, using BSTs is still the most cost effective method for preserving Shoreline's roadways. With this approach, the City is able to stretch its resources while maintaining our valuable infrastructure.

## Critical Areas Ordinance Update: Schedule Change

The City is in the process of updating the Critical Areas Ordinance as required under the State Growth Management Act. The City received multiple comments asking for additional time to review the proposed changes so we are changing the project schedule in response to these requests. The revised schedule provides four weeks of additional review time. The updated schedule for the Critical Areas Ordinance Update project includes the following updated meetings:



### Planning Commission Meetings:

- Thursday, September 17, 2015 – Public Hearing and Recommendation (SEPA Comment deadline)

### City Council Meetings:

- Monday, October 5, 2015 – Update Study Session 1
- Monday, October 12, 2015 – Update Study Session 2
- Monday, November 2, 2015 – Adoption Decision

Please join us for the above scheduled meetings to provide valuable input to the Planning Commission and Council as they review and decide what to recommend and adopt.

Additional project information, including regulation changes drafted to date, can be found online at shorelinewa.gov/critical-areas. For more information contact Associate Planner Juniper Nammi at (206) 801-2525 or jnammi@shorelinewa.gov.





Demolishing the center lanes before beginning median construction

## SHOP LOCAL!

Visit businesses in the Aurora Project construction zone

N 192<sup>nd</sup> to N 198<sup>th</sup>

- Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center
- Maaco Collision Repair & Auto Painting
- Delgri Auto Sales
- Community First Credit Union
- James Alan Salon
- Edward Jones Investments
- Dale Turner YMCA
- Days Inn
- KFC and A&W
- Taqueria Guaymas
- Woody's Tavern
- Echo Tattoo
- Dentistry and Dentures
- Echo Oriental Massage and Spa
- Shoreline Concrete
- Ronna's Video and Magazine
- Bucky's Auto
- Grinders

N 198<sup>th</sup> to N 205<sup>th</sup>

- Discount Tire
- Edmonds Design Alterations
- Blue Bay Massage
- Lideta Market
- Awa's Beauty
- Pho 99
- Northern Design Graphics
- City Vacuum & Sewing Center
- Aurora Village Mart
- Lakomka Euro Deli
- I-Vape
- Stefo's Barber Shop
- Kim's Nails
- Bikram Yoga at the Sweatbox
- Lover's Package
- SanMaRu Grill
- Ming's Dumpling House
- General Dentistry
- Mary Hair Salon
- Cash America Pawn
- Ace Cash Express
- Starbucks
- 76 Gas Station
- 99 Cents Discount Store
- Lai's Nails and Toes
- Werner's Tailoring
- Star Vape
- Aurora Village Med. & Prof. Center
- Costco
- Bank of America
- Big 5 Sporting Goods
- FedEx

Aurora Village

- H&R Block
- Radio Shack
- Petco Pet Supplies
- Shoreline Physical Therapy
- Bright 32 Dentistry
- OfficeMax
- UW Medicine
- Home Depot
- Starbucks
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- Bath and Body Works
- Emerald City Smoothies
- Teriyaki Island
- Verizon Wireless
- Savvy Mattress
- Taco Del Mar

## Aurora Project enters final phase of construction

With the traffic shift to the east side of Aurora, the Aurora project has entered its last major phase of work. Over the next few months, the main areas of construction will be:

- Work on the median, which includes rain gardens and finish work,
- Constructing median curbs and paving the roadway median (4" and 3" layers of base course),
- Paving the remaining 2" top course of asphalt on all of Aurora,
- New signal installation at N 200th and N 205th Streets, and
- Landscaping.

Many of the new light poles have already been installed and the utility underground conversion is nearly complete.

During the remaining work effort, traffic may be temporarily shifted to create work zones or buffers for the work zones. Drivers are urged to proceed with caution adjacent to any of the work zones along Aurora. Your continued patience is appreciated.

Please remember to shop local Shoreline businesses, particularly the ones in the construction zone. Access is available to all businesses on the east and west sides of Aurora.

The entire project is on track to be completed in early 2016, weather permitting.

## QUESTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION?

**Aurora 24-hour hotline:** (206) 801-2485

**Email the Aurora team:** [aurora@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:aurora@shorelinewa.gov)

**Read the latest construction updates:** [shorelinewa.gov/aurora](http://shorelinewa.gov/aurora)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Seattle area experienced its driest May 1 through June 30 period on record going back to 1880, with only 0.81 inches of rainfall! The hoped-for fall rains will be welcome, but can cause increased erosion due to the dry summer weather. By redirecting or capturing the rain with conservation landscaping or a rain garden, the water will soak into the soil and help your plants. See the story at right for more information about the City's Soak-It-Up Rebate Program to see what you can do!

## Reducing water usage

Because of the year's historically hot and dry conditions, Washington's stream flows have been greatly impacted. As of August, 80 percent of the state's rivers and streams are running at below normal or record low flows. Combined with high temperatures, this puts fish at risk for death and disease.

Reducing our personal water use can help. The best ways to reduce include:

- Let your lawn go dormant
- Limit plant watering to twice a week and water before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Reduce showering time
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Fix water leaks

For more water saving tips, visit [savingwater.org](http://savingwater.org).

# SOAK IT UP

## Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping rebate program

Have you thought about how to manage rain water on your property while complementing the existing landscape? City of Shoreline Surface Water Utility's Soak-It-Up Program offers financial assistance to property owners that want to install a rain garden or convert hard surfaces, such as turf, patios, and driveways, into a beautiful native plant gardens.

These practices increase the amount of water that soaks into the ground; filter out pollutants before they reach the storm drain and eventually streams, wetlands, lakes, and Puget Sound; and provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/soakitup](http://shorelinewa.gov/soakitup) for program details. For questions contact Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Kendall at [tkendall@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:tkendall@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2450.



**Photos: Conservation landscaping in Shoreline.** At this home, grass was removed, soils improved with compost, and native plants were planted in order to help water soak into the soil.





# Shoreline Community College celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The roots of Shoreline as a community are firmly planted in education and Shoreline Community College has been an integral part of that strength for 50 years.

While the campus is marking its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall, the idea of bringing a college to the community started to take in shape in 1944 when Ray W. Howard arrived to take the job of superintendent for the newly formed Shoreline School District.

Then known as junior colleges, establishing one required sponsorship of a school district and approval by the Legislature. The school district began to explore offering post-high school education in the area in early 1959. With approval from a citizen advisory committee, the school board placed a 1.25 million levy bond issue for starting a junior college on the ballot. It passed by a whopping 82%.

With money and public support in hand, the school board authorized the purchase of 65 acres of land at 161st Street and Greenwood Avenue. The large tract was undeveloped mostly for one reason – it had been the private hunting preserve of William Boeing, Sr., the founder of the Boeing Corporation.

The Legislature authorized establishing Shoreline Community College in 1963. The state Board of Education allocated \$2.376 million in building funds and work began on the new campus on October 10, 1964.

Not content to wait for the new campus to be built, the newly established Shoreline Community College began teaching classes in the evenings at Shoreline High School, now Shoreline Center, in January 1964. On September 27, 1965, classes officially began on the new campus cementing its commitment to educational excellence.

"I'm very proud to be part of the heritage of this college," President Cheryl Roberts said. "Five decades ago, Shoreline-area residents committed themselves to excellence in public education. The college honors that legacy now and into the next 50 years with a vision to be world-class in student success and community engagement."

Today, Shoreline Community College offers more than a hundred academic, professional/technical, and workforce training programs to meet the lifelong learning needs of its community. It is one of the leaders in the state and country in aligning education and training with specific needs in business and industry to help students move quickly into well-paying jobs. It is known nationally for its automotive training center and its music technology program.

Shoreline Community College's commitment to the community is best exemplified by the newly launched Shoreline Scholars Program. Open to recent high school graduates in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park, 50 Shoreline Scholars receive up to a full tuition scholarship for two years in any field of study, including university transfer or professional/technical programs.

We are fortunate to have Shoreline Community College as a community partner and look forward to its next 50 years.



## Creating "College Way" on 160<sup>th</sup> Street

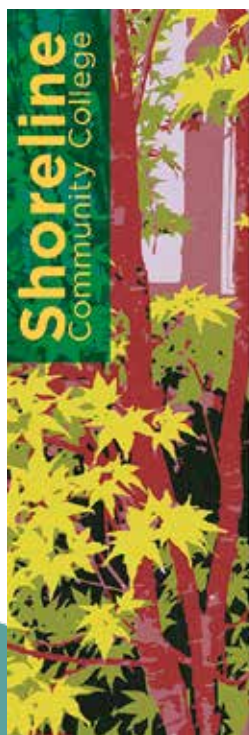
Shoreline Community College and the City are collaborating on an effort to bring visibility to the college and note the community's rich heritage of excellence in education.

College-themed street banners will be added to the light poles along Aurora from 155<sup>th</sup> Street to 165<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition, the portion of 160<sup>th</sup> Street from Aurora Avenue to Greenwood Avenue near the college entrance, will gain a ceremonial designation and signage as 'College Way.'

College President Cheryl Roberts said she is very appreciative of the supportive relationship with city staff and elected officials. "This wonderful opportunity made possible by the city will help increase awareness of the college and the world-class programs that are available here," Roberts said.

For the sake of ease and simplicity, formal addresses along that section will continue to use 160<sup>th</sup> Street. Installation of the banners and street

signage is expected this fall. While the City is making the banners and street designation possible, the college is paying for new signage.



Design option for new light pole banners near College Way at 160<sup>th</sup> along Aurora Avenue

# N 145<sup>th</sup> STREET/SR 523 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY



## Corridor Study update

The 145<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Corridor Study is underway with a second public open house scheduled for the evening of September 30. The primary purpose of the open house is to share our work since the last open house, including cross-section concepts, view renderings of what the future corridor could look like, and most importantly, hear from you.

Narrow  
sidewalks  
further  
hindered by  
almost 300  
utility poles



improvements that support the local economy, protect the environment, support a vibrant community, and support future light rail. The eventual goal of the study is to arrive at a preferred design concept that addresses these goals.

### What has been done to date?

The project team has been meeting with key stakeholder agencies over the last couple of years to gain support. In August of 2014, staff met with federal, state, and local officials and toured the corridor to bring awareness to the challenges faced here.

Our efforts paid off. As part of the \$16 billion transportation package recently passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by Governor Inslee, the City has been awarded \$25 million for construction of improvements. The \$25 million is a significant statement on the importance of the project for the region. It will also help the City in leveraging additional money through federal, state, and local grants, much as was done with the Aurora Corridor project. Grants paid for 88% of the Aurora improvements.

In February of this year, a Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) began meeting with staff to help facilitate public input. Information on their work can be found at [shorelinewa.gov/145corridor](http://shorelinewa.gov/145corridor).

### Where are we now?

Based on community feedback from the first open house in May, the project team developed three preliminary design concepts. These concepts will be presented at the September 30 open

## OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Sept. 30

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

Please participate in an open house and learn more about the multimodal corridor study for 145<sup>th</sup> Street. The goal of the study is to evaluate future improvements that would increase mobility and safety along this important arterial. Project staff will be on hand and want to hear community input regarding the next important steps in this process. There will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Traffic volumes  
range from  
29,000 to 45,000  
average daily  
trips



### Why are we doing this study?

145<sup>th</sup> Street is a critical east-west regional corridor that connects people and freight in north/northeast King County with I-5, Aurora, and Lake City Way. Improvements to the 145<sup>th</sup> Street corridor are overdue with existing congestion levels having a substantial impact on regional mobility.

With Sound Transit's light rail station scheduled to open in 2023, having improvements in place by the time of opening will ensure that riders can quickly, reliably, and safely get to the station and relieve regional roadway congestion.

No  
dedicated  
bus or bike  
lanes



### What are the goals?

The overall goal is to create a corridor that is safe to walk, bike, bus, and drive, and to develop transportation

Congestion  
causing  
significant  
delays for  
buses, cars,  
and freight



house for feedback along with the results of our preliminary evaluation based on the project goals.

### Desired outcomes of this study

After in-depth analysis of the three study concepts, a preferred concept will be presented to the City Council for possible further environmental review and detailed engineering design.

For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/145corridor](http://shorelinewa.gov/145corridor). For questions contact Senior Transportation Planner Kurt Seemann at [kseemann@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:kseemann@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2483.

Collision rate  
2.5 times  
higher than  
regional  
average







## Fall RecycleFest

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Sears Upper Back Parking Lot, 15711 Aurora Avenue N**

Shoreline's fall RecycleFest offers residents the opportunity to conveniently recycle items that are not accepted at the curb. Styrofoam, carpet, and a variety of construction materials will be accepted, as well as bicycles in any condition, which will be donated to Bike Works.

RecycleFest is free for all Shoreline residents. Event flyers providing a detailed list of accepted items will be mailed to all residents. Bring the event flyer or your driver's license with a Shoreline address as proof of residence. Note that only pick-up trucks or smaller vehicles will be allowed to enter. If you are hauling items on behalf of a neighbor or want to bring a trailer to the event, you must call (206) 801-2455 for approval prior to the event.

The event is sponsored by the King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700 or visit [shorelinewa.gov/calendar](http://shorelinewa.gov/calendar).

## Shoreline Farmers Market

**SATURDAYS**

**Through October 3**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Aurora Square**

**15300 Westminster Way N**

**[shorelinefarmersmarket.org](http://shorelinefarmersmarket.org)**



## CRIME PREVENTION

### Door-to-door solicitors

Shoreline Police frequently respond to calls regarding door-to-door solicitors. There are many legitimate organizations that solicit door to door, but there are cases of individuals who illegally solicit with the purpose of committing fraud.

The City has regulations that require for-profit solicitors and the "Master Solicitors" who employ them to file a written application for a license with the Shoreline City Clerk and carry the license at all times when soliciting or canvassing. If a solicitor knocks on your door, they must produce the license when requested.

There are a few exemptions to this requirement. Non-profit organizations, newspaper deliverers, and political candidates are not required to register for a license.

#### Remember:

- You may post a "No Solicitor" sign on private property.
- You never need to open the door for a solicitor.
- Ask to see the solicitor's City license.
- Don't let solicitors into your home.
- If you encounter a solicitor who becomes aggressive or won't take "no" for an answer, ask them to leave, shut the door, and call 911.
- Do not give out your bank or social security information.
- Avoid paying with a check or credit card. Cash is best -- get a receipt.
- If an item seems too good or too inexpensive to be true, it probably is.

To see the list of currently licensed solicitors and more crime prevention tips, visit [shorelinewa.gov/solicitors](http://shorelinewa.gov/solicitors).



## Back to School safety

### Be aware, be safe, buckle up, and slow down

As children go back to school this month, please review these traffic and safety reminders below to help us all stay safe in Shoreline. Penalties for traffic infractions can be costly, but the cost in lives hurt or lost in accidents is much greater.

**SPEED...** Slow down in school zones. Speeds are posted at 20 mph and are strictly enforced by Shoreline Police and fines start at \$189!

**CROSSWALKS...** Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

**PEDESTRIANS...** Always try to use a marked crosswalk. Be aware of obstructions where drivers may not see you. Do not suddenly enter the roadway. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

**CROSSING GUARDS...** Law requires you obey school crossing guards and school safety patrols.

**SCHOOL BUSES...** It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

**SEATBELTS...** Stay buckled until the vehicle stops! Drivers are responsible to ensure all children less than 16 years old are properly buckled up. For more information, visit [800buckleup.org](http://800buckleup.org).

**CELL PHONES...** If you use your phone while driving, it must be with a hands-free device.

### Some of the busiest school zones include:

- **Meridian Park Elementary**  
N 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Meridian Avenue N
- **Parkwood Elementary and the Evergreen School**  
N 155<sup>th</sup> Street and Meridian Avenue N
- **Highland Terrace Elementary**  
N 160<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Innis Arden Way, and Greenwood Avenue N
- **Shorewood High School**  
N 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Fremont Avenue N

## Tween and Teen programs

Check out our programming aimed at area youth from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. Programs are geared toward the development of a strong sense of self and community in young adults. Most are drop-in and don't require registration. For more information and more program options, visit [shorelinewa.gov/teens](http://shorelinewa.gov/teens).

### Einstein After School Program

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 22 - Dec. 17, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Einstein Middle School Student Activity Center**

Einstein students are invited to hang out after school Tuesdays and Thursdays in the SAC. There are always great snacks, ping pong, arts & crafts, video games, sports tournaments and more! No registration necessary. Participants are eligible to ride the activity bus home at 4:45 p.m. Contact Angela for more information at (206) 801-2645.

### Kellogg Middle School Hang Time

**Tuesdays through Thursdays, Sept. 29 - Dec. 10, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Kellogg Middle School Gymnasium**

Hey Kellogg! Join us after school at Hang Time for fun clubs, activities and relaxation with your friends. We offer a snack each day and the clubs vary each day. For more information, contact Waldo at (206) 801-2644 or stop by the Hang Time office for a permission slip.

### The REC

**Tuesdays through Thursdays: 2:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Fridays: 2:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.**

**Saturdays: 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.**

**Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Ave N**

Middle school and high school students: Hang with friends and de-stress a bit for FREE @ THE REC. Everyone needs a break, so why not spend it with your friends @ the REC? We have food, board games, Xbox Kinect, hoops, Wii, ping-pong, foosball, movies, breakin', art and more. Free! No registration required. Call (206) 801-2680 for more info.



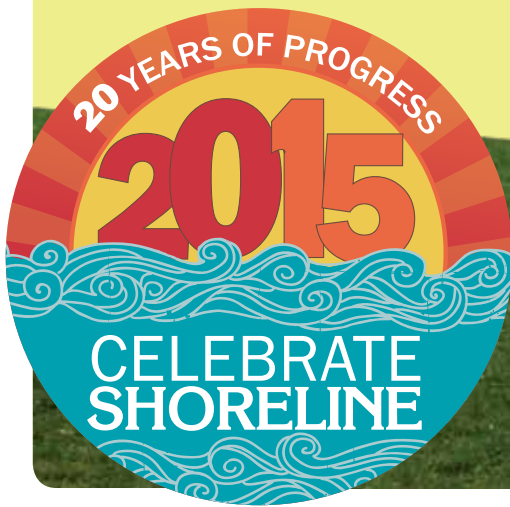


# THANK YOU!

The City's 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration was a huge success. Throughout the month of August, residents and visitors participated in a wide variety of events and celebrated all that makes Shoreline a great place to live.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our activities, especially the sponsors and volunteers, without whom we couldn't continue to make these events happen. Thank you also to our many artists and performers who make this event so special.

If you would like to be involved in next year's Celebrate Shoreline activities, please contact the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at (206) 801-2600.



## SPONSORS

### Beer garden sponsor:

Recology CleanScapes

### Family Stage sponsor:

Dale Turner YMCA

### Platinum level sponsors:

Carter Subaru  
Shoreline Community College  
Central Market  
Unique Beverage Company

### Gold Level Sponsors

Shoreline - Lake Forest Arts Council  
KBA  
North City Water District  
Teamsters Local 117  
NW Mechanical, Inc.  
Sky Nursery

### Silver Level Sponsors:

Bathfitters  
King County Metro  
James Alan Salon  
Richmond Pediatrics  
ABC Driving School  
Voya Financial

### Bronze Level Sponsors:

Highlands West Dental

## Adopt a bench at Echo Lake Park

As part of the recent improvements to the Echo Lake Park, the City installed six park benches, which are now available for adoption. If you would like to adopt a bench, you can also have a plaque placed on the bench to recognize an individual or group. The cost is \$1,500, which helps pay for installing and maintaining the bench for the next ten years.

Applications for initial adoption of Echo Lake Park benches will be accepted through September 30, 2015. If more than six applications are received, the Parks Department will conduct a random drawing to determine which applications are accepted. If fewer than six applications are received, all will be awarded a bench and future applications will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Additional benches are available for immediate adoption at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and Cromwell Park on a first come, first served basis.

For more information and to download an application visit [shorelinewa.gov/parks](http://shorelinewa.gov/parks) or call (206) 801-2602.



# PLANNING FOR SHORELINE'S LIGHT RAIL STATION AREAS

## The City is preparing for growth

Over the past several years the City Council, City staff, and residents have been working hard to prepare for light rail. It is a multi-billion dollar regional investment that will not only transform Shoreline, but the region as well. We are doing what we can to ensure Shoreline benefits from that investment.

Twenty-five years ago, the Washington State Legislature enacted the Growth Management Act (GMA) in response to rapid population growth and concerns with suburban sprawl, environmental protection, quality of life, and related issues. Since then, the GMA has guided comprehensive planning for cities and counties across the state and helped reverse the sprawl that had been occurring.

As Shoreline is almost completely built out (with a large majority of existing homes being detached single-family,) new growth will have to be around other housing options. This may include other types of single family housing, such as row houses and town homes, and multi-family options, such as apartments and condominiums.

By concentrating growth around transit hubs instead of allowing it to spread throughout the area, we can encourage more walkable communities, support neighborhood-serving businesses, help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create more choice with regard to housing and transportation, which will hopefully make both more affordable to a variety of households.

## Environmental benefits of transit oriented communities

The largest environmental threat we face today is climate change, and transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington State. Focusing growth around transit corridors will help the City meet its ambitious goals outlined in its Climate Action Plan by getting more people out of their cars and onto transit. This will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and time spent in traffic.

Many environmental groups that used to decry intensive urban development now realize that more efficient use of land in urban areas is necessary in order to make strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protect rural areas. Taking cars off the road and encouraging redevelopment with "greener" buildings also helps to reduce the community's carbon footprint.

While there will be some adverse

effects on the local environment, such as initial loss of trees through redevelopment, the regional environment and forests will benefit from compact infill development in Shoreline as opposed to developments in our natural and agricultural lands. The planet will benefit from the creation of a transit-oriented community that produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions. Studies show that quality of life is also improved in walkable communities with transit options, neighborhood serving businesses, and "third places" like plazas and cafes.

Redevelopment also opens up opportunities for improving our storm-water infrastructure and possibly daylighting streams and creating more natural filtration systems.

To learn more about the City's Climate Action Plan visit [shorelinewa.gov/climate](http://shorelinewa.gov/climate).

## SMART GROWTH BENEFITS



### Planet

- Reduce carbon footprints and greenhouse gas emissions
- Mitigate climate change



### Region

- Preserve recreational and environmental functions of natural resource areas
- Reduce traffic congestion



### Community

- Promote access and connectivity
- Increase livability, employment, and housing options
- Encourage more affordable housing



### Neighborhood

- Enhance complete streets and walkability
- Encourage vitality and development of "third places"
- Provide opportunities for neighborhood-serving businesses



# Why plan for Transit Oriented Communities?



## Advances efficient transportation systems

Concentrating growth around transportation corridors will serve as a catalyst for other improvements, including expanded bus service and construction of new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.



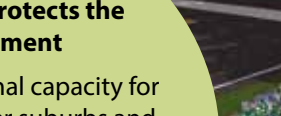
## Improves walkability

By creating more compact communities around transit, people will have more opportunities to walk to places that they would normally have to drive to. This cuts down on congestion and pollution and helps to foster more healthy and active lifestyles.



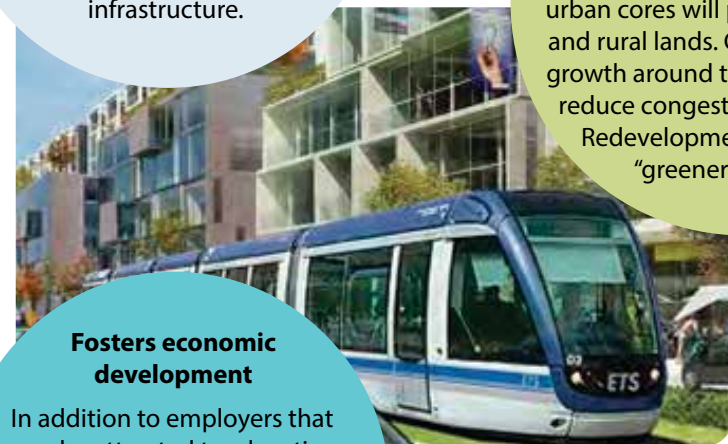
## Reduces urban sprawl and protects the environment

Creating additional capacity for growth in first-tier suburbs and urban cores will protect agricultural and rural lands. Concentrating that growth around transit corridors will reduce congestion and pollution. Redevelopment will allow for "greener" buildings.



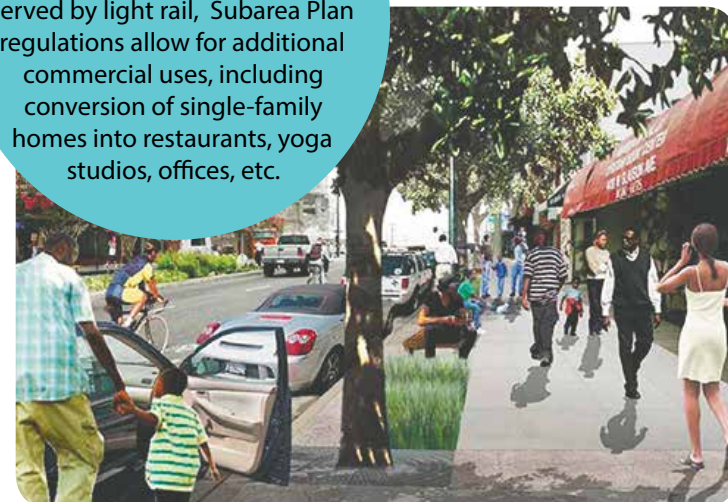
## Creates more housing choice and affordability

The rezones will also encourage a wider variety of housing options that are currently lacking in Shoreline. Increased housing diversity will provide more options for seniors, young people, and people wishing to find more affordable housing close to mass transit.



## Fosters economic development

In addition to employers that may be attracted to a location served by light rail, Subarea Plan regulations allow for additional commercial uses, including conversion of single-family homes into restaurants, yoga studios, offices, etc.





# 185<sup>th</sup> STREET SUBAREA

## Council adopts 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea Plan

On March 16, the Shoreline City Council adopted three ordinances that changed the zoning and development regulations for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea. The Council action was the culmination of nearly two years of public process. The zoning will change in three phases with phase 1 occurring immediately; phase 2 occurring in 2021; and phase 3 occurring in 2033.

Council also adopted new Mixed-Use Residential (MUR) zones allowing a mix of housing types such as detached single family, attached single family, townhomes, row homes, apartments, and live/work dwellings. The new zones rely on building height rather than density. In some cases, the MUR zones will allow certain retail, coffee shops, service, office, and other types of commercial uses. The most dense

MUR zone is MUR 70', which will allow for building heights of up to six or seven stories in the areas closest to the light rail station. Existing single-family homes will continue to be a part of this mix, including conversion of some to neighborhood-serving businesses like offices and restaurants.

With this rezone, the City continues to have 80% of the zoned property in Shoreline designated for detached single family homes.

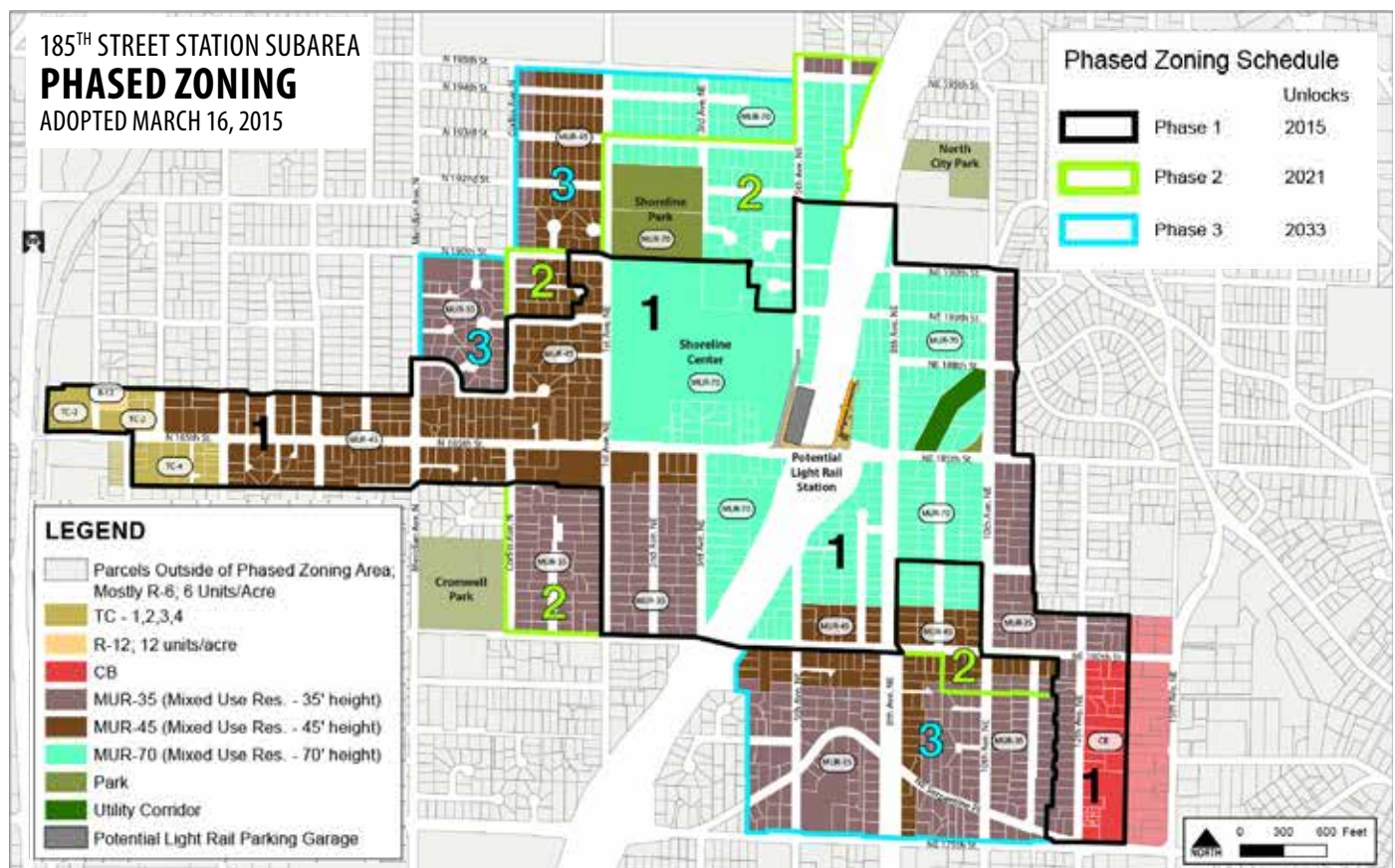
While the rezone represents significant change to the zoning in the area, physical changes of the area will occur over many decades. Some changes might happen in the near future; however, full build out of the rezone area will occur over time.

The rezone provides property owners with more choices for their property.

Even with the new regulations and zoning, property owners can continue to maintain, remodel, sell, and even expand their homes. But, those property owners that wish to take advantage of light rail development in their neighborhood will now be able to develop their own property to a higher density or sell.

It is important to remember that no one should feel obligated to sell their property. If someone approaches you to buy your property, be sure to obtain the advice of a third-party real estate expert.

For more information about the adopted 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea Plan visit [shorelinewa.gov/lightrail](http://shorelinewa.gov/lightrail).





# What does increased density look like?

## **MEDIUM DENSITY** (MUR-35')

This zone would allow multi-family and single-family attached housing styles such as row houses and townhomes. The height limit is 35 feet (the same as single family housing), which equates to a three-story building. MUR-35' would allow commercial uses along "arterial" streets, including conversion of existing homes to businesses. Other types of buildings might include live/work lofts, offices, and mixed-use.



## **MEDIUM DENSITY** (MUR-45')

This zone would allow multi-family building types with a height limit of 45 feet, which equates to a four-story building, including mixed-use buildings with three levels of housing over an active ground floor/commercial level. Buildings such as row houses, townhomes, live/work lofts, apartments, etc. could be developed, and single family homes along arterials could be converted to businesses.



## **HIGH DENSITY** (MUR-70')

This zone would allow building heights of 70 feet, generally six to seven stories. Building types would typically be mixed-use with residential and/or office uses above commercial or other active use at the ground floor level. This type of development will occur in areas closest to the light rail station in the long-term.



# 145<sup>th</sup> STREET SUBAREA

## Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Subarea Plan Adoption Process



## City continues to plan for 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station

In early 2014, the City and its residents began working on the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea Plan. The goal has been to create a land use, transportation, and infrastructure framework to support implementation of a livable, workable, equitable, and sustainable transit-oriented community around the light rail station.

On March 23, 2015, Council voted unanimously to follow the Planning Commission recommendation and delay further action regarding the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea until completion of a corridor study that is currently underway for NE145<sup>th</sup> Street (see page 5). The 145<sup>th</sup> Street (SR 523) corridor is a key east-west connection for the region linking bus rapid transit on Aurora, light rail, and I-5 and is in need of significant upgrades. The corridor study will include development of a master plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety and operations, transit speed and reliability, and freight mobility. Improving 145<sup>th</sup> is critical to the success of the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station. The Study should be completed in early 2016. Once completed, the community will begin working again on the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea Plan. To keep up on the latest information on the corridor study, visit [shorelinewa.gov/145corridor](http://shorelinewa.gov/145corridor) or contact Senior Transportation Planner Kurt Seemann at [kseemann@shorelinea.gov](mailto:kseemann@shorelinea.gov) or (206) 801-2483.

One goal to come out of early public planning meetings for the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea was to create a green network throughout the subarea. A green network is a system of pedestrian and bicycle trails, parks, stream corridors, wetlands, natural areas, and green streets that enhance water quality, accessibility, safety, and connections to the natural environment throughout the subarea. With stormwater management, creek corridor enhancement, and protection of wildlife habitat, the green network would provide many environmental benefits and mitigate impacts resulting from increased density.

## MORE INFORMATION

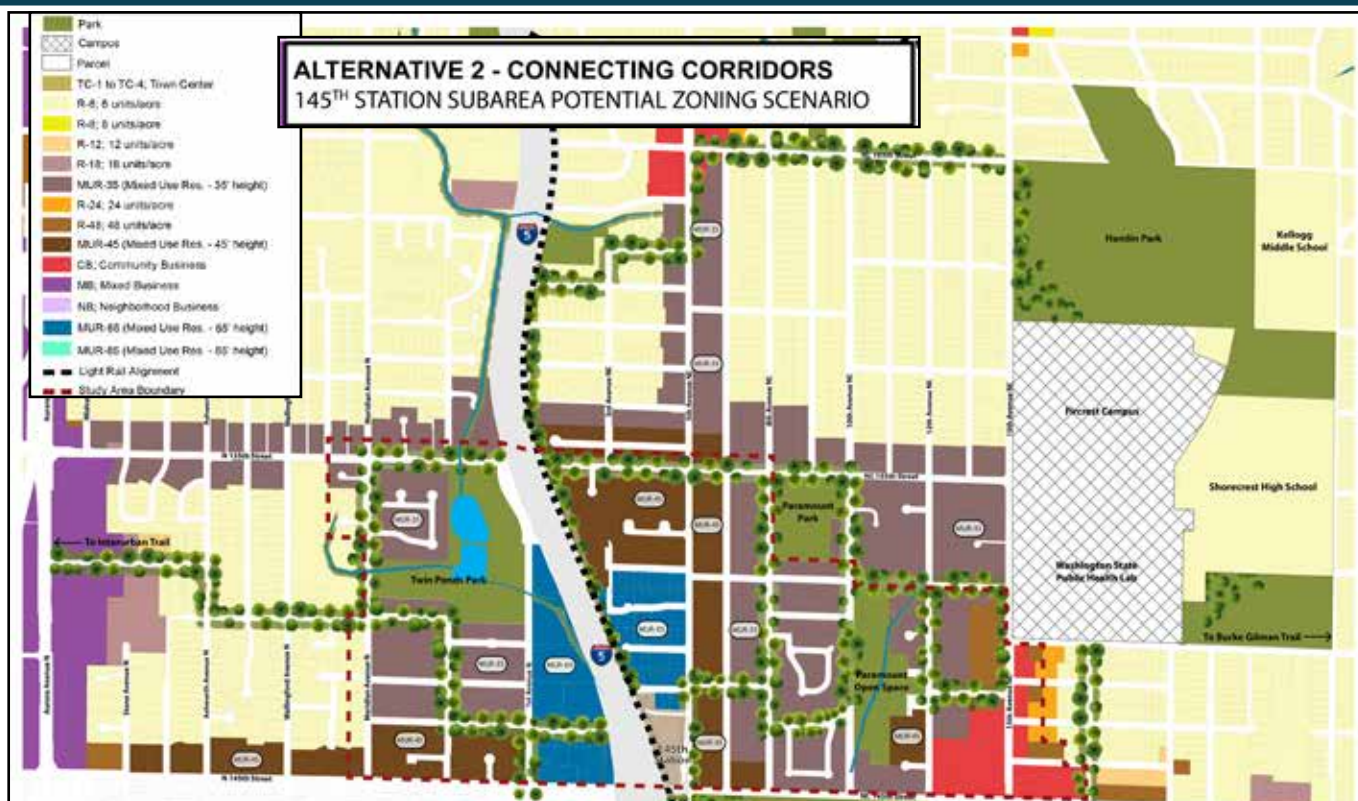
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The zoning scenarios analyzed in the Draft EIS represent two different approaches to accommodating roughly the same amount of population growth. In the Connecting Corridors scenario, density is spread out over a larger geographic area, but height limits are lower. Alternatively, in the Compact Community scenario, the area for potential rezone is smaller, but building heights are taller. Both growth scenarios include a “Green Network” concept that came out of Design Workshops for a pedestrian/bicycle system that connects parks throughout the neighborhood.



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