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State of the City: A foundation for positive changes in Shoreline

Last year, Shoreline marked its fifth year as a City. This five-year milestone is a good time to not only look back at what we have accomplished, but to also look forward to what those accomplishments promise for the future of our City.

The focus of our first five years was laying a foundation for a solid future. The foundation included creating a City organization to address the needs and desires of the community, as well

as policies and procedures that will guide us in meeting those needs. Addressing problems caused by an aging infrastructure has been another of the City's top priorities since incorporation. In the past five years, numerous small surface water drainage improvement and repair projects, yearly road overlays and better parks and open space maintenance have made visibly positive changes in our community.

While the most visible part of Shoreline's foundation are the tangible accomplishments, the most important may be the intangible. And that is why the tradition of community participation, which all of you are helping create, is so important. Shoreline residents are keeping the promise implicit in incorporating, the promise to be involved in shaping the future of our community, through participation in your government process.

Some of the City's biggest accomplishments last year featured great examples of public participation.

- The Development Code was created with the help of the Planning Academy, a group of 37 residents who spent over a

year working with the City.

- Last year the Aurora Corridor project received three awards for its planning. I believe it is a credit to the individuals from Shoreline's neighborhoods and businesses who participated that it was recognized regionally and nationally.

Aurora is Shoreline's biggest project for good reason — it very well could be an economic turning point for our community as well as a new focus of community pride. When it is complete, our three miles of Aurora will be safer for both pedestrians and motorists, more effective at moving traffic and a more attractive place for businesses and their customers.

- The North City Subarea Plan completed last year also presents exciting opportunities for our City. Many residents and business people participated in the design charrette to create a vision for what this neighborhood can be. The City Council is looking forward to finding ways this year to make that vision a

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2001 Workplan outlines nine City goals

As the legislative and governing body of the City of Shoreline, the City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and goals, determining

service levels and allocating resources. It has the authority to adopt laws and ordinances as needed to conduct City business and appoints a City Manager to implement its policies and programs.

Each summer, the Shoreline City Council meets for two days to determine priorities for the following year. These priorities become Council Workplan Goals that guide budget development and provide staff direction. The City Council holds the City Manager accountable at the end of the year for how well the goals have been met.

The 2000-2001 Shoreline City Council Workplan includes nine goals:

1. Adopt and implement formal economic development program;
2. Develop a strategic plan — determine what

role the City should fulfill in providing services to the public with an expedited review of utilities;

3. Advance Capital Improvement Program with particular emphasis on the Aurora and Interurban Trail projects;

4. Accelerate City Hall project;

5. Pursue Interstate 5 (I-5) access to King County Solid Waste Transfer Station;

6. Develop comprehensive program response to Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and Shoreline Master Program;

7. Adopt and begin implementation of the North City Subarea Plan with an emphasis on finding a funding source for public improvements;

8. Enhance two-way communication through the use of technology (government access channel and Web site);

9. Develop program for receiving payments in-lieu of development requirements (e.g. sidewalks, surface water facilities).



SPD Scooter Rodeo

In December, nearly 40 Shoreline youths participated in the Shoreline Police Department's Scooter Rodeo at Ridgecrest Elementary. The Scooter Rodeo was the idea of Shoreline School Resource Officer Jonathan Wong who modeled it after the always-popular bike rodeos. Officer Wong was helped by student coordinators pictured above (from left): Caitlyn Jackson, Officer Wong, Willy Simpson, Molly Simpson, Jacob Hamilton, Megan Schmierer, Shala McDonnell, Chelsea Flying-Cloud, and Marney McFarlane (seated).

Fraud warning for Shoreline residents

The Shoreline Police Department would like to warn the public that elderly women have recently been the target of theft and fraud often involving thousands of dollars by what appears to be one suspect.

The suspect calls targeted victims and implies that he is a bank employee investigating a teller who is stealing from the bank. He tells the victim that it is necessary for her to withdraw cash from her account in order to

assist with the apprehension of the teller. The suspect then instructs the victim to bring the cash to a location to meet with a bank investigator. The suspect specifically tells the victims not to discuss or make inquiries about the investigation. Once the victim gives the money to the suspect, the suspect tells the victim he will be in touch at a later time and that the money will be redeposited into her account. Of course that never occurs.

The suspect has been de-

scribed as a white male, in his 40s or 50s.

The Shoreline Police Department has sent letters to the branch managers of local banks warning them of this fraud. Should you get a call that you think may be from this suspect or to report any type of suspicious activity, please call 911. For more information, call Detective Sgt. Jim Knauss at (206) 546-7863.

Transfer station ramp connectors would reduce traffic, road wear; improve safety

One of the City Council Workplan Goals for 2001 is to eliminate about 130 truck trips per week on City roads by pursuing direct I-5 access for King County Solid Waste Transfer Station trucks.

The 50-foot semi-trailer transfer trucks, each weighing more than 40 tons, enter Meridian at N. 160th Ave. to travel north to N. 175th and on to I-5. Connectors from the transfer station to the adjacent bus ramps at the North Metro Bus Base would allow transfer station trucks direct access to I-5, reducing road wear and noise and improving safety and traffic flow. Besides easing the affects of the transfer station on the neighborhood, it will save time for the truck drivers.

"The project makes sense for both pedestrians and motorists and is a simple way to help mitigate the affects of this public facility on people who live nearby," says Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen. "It also offers benefits to the transfer station, so it is a win-win project for everybody and an opportunity for King County to be a good neighbor in our community."

Although this is the first year direct access for transfer station trucks has been listed as a City Council goal, it is not a new idea. Shoreline has been working on it with King County for the past two years and it is listed as a policy goal in the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan.

The transfer station was built in 1961 without mitigation considerations. For the second year in a row, King County Executive Ron Sims included money in the budget for the connector ramps. Last year, King County Councilmember Maggi Fimia delayed construction of the project by including a budget proviso requiring additional analysis of alternatives and a cost/benefit analysis of the ramp connectors. The proviso also tied construction of the ramp connectors to the Master Facilities Plan for the transfer station. Councilmember Fimia added the proviso to this year's County budget as well, but it was vetoed by County Executive Sims.

"Alternatives for this site have been studied and analyzed since the mid-1980s and, as far as we

know, no better way to mitigate the traffic impacts has been identified," says Mayor Jepsen.

Joint use of the I-5 ramps has been studied by King County Solid Waste Division which, along with Metro, supports the relatively simple project. Although King County Solid Waste has plans for redeveloping the transfer station which will include going through a master plan process, it has said construction of the connector ramps does not need to wait. The ramp connector project is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

"We will work with King County to help the project move ahead as smoothly as possible so our residents can soon begin to enjoy fewer trucks on their streets," says Mayor Jepsen.

Shoreline's search for a new City Manager underway

The search is underway for a new City Manager for the City of Shoreline. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and is responsible for carrying out the Council's policies and managing the City's human and financial resources.

The spot was left vacant in October when former City Manager Bob Deis accepted a position with Sonoma County, California. Since then, the City

Council has hired one of the most experienced public sector recruiters in the western United States to help find qualified candidates. The closing date for applications is Jan. 31, 2001.

The recruiting firm will narrow down the search to about 10 applicants and the City Council will choose who to interview from this list. The new City Manager is expected to be on board in early spring.

In the meantime, Assistant City Manager Larry Bauman has been appointed by the Council to serve as Interim City Manager.

Ronald Bog Improvements on 2001 CIP list

The 2001 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) adopted by the City Council at its Dec. 11, 2000, meeting includes a number of high-profile improvements which will make a big difference in Shoreline. Aurora, the Interurban Trail, Shoreview Park, Shoreline Pool and Paramount School Park are some of the major City projects planned to enhance and improve Shoreline.

Another CIP project is the Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements which will alleviate yearly flooding for 15 to 20 residential properties in Shoreline.

Ronald Bog is the most visible part of the Thorton Creek Watershed which runs through Shoreline and Seattle into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach. Flooding problems in Shoreline's area of the watershed are caused primarily by inadequate and out-of-date storm water control

systems.

For the past seven months, Shoreline staff, a Citizens Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee have been studying options for reducing flooding. A set of four basin solutions combining a variety of options was recently presented to the public at an open house and to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee to gather comments.

A state-of-the-art computer model was used to evaluate each of the four basin solutions which include a combination of the following elements:

- Improving the street drainage system;
- Restoring native vegetation on the east side of Ronald Bog;
- Replacing the pipes at the Ronald Bog outlet with an open stream channel;

- Creating additional detention upstream of Ronald Bog (Cromwell Park, 175th St. near 10th Ave. and in the vicinity of Pump Station #25 on 2nd Pl. NE);

- Increasing the size of Ronald Bog along the south side.

"Although the main focus of the project is to reduce flooding, the City is also planning to use this as an opportunity to enhance and improve natural habitat within the watershed," says Shoreline Project Engineer Kris Stouffer-Overleese.

Comments from the community and the Parks Advisory Committee will be reviewed by staff and the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees. The four options will then be presented to the City Council for its review. Design will begin once a basin solution is approved by the Council. Because of the extensive environmental process anticipated for this project, construction is not expected to begin until 2002.

For more information, contact Stouffer-Overleese at (206) 546-1700.

New garbage contract

The City of Shoreline recently signed a new garbage collection contract with Waste Management Northwest effective March 1. The contract will mean new service for nearly all of Shoreline, except the newly annexed areas. Waste Management Northwest will soon be sending information to all customers explaining the new service.



SFD shares disaster response unit

In a cooperative effort, Evergreen Hospital and Shoreline Fire Department Medic One programs in North and East King County now have access to a sophisticated advanced life support unit for use during

disasters and mass casualty incidents. The new Medical Services Unit (MSU) is stocked with enough medical supplies to support an incident involving up to 35 critically injured patients. The new Medical Services Unit is being funded in part by citizen donations to the Medic One program. Evergreen Medic One covers five eastside communities, and Shoreline Medic One serves Shoreline, Lake Forest Park and Kenmore. The unit will be housed at the Bothell Fire Department, and dispatched where needed.

Know your service providers

Water, wastewater, surface water — three different services that are provided to Shoreline residents by five different agencies. It can be pretty confusing.

Recent notices to all Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) customers brought this confusion to the surface. SPU provides water to part of Shoreline and wastewater services to another part. A portion of these two areas overlap. And while SPU also provides surface water management services to other areas, all of Shoreline's surface water management is provided by the City of Shoreline.

SPU typically sends out notices to all customers with information about all three services it provides, regardless of which services those customers receive from SPU. For example, Shoreline residents may just get water from SPU, just wastewater services or both water and wastewater services.

When looking at blanket notices, take care to only note information about the service that is provided to you by that agency. For more information, contact the City of Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

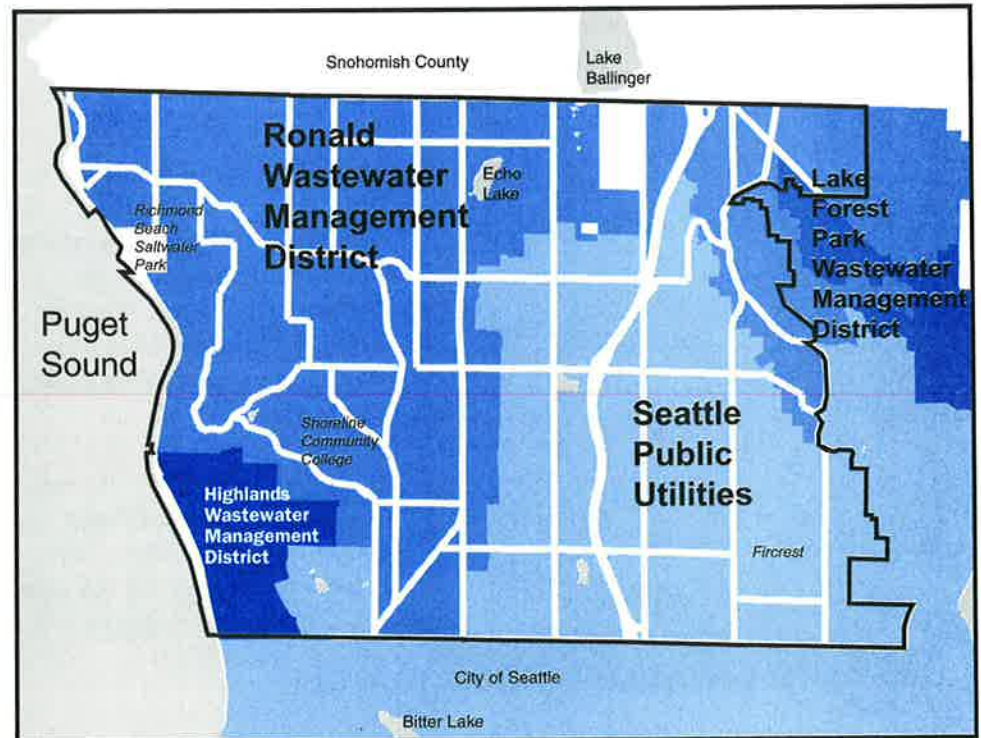
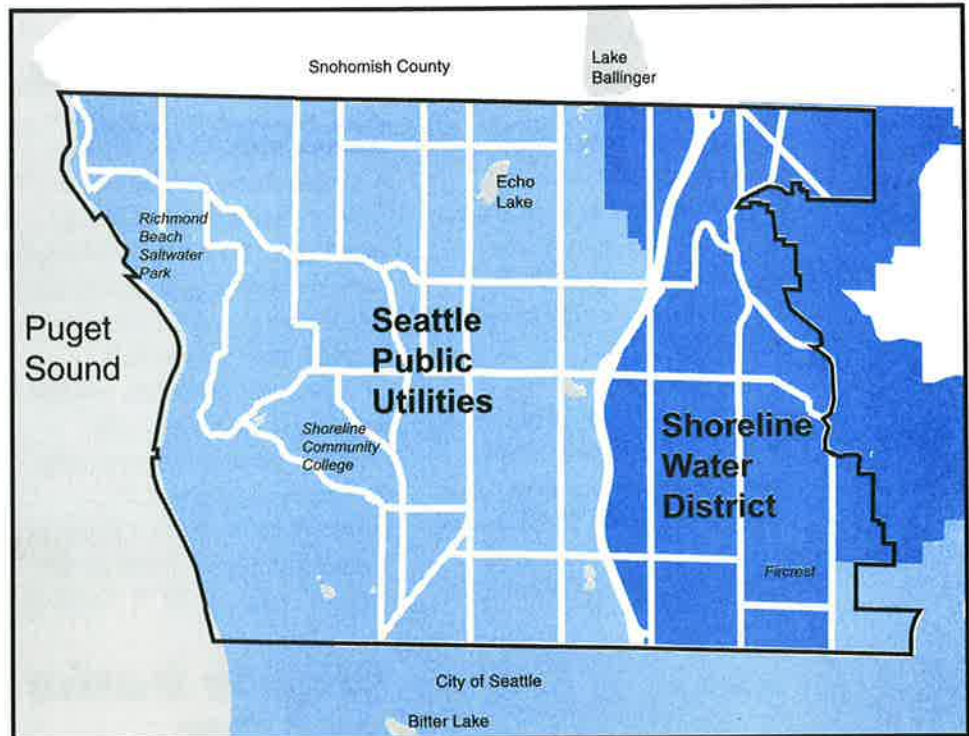
Water Service

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(206) 684-5900
Shoreline Water District
(206) 362-8100

Wastewater Service

Seattle Public Utilities
(206) 684-7506
Shoreline Wastewater Management District (206) 546-2494

Knowing the agency that provides you each service will make notices easier to understand. The top map shows the division of water service providers in Shoreline and the bottom map shows the wastewater management providers.



Aurora Corridor project newsletter debuts

The largest and most ambitious project Shoreline will be undertaking over the next few years is the Aurora Corridor Project, the City's plan to redesign and redevelop its three miles of Aurora Ave. N. Because the scope of this project is so large, Shoreline residents will now begin to receive updates and information via regular project newsletters.

The first edition of the newsletter which debuted in early December of last year unfortunately had a delivery delay. Due to postal regulation problems, the newsletter arrived too late to advertise a meeting announced

on the cover.

"Now that these problems have been worked out, future editions of the newsletter should reach people in a more timely manner," says Aurora Project Manager Anne Tonella-Howe. "We are excited about being able to give Shoreline residents a more comprehensive update on a regular basis and look forward to hearing their comments."

This year, Shoreline will be working on completing the environmental and right-of-way processes and then plans for construction on the first phase of the project, the southern section from N. 145th St. to N. 165th St.

Winter Parks and Rec Guide now available

The Shoreline Parks and Recreation Guide for Winter 2001 is now available.

Check out popular programs for the whole family such as Wiggles and Giggles, Musical Magic or Creative Dance where parents can groove to the music with their toddlers or preschoolers.

Pick up a guide at City Hall, the two Neighborhood Police Centers, Richmond Beach Library or Shoreline Library. Or call (206) 546-5041 for more information.



Police volunteers needed

The City of Shoreline is recruiting volunteers to help at the two Neighborhood Police Centers and at the main police station.

Last year, Shoreline police volunteers donated more than 2,000 hours and handled over 2,300 citizen inquiries. These volunteers help in a variety of ways including answering inquiries, assisting with neighborhood crime analysis, administering the vacation house check and court reminder programs and providing disabled parking education, among other things.

"Volunteers are invaluable to the Police Department," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "Every hour they assist with inquiries and other work around the station means an hour of officer time that can be spent on police work."

Applications for police volunteers are available at the Shoreline Police Station (1206 N. 185th St.), the Eastside Neighborhood Police Center (521 NE 165th St.) and the Westside Police Center (630 NW Richmond Beach Rd.). Applicants must successfully complete a background investigation. For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Westside Neighborhood Police Center Officer Darren Young at (206) 546-3636 or the Shoreline Police Station at (206) 546-6730.

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reality, starting with building the infrastructure that will support the redevelopment of North City.

- Other projects that continue to be shaped by community participation include the designs for Shoreline Pool, Richmond Highland Recreation Center, Paramount School Park, the skateboard facility, Interurban Trail, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program and Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements.

Throughout the planning for all of these projects, the City relies upon its three advisory groups — the Planning Commission, the Library Board and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee. We tend to forget that these folks are volunteers because they put so much into their positions, but we are lucky to have such dedicated individuals in our community.

Since community involvement relies upon accessible information, one of this year's Council Workplan goals is to enhance two-way communication. One of the areas I get the most positive comments about is the broadcast of City Council meetings on the government access channel. People often tell me how they like being able to find out what is going on in their local government by watching TV. I am also happy to see more and more of our residents using Shoreline's Web site — the number of people who visited the site last year doubled from the previous year. In the coming year, we plan to make the government access

channel and Web site even more useful with the help of emerging technology.

Another Council goal for this year is to adopt and implement an economic development program. This program will not only work towards attracting new businesses to Shoreline, but will help existing businesses reach their goals. By developing and nurturing a thriving business community, the City hopes to bring more financial stability to Shoreline and build on its sense of identity.

Some of the biggest challenges for the City of Shoreline over the past five years have been financial. With limited resources the City Council has always budgeted conservatively and looked for ways to do more with less. The past two years, however, have posed new challenges as we prepared budgets that took into account the effects of initiatives whose outcomes were uncertain. We have had to predict how these initiatives will affect the City's ability to provide necessary services and find solutions to possible funding changes. The City Council has worked to protect those levels of service that residents have told us over and over are important to them.

On the other side of the financial picture, we have successfully applied for grants or identified new sources of funding for some of our community's most prized projects and goals such as the Interurban Trail, Aurora Avenue, the School Resource Officer program and drainage improvements to Ronald Bog and

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3rd Ave. NW.

Besides planning for visible changes in the City, last year Shoreline staff and City Council also devoted a lot of time to projects controlled by other jurisdictions which could have an impact on our community. These projects include participating in the siting process for the King County Northend Wastewater Treatment Facility, working with King County to have I-5 connector ramps built at the transfer station and following legislative actions in Olympia.

As an editorial in the Shoreline Enterprise stated last year, Shoreline is at a crossroads. We have laid a foundation and begun plans for many positive changes in our community. We are at a point where we can stay the course or shift direction. I believe that the future for Shoreline is bright and the state of the City is promising. I vote for staying the course.

Council meeting broadcast schedule

Shoreline's government access channel is now the same throughout the City. Turn to Channel 21 to see City Council meetings Wednesday through Sunday at 6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Channel 21 also features information on City programs, contact numbers, meetings, public hearings and special events. King County Council meetings, once broadcast on the City's channel to most of Shoreline, are now available on the County's channel, 22.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

Workshop Meetings

First and third Mondays
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meetings

Second and fourth Mondays
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Line

(206) 546-2190

Televised City Council Meetings

AT&T Channel 21 and
AT&T (Chambers) Channel 47
Wednesday through Sunday
5 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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