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City leverages taxpayer dollars through grants

The total cost of the Aurora Corridor Project from N 145th Street to N 192nd Street is approximately \$83 million. That is a significant amount of money for a city our size. If Shoreline residents were asked to bear the full cost of such a project, it would be a significant challenge.

Thankfully, the City has successfully leveraged local taxpayers' dollars through an aggressive grants program so that the City's contribution is only 12% of the total cost. As an example, in the last several months we have received an additional \$3.1 million in grants for the final section of the project. Funding comes from a variety of county, state and federal agencies. In fact, the City has had ten different funding partners for the Aurora project alone.

The City manages its comprehensive grants program to maximize our limited local funds. In 2001, the City Council adopted a grants policy directing staff to actively seek grants while balancing the City's ability to effectively manage these funds and sustain activities beyond the term of the grant. In reviewing grant opportunities, the City analyzes factors such as the match required, the

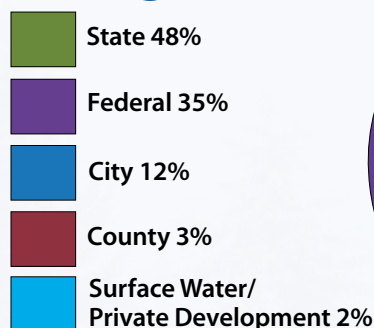
costs vs. benefits, and alignment with Council goals and City priorities. For example, a \$10,000 grant that requires \$50,000 of staff time to administer might not meet the cost/benefit criteria set out by the grants policy.

Grants are an important component of the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Since 2006, federal Community Development Block Grant funds have added 82 handicap accessible curb ramps and replaced 27,300 square feet of cracked sidewalks. In addition, many parks and trails throughout the City have been acquired or constructed with outside funds including Hamlin, Paramount, South Woods and the Interurban Trail.

In addition to capital investments, grants help operate a variety of human service and environmental programs such as the City's annual recycling events, community gardens, and environmental mini-grant program. Each year when the State Auditor reviews the accounting for grants received, we make every effort to ensure the City meets rigorous state and federal requirements. As resources grow more limited, our careful grant management and capacity to be exemplary partners gives us an advantage over other competing agencies.

For more information about the City's grants program, contact Grants Coordinator Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn at (206) 801-2331.

Aurora Corridor Project 145th to 192nd Streets Funding Sources



City of Shoreline Searching for a New City Manager

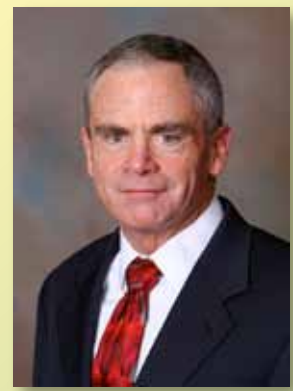
In August 2010, Shoreline City Manager Robert Olander announced his plan to retire as City Manager in late February 2011. One of the biggest decisions a City Council can make is choosing a City Manager. The City Manager is responsible for implementing the Council's policies and running the day-to-day business of the City. In September, the Shoreline City Council selected Prothman Company, an executive search firm, to help with the search and hiring of a new City Manager.

Prothman conducted the recruitment effort from October to December. In mid-December the Council

narrowed the field of candidates to about a dozen semi-finalists. Interviews with the semi-finalists were conducted by the consultant in late December and early January.

On January 10, the Council reviewed the results of the semi-finalist interviews and selected finalists to participate in on-site interviews. The final interview process took place on January 23 and 24 at City Hall and involved the City Council members and members of the City's Leadership Team.

It is anticipated that a new City Manager will be selected by early to mid-February.



City Manager's Retirement Reception

**Monday, Feb. 14,
4:00-6:00 pm
City Hall Lobby**

After over 35 years serving in local government, Robert Olander, City Manager of Shoreline since 2006, is retiring.

Please join the City Council and staff as we recognize and honor Bob for his years of dedicated service.

Public Art in Shoreline webpage debuts

There are more than thirty pieces of public art in our community parks, schools and other public places. Take a visual tour on the City's new Public Art webpage.



Salmon Hunt by James Madison

You will find an interactive map, with photos and information about each piece, an explanation of the 1% for Public Art Program and a printable list of the art to take with you as you drive, bike or walk around the city.

For more information, visit the City's website or contact Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661 or rbird@shorelinewa.gov.



Contemplating the Arc by Stuart Nakamura

Green Street Low Impact Development and Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project



Budget: \$418,645

City: \$269,064 (57%)

King County: \$179,581 (43%)

On a quaint neighborhood street in southeast Shoreline, a “green street” demonstration project is underway. Inspired in part by the now well known SEA Streets (Street Edge Alternatives) projects in Seattle’s Greenwood neighborhood, this project on 17th Avenue NE between NE 150th and NE 145th Streets demonstrates Shoreline’s commitment to sustainability and pedestrian safety.

Low Impact Development

Low impact development techniques were used including porous asphalt pavement for the walkways and parking areas and bioretention swales, or rain gardens, within the right-of-way and adjacent to the roadway and pedestrian facilities. Both of these techniques are designed to reduce, eliminate or slow down the surface water leaving the site by promoting infiltration back into the ground. The bioretention swales also provide significant vegetation that improves water quality.

While construction of this project is nearing completion, monitoring and evaluating the project’s benefits will occur for several years as the vegetation grows and matures to full benefit.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

While the main purpose of the project is to highlight natural drain-

age solutions for stormwater management, its secondary, and just as important, purpose is to improve pedestrian safety. One of the reasons for selecting this section of 17th Avenue NE was that it experienced a lot of cut-through traffic, which created safety concerns for pedestrians. The project includes new traffic circles, chicanes, walkways and corners with pedestrian landings at each intersection improving access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Partnering with Residents

Established as a demonstration project, the City has worked closely with the residents on 17th Avenue NE to ensure the project is successful. As the City monitors the stormwater features, residents will maintain the right-of-way frontage along their property. This partnership between the City and residents will serve as a model for future projects.

The community can expect to see more of these low impact development projects throughout the City in the coming years. To help fund future projects, the City recently received a \$630,000 grant from the Department of Ecology specifically to implement natural drainage systems in the Thornton Creek basin east of I-5 and north of NE 175th.



Pet Licensing

Love your pet, license your pet. It may seem simple, but it's true! Licensing your pet is easy and gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for its safety and protection. Plus, it is the law.

King County pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats eight weeks of age or older. A pet license identifies and protects your dog or cat in case they get lost by reuniting found pets more quickly with their owner. In addition, it provides longer care periods for found, licensed animals taken to the animal shelter.

License fees support the return of hundreds of lost pets to their homes and help families adopt thousands of homeless pets to new families every year. Pet license fees also fund investigation of animal neglect or cruelty, spay/neuter programs, and community education services.

Annual pet licenses for spayed or neutered cats and dogs cost \$30,



while licenses for unaltered pets cost \$60. Discounts are available for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to six months old. Shoreline and King County have instituted a no-tolerance fine for unlicensed pets, with fines ranging from \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet to \$250 for an unaltered pet.

Residents may purchase pet

licenses online at kingcounty.gov/pets or in person at over 100 locations in King County. In Shoreline, pet licenses can be purchased at City Hall, the Neighborhood Police Storefronts and the QFC on Richmond Beach Road. For more information about pet licensing in Shoreline, contact Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216, or King County Regional Animal Services at (206) 296-PETS (7387).

Did you know?

The grates you see in parking lots and along streets are connected to the stormwater system, and the water that enters them goes straight to our local water bodies without treatment. Only rain water is permitted down the storm drains. Anything else can harm wildlife and the environment. If you see a spill or something being dumped into a drain, you can report it by calling (206) 801-2700, and the City will respond.

Economic Development Updates

Aurora Rents breaks ground

Aurora Rents recently began rebuilding its flagship store on the southeast corner of 175th and Aurora. Contractors will first address stormwater management with the installation of an innovative infiltration system. The Low Impact Development system, produced by StormTech, LLC, allows pollutants to be filtered from storm water before seeping into the ground. Work on the building itself is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011.

Building Demolition planned

In 2009, a three-alarm fire turned a vacant warehouse, which was once home to Discount World, into an unsightly safety hazard. Demolition of the building located on Aurora at 170th is planned for early 2011.

Market Square Apartment project begins

Weidner Apartment Homes recently broke ground on its 148-unit Market Square project on Aurora between N 200th and N 205th Streets. The complex will be a mix of studio, one and two bedroom units and will feature two levels of underground parking. The grand opening is expected in the spring of 2012.

Police Citizen's Academy

Shoreline, Kenmore and Woodinville Police Departments and the King County Sheriff's Office are sponsoring a Citizen's Academy Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Academy runs March 15 through May 17 at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Avenue NE.

The Academy is a great way to gain a better understanding of police operations. Those who complete the course will have the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer.

The 10-week course covers a variety of topics, from defensive tactics to major accident investigations, from homicide and major crime investigations to the use of Guardian One Helicopter and Marine Patrol.

Registration and an application are required. Applications are available on the City's website or you can contact Shoreline Police Sgt. David Rainey at (206) 801-2757 or David.Rainey@kingcounty.gov.



City begins using Snohomish County Jail

On December 13, Shoreline began use of the Snohomish County Jail as the City's primary booking facility and jail facility where sentenced inmates and inmates awaiting trial are held.

Using the Snohomish County Jail as the City's primary jail facility instead of other facilities such as Yakima and King County jails is projected to save Shoreline taxpayers up to \$700,000 annually.

In addition to using the Snohomish County Jail, Shoreline will also begin use of a new video court system for first appearance probable cause and bail hearings for those defendants booked into the Snohomish County Jail. This video court system, which was a joint project of the City of Shoreline, Snohomish County Jail and King County District Court, will make processing defendant hearings efficient and cost effective.

For more information about the City's use of the Snohomish County Jail, contact Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216, jnorris@shorelinewa.gov.

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Our Shoreline

Share your images of the City

The City is looking for images that exemplify "Our Shoreline." Your submitted photos may be featured in an issue of *Currents*, the *Parks and Recreation Guide*, the City's government access channel or the City's website.



To submit a photo, go to shorelinewa.gov/photos and use the upload tool.

Above: *Echo Lake Reflection* by Tom Downer. **Right:** *Pollution* by Dorrena Ortega



Spotlight on the Shoreline Pool

The City of Shoreline Pool is one of Shoreline's best kept secrets. Built by King County in 1970, the pool was located next to Shoreline High School and was used by the District for swim teams, lessons and community use. After the City's incorporation, the pool was transferred to the City along with the parks and Richmond Highlands Recreation Center.

In 2001, the pool saw major improvements to parking, the heating system and locker rooms. Each year minor improvements are completed to keep the 40 year old facility operational.

While the Shoreline Pool is able to generate revenue through program fees and rentals to offset its costs, approximately 50% of its budget is funded through the general fund. Passage of Shoreline's Proposition 1 makes continued support of the pool possible.

Approximately 152 swim classes are offered each quarter. In the fall of 2010, there were 1,052 registrations and of that total, 78% were Shoreline residents. Classes are offered for the infant/parent levels up to senior adults and include lessons, exercise programs and lifeguard

training.

Shoreline Pool is the home pool for both Shorecrest and Shorewood High School swim teams, and provides pool time for a variety of other organizations including the Shoreline Community College, the University of Washington Department of Engineering and the Shoreline Fire District.

Community rentals also include Cascade Swim team, two scuba organization safety classes, three kayak organization safety classes, and one Cold Water Survival organization course.

The increase of alternative programming and rental has helped the Shoreline Pool increase its community participation.

In addition to community rentals and classes, the pool is also available to rent for parties on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Pool toys and lifeguards are included in the rental fee.

The pool is a vital part of the athletic, recreational and educational services offered by the City. For more information about Shoreline Pool, visit the City's website or call Pool Manager James McCrackin at (206) 801-2650.

Lifeguard Training

Learn to be a lifeguard and respond to water emergencies. Participants must be 15 years old by the end of the course. Graduates receive an American Red Cross certification in lifeguarding, CPR-FPR and Preventing Disease Transmission. This class will be held during winter break, February 21-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



For more information, please call the Shoreline Pool at (206) 801-2650.



Earned Income Tax Credit Can Put Money in Your Pocket

You could be cheating yourself at tax time, even if you are not required to file a tax return. The IRS estimates that one in four eligible taxpayers will overlook the Earned Income Tax Credit – or EITC. Last year the average return for Washington State filers was \$1,985, with a maximum of \$5,600. It is estimated that the EITC program returns more than \$2 million each year to eligible Shoreline residents. Non-traditional families, such as grandparents raising grandchildren, childless workers, and taxpayers with limited English proficiency are among those most likely to overlook the credit.



Free tax preparation sites are available to help you file your 2010 return and get the EITC refund, if you qualify.

Richmond Beach Library

19601 21st Avenue NW
February 4 - April 15

Fridays
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule an appointment by calling (206) 365-1536. Appointments have priority but walk-ins will be accommodated as time permits.

Shoreline Library

345 NE 175th Street
February 3 – April 14

Thursdays
4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary.

Hopelink Shoreline

15809 Westminster
(Aurora Square next to Marshall's)

January 19 - April 14

Wednesdays & Thursdays
5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary.

For a list of all free tax preparation sites in King County call 2-1-1.

To qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, tax filers must have incomes under the limits listed below.

- \$13,440 (\$18,440 married filing jointly) if you do not have a qualifying child.
- \$35,463 (\$40,463 married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child.
- \$40,295 (\$45,295 married filing jointly) if you have two qualifying children.
- \$43,279 (\$48,279 married filing jointly) if you have three or more qualifying children.
- Investment income cannot be more than \$3,100.

Families with children may also apply for the Child Tax Credit, worth up to \$1,000 per qualifying child. Additional credits are also available to working families for the cost of child care, bring documentation of your child care expenses including the child care agency's tax I.D. or the Social Security number of the provider.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 12

6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Tween Night for 5th and 6th Graders at Highlands Recreation Center

Monday, Feb. 14

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Retirement Reception

Tuesday, Feb. 15

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Gallery at City Hall Open House

Monday, Feb. 21 through

Friday, Feb. 25

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Camp Shoreline
Arts and Sports Day Camp
Register at (206) 801-2600
Spartan Recreation Center

Monday, Feb. 21

City Hall and Shoreline Pool closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, Feb. 22

10:00 p.m.

Teen Program Lock-in at Highlands Recreation Center

Wednesday, March 9

6:30 p.m.

Public Exploring Meeting for the Park at Town Center

Quick Start Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops
Tuesdays at Noon

February 15

Maximizing Market Share through Signage

February 22

Exporting Your Products Around the World: Do's, Don'ts and Tips

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 202 NE 185th Street, Shoreline 98155
 (206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 393-3380

Shoreline Pool
 19030 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155
 (206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 362-8450

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 1206 N 185th Street
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Eastside Police Neighborhood Center
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