

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Protecting the shore in Shoreline *Shoreline Master Program Open House August 20*

At an open house last fall, the City shared how it plans to protect shoreline natural resources and water quality while promoting public access, recreation and environmental responsibility through the creation and adoption of a Shoreline Master Program.

The program is nearing the final stages and ready for public comment at another open house **Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Mt. Rainier Room at the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

Consultants will be on hand to answer questions about the City's original 2004 program and the updated plan. Public comment from the August open house will be incorporated into the final policy and program, which is planned for Planning Commission review later this year.

In 2003, approximately 250 cities across the state were required to update their Shoreline Master Programs to meet state guidelines. Shoreline received a two-year grant for 2008-2009 to update its 2004 plan to include new scientific data about offshore habitats and ecosystems.

One of the initial tasks was collecting data from a variety of sources, analyzing it and transferring it to maps, tables and illustrations to show the ecological conditions of the shoreline.

This information was the focus of the previous open house and is available on the City's website with other information about the Shoreline Master Program. The inventory was used to draft shoreline designations, policies and regulations as required in the Shoreline Master Program guidelines.

The City has also drafted a long-term restoration plan for selected areas to help improve ecological function. These policies, designations, regulations and the restoration plan will be the subject of the August open house.

The final plan must also go through a state environmental review before it can be approved by the Planning Commission and, ultimately, the City Council.

To submit your name to receive emails about upcoming events, contact Project Manager Miranda Redinger at (206) 801-2513, mredinger@shorelinewa.gov.



**Vote! Primary election
August 18**

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



Construction begins at Cromwell and Hamlin Parks this summer

Hamlin Park 16006 15th Avenue NE

This has been the year for park makeovers in Shoreline as one Park Bond project after another is completed. So far in 2009 the community has celebrated enhancements at Boeing Creek, Saltwater and Kayu Kayu Ac Parks, as well as the opening of the new dog area at Shoreview Park.

Now exciting changes are in the works for Hamlin and Cromwell Parks. Besides the improvements funded by Shoreline's Park Bond, both parks will have site-specific artwork by Kristin Tollefson through the City's 1% for Art Program.

At Hamlin Park 10 multi-colored 20-inch concrete spheres, pictured above, will be grouped on the grass creating a visually interesting area for seating. The spheres and the concrete footing will also have metal inlays depicting objects from nature.

At Cromwell Park a 20-foot "Rain Tree" will be constructed of metal and colored resin and placed in a swale to interact with rain, stormwater flow and light.

Construction in both parks begins this summer and is expected to be finished this winter. Cromwell Park will be completely closed during construction but only portions of Hamlin Park will be closed.

For more information, contact Parks Planner Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 801-2603, mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov or Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661, rbird@shorelinewa.gov.

Funded by Shoreline's 2006 Park Bond, Hamlin Park's 13-acre main activity area near the 15th Avenue NE entrance will receive major improvements.

New pathways to amenity areas and two new baseball fields with extra open lawn space are some of the most exciting changes in this improvement project. Athletic field safety improvements include enhanced field lighting plus new backstops and spectator seating. There will also be a picnic shelter, playground equipment, an handicapped-accessible loop trail and erosion control measures.

The Trail Corridors portion of the Park Bond funds soft-surface trail improvements throughout the park. The park will remain open outside of the construction areas. Limited parking is available at the 15th Avenue NE entrance. Additional parking at the 25th Avenue NE entrance provides access to fields five and six and the park's system of trails, which will be open during construction.



Hamlin Park

Cromwell Park 18009 Corliss Avenue

Renovations planned for Cromwell Park will create much needed recreational and stormwater improvements and transform this park in the heart of the City into another Shoreline gem.

The renewed park will include an amphitheater and stage area plus a new basketball court, wetland areas, new play equipment and an irrigated field. Stormwater detention and water quality treatment are also part of the project.

Other additions include new walking paths and trails, enhancements to natural areas, landscaping, picnic facilities, benches and drinking fountains.

Improvements to Cromwell Park are funded by the 2006 Park Bond and Shoreline's Surface Water Utility.



Cromwell Park

New \$20 license fee to help fund Shoreline roads and transportation

One of the top priorities for Shoreline residents, as they continue to tell the City in satisfaction surveys, is transportation maintenance and improvements.

Adequate funding to pave and maintain City streets continues to be a challenge as asphalt and other costs outpace shrinking general revenues and Shoreline's portion of the flat-rate per-gallon fuel tax allocated to cities for roads.

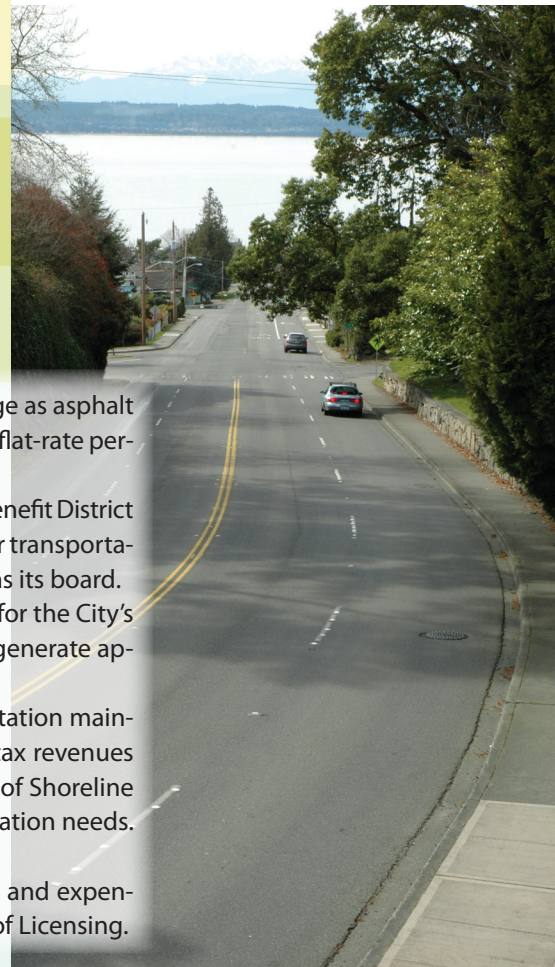
To address these needs, the Shoreline City Council established a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) in June to help generate revenue for maintaining and paving roads and other transportation improvements. As a separate duty, the City Council governs the new district as its board.

At its July 13 meeting, the TBD Board adopted a \$20 vehicle license fee to pay for the City's street program and other transportation projects. The flat rate fee is expected to generate approximately \$600,000 in annual revenue and will go into effect in February 2010.

Currently Shoreline allocates approximately \$3.6 million annually for transportation maintenance and projects. Funding comes from fuel taxes (\$1.2 million) and general tax revenues (\$2.4 million). Prior to 2003 and the passage of State Initiative 776 (to which 63% of Shoreline voters said "No") the City received a \$15 vehicle license fee to help fund transportation needs. This generated nearly \$500,000 a year at that time.

The TBD will issue a public report each year including project costs, revenues and expenditures. The licensing fee program will be administered by the State Department of Licensing.

For more information, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301, dtarry@shorelinewa.gov.



Richmond Beach Road/ NW 196th Street

Shoreline streets get a facelift from annual overlay program

Shoreline's 2009 Overlay Program is underway and will continue through early August. Each year, the City identifies worn or problem streets using a pavement rating system. Contractor Watson Paving was selected to pave approximately 2.2 miles of City streets this year.

The section of pavement on NW Innis Arden Drive from 6th Avenue NW to NW 166th Street that was overlaid last summer failed the City's inspection process. The road surface was very rough and had a wash-board

effect while traveling either direction. Last year's contractor, Cemex, has agreed to correct the problem by repaving the portion of roadway

in August after the 2009 overlay is completed.

Residents living in the areas designated for overlay have been notified by the City and will be updated as the project

continues. For more information, contact the Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 801-2700.

2009 Overlay Program Streets

- N 200th from Aurora Avenue N to Ashworth Avenue N
- NE 205th/244th from 14th Avenue NE to 20th Avenue NE
- NW 166th Street from NW Innis Arden Drive to end of road
- NW Innis Arden Drive from NW 166th to 10th Avenue NW
- NW 167th Street from Innis Arden Drive to 16th Avenue NW
- NW 175th Street from 6th Avenue NW to 15th Avenue NW
- 15th Avenue NW from NW 167th Street to NW 17200 block

CITY COUNCIL SUMMER BREAK

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City Council is not meeting on August 17, 24 and 31. The first two are the City Council's summer break and the last one is on the fifth Monday of the month when Council traditionally does not meet.

Shoreline City Hall, Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center will be closed **Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7**



Aurora Corridor Project

On the first mile of Aurora there has been more than a 50% reduction in accidents since improvements were completed

Middle mile heads to construction soon

The second mile of the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to 185th Streets, is designed and moving forward. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall with an estimated completion date of late 2010 (weather permitting).

The third and remaining mile, N 185th to 205th Streets, will complete Shoreline's Aurora Corridor Project. The portion of the third mile between N 185th to N 192nd Streets is funded and is expected to go to construction in 2010. The City continues to

pursue funding for the final segment (N 192nd to N 205th Streets). Once completed, the third mile (N 185th to N 205th Streets), will provide the business access and transit lanes necessary to link Snohomish County's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and King County's BRT systems.

One of the project's most important goals is improving safety along the corridor. That goal has not only been met, but exceeded, in the first mile (N 145th to N 165th Streets). The state predicted a 30% reduction in accidents after the Aurora improvements were in place, but statistics show more than a 50% reduction in accidents since completion of the first mile in 2007.

Aurora looking north at N 160th Street

Open for Business

Shoreline supported businesses along the Aurora Corridor during construction of the first mile, and it plans greater support for businesses along the corridor during construction of the N 165th to N 185th Streets segment.

Building on lessons learned during construction of the first mile, a professional business liaison staff member has been added to the construction management team to be a direct contact for businesses. Shoreline business owners are already receiving information about how the City plans to minimize the impact of construction.

Shoreline Economic Development Manager Mark Mayuga is coordinating an "Open for Business" marketing campaign with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and special promotions will be featured in a variety of media. The Chamber will take an active role in providing regular construction updates at monthly meetings and through its website, flyers, and brochures.

The Aurora Project construction team will use its e-mail list and the City's website to distribute construction information, updates, special work phases and milestones, and will also make visits to business owners.

Other support includes:

- The business liaison will ensure concerns and questions are addressed during construction and keep the business community connected with construction activities to avoid surprises.
- Businesses will have direct access to the construction management team especially for potential emergencies.
- Business owners will be invited to an open house to meet the contractor and construction management team before construction.
- Driveways will be delineated in a different manner than during construction of the first mile to help enhance business access and visibility. Blue business signs will be used in addition to sand/water filled traffic control barriers on each side of driveway entrances so it is easier for drivers to know when they are at a business entrance.
- A survey will be delivered to business owners asking about delivery times/vehicles, busiest times, hours of operation and special utility needs. This data will be used by the liaison and staff during construction to assist businesses.

For more information about the project, contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 801-2482. For business assistance, contact Economic Development Manager Mark Mayuga at (206) 801-2218.



Construction Timeline*

August 2009
Design and right of way acquisition complete

Fall 2009
Award construction bid and begin construction

Late 2010 (weather permitting)
Construction complete

**Advertising for construction is contingent upon completion of the right-of-way process.*



The Aurora Interurban Trail Bridge that spans Aurora between N 155th and N 160th Streets, was built in conjunction with the first mile of Aurora.

Improvements Spur Private Investment

The City's investment in Aurora improvements provides the public infrastructure to support private sector investment, upgrades, redevelopment and expansion of existing businesses. Construction of the first mile and planning for the remaining two miles has already stimulated redevelopment projects, created jobs and provided more shopping and service choices for residents all along Shoreline's three miles of Aurora.

Since 2003, private investment has developed and remodeled multi-family residential and commercial properties along Shoreline's Aurora Corridor. Besides the projects listed below, as you travel Aurora you will see other projects under construction.

Completed Projects

- Shoreline Bank
- Safeway remodel
- New Watermark Credit Union
- New McDonald's
- Shurgard Storage expansion
- New Cascade Bank and Sun Insurance
- New Napa Auto Parts
- New Aqua Quip store
- New Gateway Plaza Shopping Center
- Fred Meyer remodel
- New Walgreens
- New Discount Tire
- New YMCA and mixed use residential commercial buildings

Project Features and Benefits

Shoreline's improvement of the Aurora Corridor benefits the wider Puget Sound community. As a key regional transportation corridor, Aurora carries approximately 40-45,000 vehicles per day and is a major transit route with well over 5,000 boardings per day. The unimproved corridor has a high vehicle accident rate, uncoordinated traffic signals, inefficient intersections, sparse vegetation, outdated or no stormwater treatment, overhead utilities, and sporadic curb, gutter and sidewalk placement.

Like the first mile of the Aurora Corridor Project, the design for the next two miles includes: Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes; two general-purpose lanes in each direction; sidewalks, curbs, gutters and amenity zones; landscaped center median with left- and U-turn pockets; updated stormwater facilities; underground utilities; updated bus shelters and lighting; and intersection improvements with marked pedestrian crossings.

New to the next two miles is the use of natural stormwater systems to help cleanse and control stormwater from the street.

Shoreline's improvements – both completed and planned – have stimulated private investment along the entire three miles of Aurora, including new businesses and jobs and the construction of new buildings.

Project funding

The projected cost for the 165th to 185th segment is approximately \$49 million with the section from 185th to 192nd projected at \$17 million for a total of \$66 million. Federal, state and other grants have been secured for these two sections totaling approximately \$55 million. Several utilities will be contributing another \$7 million and City funds are dedicated at \$4 million to complete the funding to 192nd.

The last section from 192nd to 205th has been estimated at a cost of \$39 million. State and federal grants have been secured to date for this section totaling \$4 million. Utility funding has been estimated at \$5 million with City funds dedicated at another \$5 million. Therefore, the unsecured grants necessary to complete the funding for this last section is approximately \$25 million. The City continues to be engaged in federal, state and regional planning processes that ultimately would provide the last of the grant funding necessary to complete the project.

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What are Shoreline's future transit, bike and pedestrian needs?

Shoreline needs your thoughts on our community's future bike, pedestrian and transit transportation needs as it updates the Transportation Master Plan. Go online to learn more and complete questionnaires to make sure your input is heard.

Neighborhood canvassers license Shoreline pets

King County Animal Services will be visiting Shoreline homes to ensure family cats and dogs are protected with pet licenses. Canvassers are King County employees and should have official photo identification visible at all times. Pet licenses are also available at Shoreline City Hall and the two Police Neighborhood Centers listed on the back page of Currents.



August 29 Back-to-School Fair helps Shoreline families

This year more families than ever could use a helping hand with school supplies and clothing. Visit Shoreline's website to learn how to register for the Fair or what donations are needed.

Warm weather heats up burglaries

Open windows and doors invite in much more than summer breezes during warm weather. Burglars often take advantage of this easy access. Follow Shoreline Police tips on the City's website to do your most to keep burglars out of your home this summer.

Shoreline City Council adopts 2009-2010 Goals

Each year at its retreat, the City Council adopts goals to guide the City's work in the coming years. Each goal has a number of workplan objectives that outline the milestones the City needs to complete. More details including reports on last year's goals are available on the City Council web page. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Julie Underwood at (206) 801-2212, junderwood@shorelinewa.gov.

- Goal 1: Implement the adopted Community Vision by updating the Comprehensive Plan and key development regulations in partnership with residents, neighborhoods and businesses**
- Goal 2: Provide safe, efficient and effective infrastructure to support our land use, transportation and surface water plans**
- Goal 3: Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan**
- Goal 4: Create an "environmentally sustainable community"**
- Goal 5: Complete the projects approved with the 2006 Parks Bond**
- Goal 6: Construct the Civic Center/City Hall Project**
- Goal 7: Construct the Aurora Improvements from 165th to 205th Streets**
- Goal 8: Develop a Fircrest Master Plan in partnership with the State**
- Goal 9: Develop a "healthy city" strategy to ensure the community's access to needed human services**
- Goal 10: Provide enhanced opportunities for effective citizen communication and engagement**

Did you know?

When you wash your car on pavement the soapy water goes right into our streams and lakes. Water rinsed off a car contains a mixture of detergents, oils and heavy metals that are toxic to wildlife

and the ecosystem. Help protect the environment by washing your car on grass or gravel, or take it to a commercial car wash where the water is treated. Charity car wash groups may use a free kit on-loan from the City to prevent wash water from entering the storm drain system. To reserve a kit please contact Water Quality Specialist Jessica Williams at (206) 801-2453.

City responds to development plans for Pt. Wells

Point Wells is a 100-acre site of unincorporated Snohomish County with access only through the Richmond Beach neighborhood and subsequently through Shoreline to I-5. The land has long been on the City of Shoreline's radar. The City's intent to annex the property has been in the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan since 1998.

In 2007, the owner of 61 acres of Point Wells, Paramount Northwest, Inc., announced its intent to redevelop their industrial property. Paramount asked the Snohomish County Council to change their site's comprehensive plan designation from Urban Industrial to Urban Center and zoning designation of Heavy Industrial to Planned Community Business. The Urban Center designation in the County Comprehensive Plan would create the potential of developing 3,500 housing units for up to 6,000 people.

Considering that any development on the property will have significant impacts to Shoreline, the City has followed the process closely and responded at each step. Shoreline and the Richmond Beach neighborhood want to make sure that safety and traffic impacts are identified and effectively mitigated.



The Richmond Beach Community Association and City of Shoreline are co-sponsoring a

Point Wells Charrette
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Shoreline Fire Department Station 61
17525 Aurora Avenue N

The community is invited to participate in this interactive process to help illustrate potential future visions for Point Wells. The Charrette process will result in a document that expresses the ideas of the participants. The document will also assist the City staff as they draft design guidelines and standards for the zoning regulations to implement the Point Wells Subarea Plan. Also, at a September public meeting (details TBD), the City will present the results of its own traffic and safety analysis of alternative development scenarios at Point Wells.

In April of this year, the City Council adopted Resolution 258, which stated the City's opposition to an Urban Center designation, and reiterated Shoreline's interest in annexing the area. The City's comment letters to Snohomish County have ad-

ressed issues such as public service delivery (i.e., fire, police, utilities), governance, traffic and impacts on adjacent Shoreline neighborhoods.

To clarify the City's vision for Point Wells, the City has also initiated an amendment to its Comprehensive Plan. The City's proposed Point Wells Subarea Plan and implementing zoning regulations are undergoing refinement and environmental analysis this summer. To that end, several community meetings have been scheduled.

The Shoreline Planning Commission will hold public hearings on the proposed Subarea Plan and implementing zoning this fall. They will forward a recommendation to the City Council for action.

For more information about Point Wells, including the City's comment letters to Snohomish County, the status of the Paramount Urban Center amendment, information about the City's Au-

gust 22 Charrette, and the September meeting about the traffic analysis, visit the City's website or contact Shoreline Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 801-2511, scohn@shorelinewa.gov.

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Meeting Location
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 Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

Study Sessions: Mt. Rainier Room, first & third Mondays 6:30 p.m.
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Televised City Council Meeting
 Comcast Cable Channel 21 & Verizon Cable Channel 37
 Tuesday noon & 8:00 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m.
 Meetings are available online at www.shorelinewa.gov

Shoreline Police

Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station
 Chief Dan Pingrey
 1206 N 185th Street
 Shoreline, WA 98133
 (206) 801-2712

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center
 Officer Greg McKinney
 521 NE 165th Street
 Shoreline, WA 98155
 (206) 363-8424

Westside Police Neighborhood Center
 Officer Leona Obstler
 624 NW Richmond Beach Road
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Popular Numbers

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- CleanScapes (206) 763-4444
- Comcast (877) 824-2288
- Historical Museum (206) 542-7111
- KC District Court (206) 205-9200
- KC Libraries
- Richmond Beach (206) 546-3522
- Shoreline (206) 362-7550
- Puget Sound Energy (888) 225-5773
- Qwest (800) 244-1111
- Ronald Wastewater (206) 546-2494
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