

# Connecting Our Community through Transit

Shoreline will look very different in the next 10 years with two high capacity transit systems and an additional 5,000 new households and jobs. Our vision is to connect the transportation systems to our neighborhoods and businesses, creating transit oriented communities. We will accomplish our vision by investing in infrastructure, such as improving those streets that connect our community to transit.

Our needs include preparing our community for rail transit; rebuilding arterial streets to support multimodal connections to rail and bus rapid transit; facilitating transit oriented development in our community; and ensuring that we build transit access to our educational, residential and business districts.

We want to partner with our federal delegation to address our community's needs and goals in developing vibrant, thriving, transit oriented communities.

These projects meet the City Council's goals for sustainability and the community's vision as articulated in its visioning statement, Vision 2029.

#### **Light Rail/Station Area Planning**

The City is very excited about light rail coming to Shoreline in 2023. It will be a transformative project for our City. Sound Transit is planning for two stations in Shoreline adjacent to I-5 at N 145<sup>th</sup> and N 185<sup>th</sup> Streets, which leaves a scant 10 years to prepare!

The City has already started the process for adopting station area zoning to ensure ou community is ready. We are excited about light rail coming to Shoreline but also realistic about the changes necessary to make it work. We are bringing light rail to single family neighborhoods and need to make significant utility, street, infrastructure, and transportation upgrades in order to support TOD projects and meet the goals of the Growth Management Act.



Light rail service will bring both opportunities and new infrastructure and transportation upgrade needs to Shoreline



Substandard sidewalks, high accident rates, and high traffic volumes create safety challenges for all users of 145<sup>th</sup> Street

## SR 523 / N 145<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment

SR 523 is the link that connects the 145<sup>th</sup> Light Rail Station to I-5, Highway 99 and Metro's RapidRide service, SR-522 and the north lake cities, Shoreline Community College, future TOD opportunities at Aurora Square, local regional schools, and commercial nodes. Shoreline is in the process of assuming ownership of the corridor in order to facilitate demand for bikes, pedestrians, transit, and traffic flow centered around a light rail station at I-5.

This project will include working with the County, City of Seattle, WSDOT, transit agencies, and Lake Forest Park in order to create a compact, vibrant, transit oriented development at the station.

# **Aurora Square Redevelopment**

Aurora Square is a 70+ acre site abutting Highway 99 at 155<sup>th</sup> Street, that also provides the gateway to Shoreline Community College. Council designated Aurora Square a Community Renewal Area to help stimulate redevelopment of an underutilized commercial shopping center. Redevelopment plans include a mix of housing, retail, office, hotel, and entertainment uses, with an emphasis on pedestrian friendly circulation and a strong connection to the Interurban Trail and Metro's RapidRide service on Aurora.



Transportation connections are key to planned development



Keeping buses on dedicated BRT lanes encourages TOD and pedestrian use of Shoreline's commercial core

## 192<sup>nd</sup> Park & Ride TOD and Transit Center

Realignment of King County's Swift Service and Metro's RapidRide from the Aurora Village Transit Center to the 192<sup>nd</sup> Park & Ride would keep buses on SR-99, utilizing the BRT lanes, saving transit time and encouraging pedestrian access to the businesses along our commercial core. It would also provide an opportunity to encourage TOD on both Park & Ride lots.

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City of Shoreline Federal Funding Project Priorities

