

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## **New Shorewood High School opens *Shoreline invests in the future***

The new Shorewood High School at 17300 Fremont Avenue North opens its doors to more than 1,400 students for the 2013-14 school year on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Construction of the 231,000-square-foot building is part of the \$150 million voter approved bond measure to modernize Shoreline's two high schools.

The new Shorewood includes a 450-seat theater for school and community use, a main and auxiliary gymnasium, large areas for aerobics/fitness/weight training, auto shop, culinary arts and three-story classroom wings. The entry off North 175th leads into the Commons and incorporates the landmark Ronald School, built in 1912, for performing arts. The campus also features an inviting south courtyard for students to enjoy during lunch and breaks between classes.

The old Shorewood, built in 1975 by combining the campuses of the old Ronald Elementary and Butler Junior High, is being demolished to make way for parking, athletic fields and tennis courts.

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*You're invited!*

**Dedication and Open House  
Saturday, Oct. 12  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Shorewood High School  
17300 Fremont Avenue N**

The community is invited to celebrate the opening of the new Shorewood High School on Saturday, Oct. 12.

A dedication program will be held in the gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. with tours of the school to follow.

Find more information at [shorelineschools.org](http://shorelineschools.org).



Shorewood High School South Courtyard

# SHORELINE SIDEWALKS

## Sidewalks are important to residents

Although Shoreline is a relatively new city, its infrastructure is not. Most Shoreline neighborhoods were built to King County rural standards in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, usually without sidewalks or even walkways. Only about one-third of the City's arterials and even fewer residential streets have sidewalks. This is not just a Shoreline issue, but an issue for communities throughout the region, especially where there was a lot of residential development in unincorporated areas during the middle of the last century.

Shoreline residents have repeatedly identified sidewalks as important, emphasizing the significance of sidewalks for safety, enhanced mobility, convenience and recreation. Shoreline has great potential to be a "walkable community," with many activities and resources within walking distance of neighborhoods, including parks, commercial districts and community centers. Unfortunately, the need for sidewalks is greater than the resources available to enhance our pedestrian system.



Sidewalks are a key component of walkable communities

## Challenges with our current sidewalk infrastructure



Tree roots can cause sidewalk damage

While much of Shoreline is built out as single-family residential development, sidewalks are only located sporadically throughout the City. Most of the sidewalks in Shoreline, built prior to City incorporation in 1995, are substandard in comparison with current City standards.

Many sidewalks are too narrow and have little or no planting strip or green space (commonly known as an amenity zone) separating the sidewalk from the roadway travel lane. Amenity zones are not just important for safety reasons, but they also play an important part in stormwater management. Amenity zones that do exist are often too narrow to support the street trees planted there, which have now matured and are causing damage to sidewalks and roadways with their large root systems.

Not only is the City looking for ways to construct new sidewalks, but it must also maintain those sidewalks that already exist.



Sidewalks built as part of private development end abruptly



Some existing sidewalks are too narrow

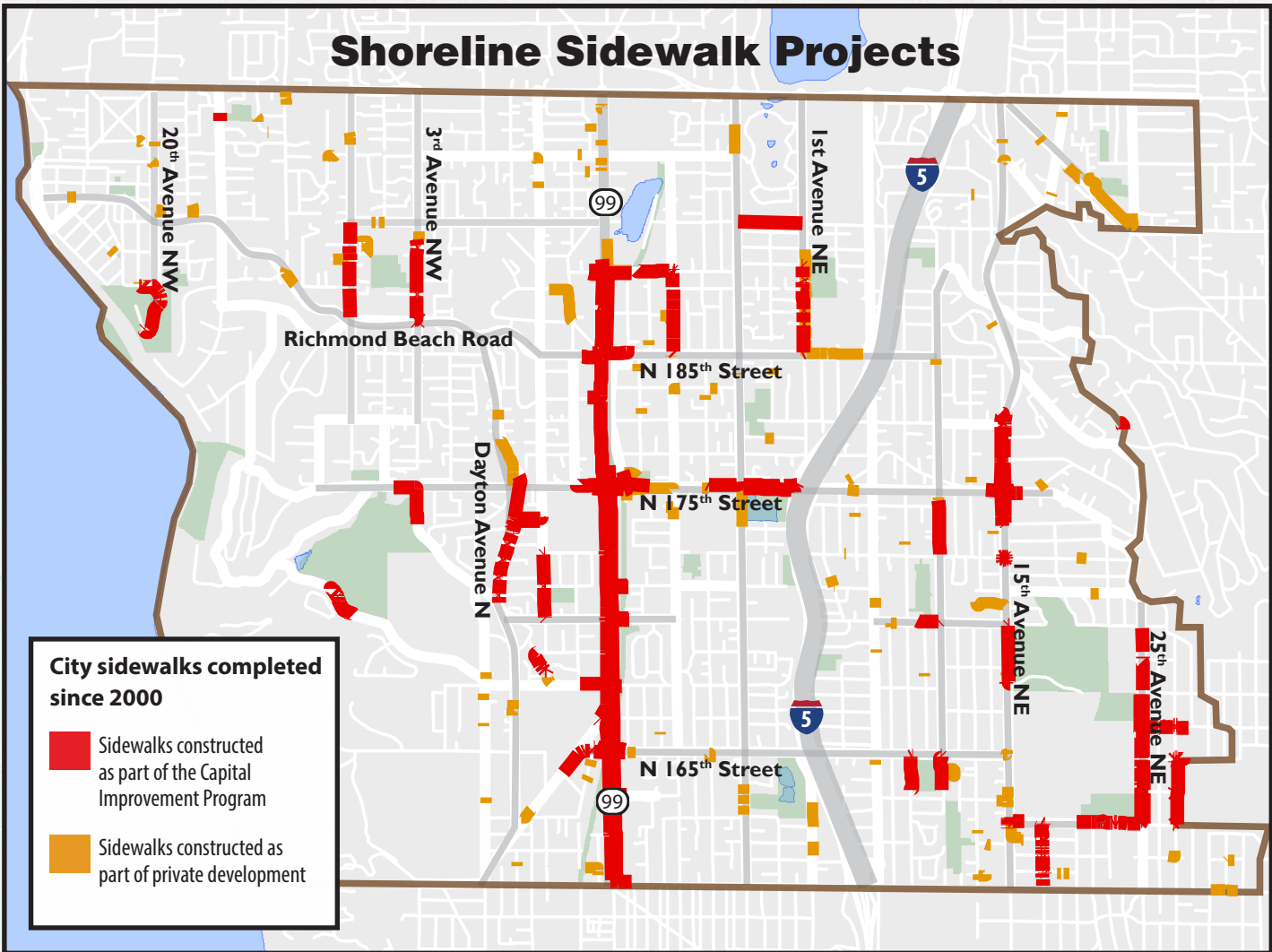
## 20 miles of sidewalks have been built

Since 2000, approximately 20 miles of sidewalks have been constructed throughout the City. This includes approximately 14.5 miles of sidewalk constructed as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and 5.5 miles constructed as part of private development. The City's development code requires commercial developments, subdivisions and even some residential projects to add "frontage improvements." This means that for projects that require frontage improvements, developers must install a concrete curb-gutter-amenity zone-sidewalk configuration in front of the property.

In addition to sidewalks, the City has also constructed park trails and other walkways to help pedestrian and bicycle mobility, including the Inter-urban Trail.



Sidewalk constructed as part of the Aurora Corridor Project



# SHORELINE SIDEWALKS

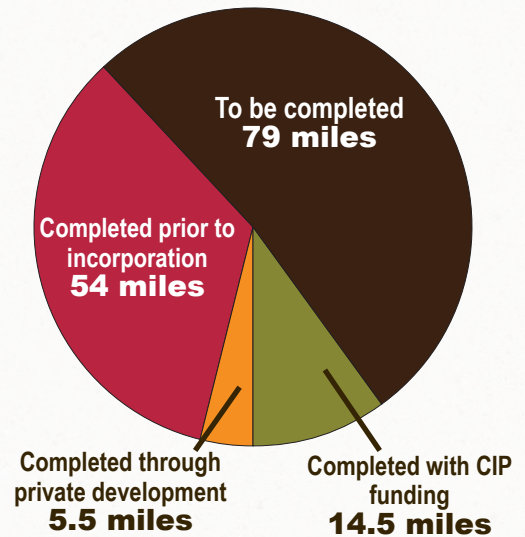
## How sidewalks are funded

Through the CIP, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the general fund, the City has dedicated money in each year's budget to repair and replace deteriorating existing sidewalks and also to construct needed new sidewalks. Because the need is so great and funds are limited, the City must prioritize projects. Historically the City has placed highest priority on those sidewalks that connect routes for children going to school or links to busy commercial areas.

Transportation projects in Shoreline are funded by the Real Estate Excise Tax and with money from the general fund, as well as local, state and federal grants. Funds for pedestrian projects are limited and such projects must compete with other City priorities. Since 1995 the City has invested approximately \$19 million in constructing new sidewalks and related amenities. The cost to complete the remaining 79 miles of sidewalks identified in the City's Pedestrian System Plan is estimated at between \$54.9 and \$126.7 million. Even though this is the case, the City continues to look for different and innovative ways to fund sidewalks.

## SHORELINE'S SIDEWALK SYSTEM

The City's Pedestrian System Plan includes 153 miles of sidewalks.



Sidewalk on NE 158th Street completed with funding from the Safe Routes to School Program

## Safe Routes to School Program

While grant funding for pedestrian projects is extremely limited, difficult to obtain, and often requires a local match, the City aggressively pursues such funding when it can. Since incorporation, the City has received nearly \$1 million in grant funding to construct sidewalks (not including Aurora Corridor Project). Two projects were funded as part of the State's Safe Routes to School Program. The Safe Routes to School Program helps fund cost-effective projects that support pedestrian safety near schools.

Our two Safe Routes to School projects are:

- Einstein Middle School (NW 195th Street) \$435,000 – In design
- Briarcrest Elementary (NE 158th Street and 27th Avenue NE) \$385,000 – Completed

## The cost for constructing sidewalks

Constructing sidewalks is not cheap and there are many different factors that impact costs. Sidewalk projects in Shoreline can cost anywhere from \$130/linear foot to \$300/linear foot for construction. Why such a big range? Variables that impact the cost of sidewalks include such things as stormwater drainage, driveways, utility re-locations, on-street parking, the grade of the

site, ADA requirements and any structures or landscaping that have been built in City right of way. What this means is that it can cost between \$686,000 and \$1.58 million to construct one mile of sidewalk. Those amounts only include construction costs and do not factor in design and administrative costs.

### FACTORS IN SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION



## 79 more miles of sidewalks needed

To give you an idea of just how big the need is, the City's complete Pedestrian System Plan (found in the City's 2011 Transportation Master Plan) includes approximately 153 miles of sidewalks. Of those 153 miles, only about 74 miles exist. That means we have approximately 79 miles of sidewalks that need to be built to complete the City's Pedestrian System Plan. Again, in the past 13 years, approximately 20 miles of sidewalk have been constructed either through the City's CIP or private development. That comes to approximately 1.5 miles of sidewalks being built every year, which is a significant amount. However, at that rate, it will take approximately 53 years to complete the entire pedestrian system.

A key benefit of encouraging more economic development in Shoreline is that it means more sidewalks will be built, helping to complete the system more quickly.

### More information

For more information about the City's sidewalk programs, contact City Engineer Tricia Juhnke at (206) 801- 2471 or [tjuhnke@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:tjuhnke@shorelinewa.gov).



## Shoreline volunteers provide fresh produce to Hopelink

In its second season, Shoreline's Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park continues to be a vibrant community resource.

The Giving Garden, a 20'x80' organic plot at the heart of the Community Garden is tended entirely by volunteers and produces fruits and vegetables for Shoreline's food bank at Hopelink.

So far this season the garden has generated over 500 pounds of fresh produce to feed people who depend on the food bank for assistance. The garden is a great example of what a community can do to care for its members and encourage a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

The Giving Garden welcomes all volunteers who have a desire to grow healthy organic food for a community cause. Information about how you can get involved can be found at [shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden](http://shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden).

Home gardeners can also donate extra garden harvest to Hopelink. All donations are accepted but a list of the most desired foods is available on Hopelink's website. For more information and drop-off times, visit Hopelink's website: [hope-link.org/take\\_action/plant\\_a\\_row\\_for\\_hopelink/](http://hope-link.org/take_action/plant_a_row_for_hopelink/).

## Health care reform comes to Shoreline

Are you one of almost 6,000 Shoreline residents aged 18 to 64 without health insurance? If so, beginning October 1 you will have access to Washington's new online marketplace for health insurance plans called Washington Healthplanfinder ([wahbexchange.org](http://wahbexchange.org)). Individuals, families and small businesses in Washington will be able to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage and gain access to tax credits, reduced cost sharing, and public programs such as Medicaid. Enrollment begins October 1, 2013, for health insurance coverage beginning on January 1, 2014.

The increased access to health insurance is made possible by the federal Patient Care and Affordable Care Act of 2010. Changes to health insurance coverage already made as a result of the Affordable Care Act include allowing young adults up to age 26 to remain on their parents health plan and the elimination of lifetime limits on most benefits, and added preventive services, largely available without co-pays or deductibles. Beginning January 2014, rules will be put into place preventing insurers from denying adults coverage because of pre-existing conditions or chronic conditions (this is already prohibited for children under the age of 19).

For more information about Washington Healthplanfinder visit [wahbexchange.org](http://wahbexchange.org). You can also contact Associate Human Services Planner George Smith at [gsmith@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:gsmith@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2252.

## Get help with your utility bills

Shoreline residents who need help paying their utility bills have several options for assistance.

### Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities

Seattle City Light estimates that of the 35,000 households that are eligible for their Utility Discount Program, fewer than 40% are enrolled.

Customers who meet income guidelines receive a 60% discount on electric bills. In addition, those customers who also have a Seattle Public Utility account automatically save 50% on their water.

To learn more about the program and find out if you are eligible visit [seattle.gov/light/accounts/assistance](http://seattle.gov/light/accounts/assistance), email [SCL\\_RateAssistance@seattle.gov](mailto:SCL_RateAssistance@seattle.gov) or call (206) 684-3417.

### Puget Sound Energy

Puget Sound Energy's assistance programs are managed by Hopelink. Households making up to 150% of the federal poverty level

can qualify for help. To apply, call Hopelink's Energy Assistance Line at (800) 348-7144. To learn more about the program, visit [hope-link.org/get\\_help/energy\\_assistance](http://hope-link.org/get_help/energy_assistance).

### Ronald Wastewater

Qualifying senior citizens (62 years of age or older), persons with disabilities and low-income households can receive reduced rates from Ronald Wastewater district. For more information please call (206) 546-2494.

### Shoreline Water District

Shoreline Water District provides a low-income discount for those households that have income within the "very-low income" limits set by HUD for the Seattle area. The discount is \$10 off of the base water rate. For more information please call (206) 362-8100.

To learn more about Shoreline's other human service programs, visit [shorelinewa.gov/humanservices](http://shorelinewa.gov/humanservices).



## Diversity of housing in Shoreline

One of the wonderful things about Shoreline is that it has housing to fit most of life's situations. Many moved to Shoreline for its plentiful value-oriented starter homes and apartments, while others moved to enjoy unobstructed views of Puget Sound. The diversity of housing is evident within neighborhoods and even along single blocks, allowing Shoreline residents the opportunity to live, serve, and learn with those from a variety of economic backgrounds.

Shoreline's housing stock continues to evolve as pressures from population growth, market forces, and available property create new opportunities for development. For example, Shoreline's ratio of multi-family housing is growing faster in relationship to single-family housing, just as it is in other Puget Sound cities. According to King County's 2012 Comprehensive Plan, between 2000 and 2010 Shoreline's stock of single-family homes grew from 16,271 to 16,766 (3.1%), while multifamily homes grew from 6,414 to 7,455 (19.4%). Experts believe that this trend favoring multi-family housing will continue in the Puget Sound region for several reasons:

- Demographics are shifting as Baby Boomers retire and their children hit the job market. These two large and influential groups are both choosing smaller, urban homes with walkable amenities and public transportation.
- The Great Recession has caused home ownership to appear less attractive, leading many to rent homes out of choice or necessity.

- Puget Sound's population continues to grow, yet Washington's Growth Management Act requires new housing construction to be concentrated in urban areas like Shoreline where there is little room for additional single-family housing.
- Increased demand makes construction of multi-family, mid-rise housing with parking garages and elevators more appealing to investors.

Multi-family housing means more people, energizing the surrounding area. Shops open, offices are filled, buses are caught, and jobs are created. As a result, these buildings help achieve two of the City's framework goals articulated in Vision 2029 by promoting "quality building, functionality, and walkability . . ." and by designating "specific areas for high density development, especially along major transportation corridors."

Mid-rise buildings with elevators are also ideal for people with mobility issues, so this type of new multi-family housing helps achieve another Vision 2029 goal by supporting "diverse and affordable housing choices that provide for Shoreline's population growth, including options accessible for the aging and/or developmentally disabled."

It is also through the construction of more multi-family, mid-rise buildings that the City can ensure more "affordable" housing exists. Housing is considered more affordable if occupants pay no more than 30% of their household income for rent and utilities or mortgage, taxes, and insurance. Large multi-family buildings can be expensive to build; however, by providing incentives, such as tax abatements to the property owner (the State's 12-year Property Tax Exemption program), tax credits for investors (the financing that allowed the North City Apartment project to be built), or charitable donations (such as Vision House Jacob's Well off Ballinger Way), investors are able to offset losses in rental income.

The City will continue to encourage investors to expand Shoreline's housing market to meet the needs of our growing and diverse population.



### MORE INFORMATION

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# Surface water management and development

Surface water is rainwater and melted snow that runs off streets, lawns, and other sites. When stormwater is absorbed into the ground, it is filtered and ultimately replenishes aquifers or flows into streams and rivers.

In developed areas, however, impervious surfaces such as pavement and roofs prevent precipitation from naturally soaking into the ground. Instead, the water runs rapidly into storm drains, sewer systems, and drainage ditches and can cause many problems including downstream flooding, stream bank erosion, and contaminated streams, rivers, and coastal water.

Much of Shoreline was built using traditional stormwater management designs that focused on collecting surface water in piped networks and transporting it off site as quickly as possible, either directly to a stream or body of water. By the time Shoreline incorporated in 1995, flooding was common during even typical northwest winters. In response, many of the first major public works projects tackled by the young city addressed the symptoms of traditional



surface water management practices.

Thankfully, low impact development (LID) practices have evolved to utilize a variety of techniques including strategic site design, measures to control the sources of runoff, and thoughtful landscape planning. The current State standards require that a property's surface water

impact on surrounding properties be the same as if it had no development.

Since the City of Shoreline ensures that the State's new stormwater requirements including LID standards are met with all significant projects, a redeveloped property in Shoreline will undoubtedly improve drainage. The improvement to surface water impacts is one of the significant public benefits of economic development, especially on large scale projects such as the Aurora Square CRA (see page 14). The current development was built in the 1960's, long before LID practices were developed.

For more information about the City's efforts, visit [shorelinewa.gov/surfacewater](http://shorelinewa.gov/surfacewater).



## Did you know?

The City of Shoreline monitors water quality in our streams and lakes throughout the year. In 2011, the City also partnered with Seattle Public Utilities to conduct a fecal bacteria study in Thornton Creek. The study found that there are high levels of these human-caused bacteria in upper Thornton Creek. The City of Shoreline will be working to identify and eliminate these pollutant sources. But, it doesn't take a scientist to recognize smelly water. If your own nose sniffs something amiss, contact Water Quality Specialist Jennifer Adams at [jadams@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jadams@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2453.



# City responds to Ronald Wastewater District's suit

On August 13, 2013, the City filed its response and counter-claims to Ronald Wastewater District's (District) lawsuit against the City disputing the terms of the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement (Agreement) jointly approved by the District's Board and the City Council. The Agreement provides for the unification of District operations with the City in October 2017 through an assumption process. The District is now disputing the terms of the Agreement and filed suit against the City on June 27, 2013.

At the District's June 25 meeting, without advanced public notice, the Ronald Wastewater District Board of Commissioners authorized District staff to sue the City. The District is asking the Court to set aside the District's promises to cooperate with and to plan for the transition of the assumption. City Manager Julie Underwood stated, "It is not productive for a community to be fighting itself. When the Agreement was entered into in 2002, it was considered a friendly assumption so for the District to treat it as hostile is troubling."

Under the State's utility special purpose district assumption statute (35.13A RCW), the City could have assumed the District after the City's incorporation; however, the Agreement provides that the City will wait until October 2017 to assume the District. The Agreement also protects District employees upon assumption and calls for the City and the District to negotiate in good faith the terms of the final transition, with negotiations starting no later than 24 months prior to the assumption. The City Council tried to start those

discussions by inviting the District Commissioners to a joint meeting between the City and the District on August 12.

Instead of meeting, the District has decided to dispute the terms of the Agreement through a lawsuit. "It is very disappointing that Shoreline taxpayers and District ratepayers have to have their dollars used in this manner," stated Mayor Keith McGlashan. "It is unfortunate that now, 11 years into a 15-year agreement, the District Board of Commissioners does not want to honor the agreement that the District co-authored and approved." In fact, three of the current District Commissioners approved the Agreement in 2002. Commissioners Wadekamper and Lind approved the Agreement as District Commissioners and Commissioner Ransom, who did not vote to sue the City, approved the Agreement as a City Councilmember.

In 2002 when the City and the District entered into the agreement, both the City Council and the District's Board of Commissioners agreed that it made sense for the wastewater district to be consolidated into City operations. In 2007, when designing City Hall, the City included the assumption and acquisition of utilities into its space planning. In addition, the City just acquired property to serve as a maintenance facility to meet current and future utility program needs.

The City firmly believes that the Shoreline community supports the common sense consolidation of separate governmental entities into a single service provider. The City's Comprehensive Plan, which was developed through

## LEARN MORE

A copy of the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement, the District's complaint and the City's response, along with other documents, can be found at [shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption](http://shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption).

Contact Public Works Director Mark Relph at [mrelph@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mrelph@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2401.

the extensive public participation process required under the Growth Management Act, anticipates unification of utilities under the City. And in November 2012, over 70% of Shoreline voters approved the acquisition of the SPU water system in Shoreline.

Unification of the wastewater and water utilities with the City will enable streamlined services such as one-stop shopping for billing, starting or stopping service, permitting and long-range community and economic development planning. Instead of having to work with three separate entities, contractors and homeowners will only need to work with one. Consolidating utilities under the City will also reduce administrative and operational costs by using shared staff, equipment, and facilities. Another key benefit will be transparency and accountability of utility operations by improving community participation in establishing financial policies, rates, and capital and operating budgets.

A copy of the District's complaint and the City's response, along with other documents, can be found at [shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption](http://shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption).

LIGHT RAIL IS ON THE WAY

# PROVIDE INPUT

HELP SHAPE THE COMING CHANGES

## Provide comments on Sound Transit's Draft EIS

Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration have released the Lynnwood Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public comment. The Draft EIS evaluates light rail route and station alternatives and describes the project's potential effects on the environment, nearby properties and transportation, as well as other impacts.

Shoreline residents are encouraged to review the document and provide comments. Comments will be addressed in the Final EIS (expected in 2014) and will play an important role in helping the Sound Transit Board identify a preferred alternative this fall. Any and all input is welcome! Comments must be received by September 23, 2013.

### Submit Comment

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Sound Transit Draft EIS Comments  
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## Station Area Visioning

**Final Visioning Workshop**  
**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chamber**

The final visioning workshop will collate comments from the previous visioning workshops and provide an additional opportunity for input. Visioning workshops provide the City with high-level conceptual guidance as it develops design workshops to be held later this fall. Visioning provides people with an opportunity to identify features that they want preserved and describe new amenities they would like to see incorporated in Shoreline's station areas.

The next phase of station area planning involves using computer models to imagine what the station areas could potentially look like. The design phase will allow people to see different alternatives for how these areas could develop over time.



## MORE INFORMATION

[shorelinewa.gov/lightrail](http://shorelinewa.gov/lightrail)

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# City Manager Underwood leaving Shoreline

On Monday, August 5, the City Council accepted the resignation of City Manager Julie Underwood.

Shoreline operates as a code city under the laws of the State of Washington with a council-manager form of government. As the governing body, the seven elected part-time City Councilmembers set policy and appoint a City Manager to implement policy.

Underwood was unanimously appointed by the City Council in February 2011 following a competitive search after City Manager Bob Olander announced his retirement. Underwood has been with the City for 11 years, serving as the Assistant City Manager prior to her appointment to City Manager.

Underwood's resignation is due to her spouse accepting a position at Google in Mountain View, California. Todd Fiala, Underwood's spouse, was recruited for a unique

opportunity that they have decided to pursue.

"As I look back on my 11 years at the City of Shoreline, I feel honored and blessed to have been part of something very special. I am fortunate to have been actively involved in shaping an organizational culture that values teamwork and community engagement, takes seriously its mission to serve, and is focused on making a positive difference," stated Underwood.

"While this news comes as a surprise to the Council, we are excited for Julie and her family and wish them well in their new adventure. Speaking on behalf of the Council, we thank Julie for her leadership and service to our community," stated Mayor Keith McGlashan.

Underwood's last official day is October 3, 2013, going beyond the notice required in her employment contract.



Over the coming weeks the Council will be reviewing how they would like to proceed with the recruitment of a new city manager, including the appointment of an interim city manager.

## Shoreline Watch: Safe Neighborhoods/Safe Community



One of the single most important ways to reduce crime in your neighborhood is to know your neighbors, communicate with each other and watch out for each other.

For years, the City has encouraged neighbors to form official Block Watch groups to do just that. Shoreline is continuing those efforts, but the program will no longer be called Block Watch. It will now be known as Shoreline Watch. The goal of any neighborhood watch program is to bring neighbors together to promote safety and communication. And that is the goal of Shoreline Watch.

Shoreline Police are ready to partner with you and your neighbors to provide crime prevention education and tips for protecting your homes, property and each other.

To start Shoreline Watch in your neighborhood:

- Contact Shoreline Police Sergeant Chad Devore to help organize your initial neighborhood meeting and discuss your neighborhood's needs.
- Choose a date/place for an initial neighborhood meeting.
- Invite your neighbors.
- Identify your neighborhoods needs and concerns.

### CONTACT

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chad.devore@kingcounty.gov  
(206) 801-2736

### MORE INFORMATION

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/police](http://shorelinewa.gov/police)



# Shoreline invests in education

Shorewood's new gym floor



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Across town, the main academic building at Shorecrest High School has risen to its full height and is expected to be ready for occupancy after mid-winter break in February 2014. The new gymnasium and performing arts center were completed during the previous school year. The current main academic building at Shorecrest was built in 1961 and will be demolished in 2014 when construction of the new school buildings is complete.

The designs for both high schools are in keeping with the educational specification goals for the projects adopted by the Shoreline School Board. These include creating a safe and secure environment for students, an environment that honors community values and promotes community access, and spaces that support a comprehensive educational experience.

The replacement of Shoreline's two high schools was funded by a \$150 million bond issue approved by voters in February 2010, along with more than \$37 million in matching funds from the state.

Demolishing the former Shorewood buildings



Shorewood library windows



Construction at Shorecrest High School

## King's Schools unveils new state-of-the-art STEM Center

King's Schools in Shoreline unveiled a new state-of-the-art educational building, the STEM Center, at the start of the 2013-14 school year.

The contemporary, 15-classroom facility will provide an interdisciplinary learning center for classes in the area of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Acting as a catalyst for discovery, the King's STEM Center will provide an environment for critical thinking currently unmatched among educational institutions in the region. The new center will build on an already thriving STEM program at King's, among them the high school's robotics program, which claimed

a second place finish at the 2013 FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships.

"The STEM Center provides new opportunities for students to explore disciplines that will prove to be critical in this technological age," said Eric Rasmussen, Superintendent of King's Schools.

The STEM Center, whose official name will be revealed at a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 3, will welcome students to over 25,000 square feet of space spanning three floors and 15 classrooms. The building boasts six lab classrooms and various specialized areas for technology, physics, chemistry, and biology classes. The student-centered design

features educational areas that support collaboration, unique learning spaces, and a sense of community. In addition, the building received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver Status for sustainable design and construction practices.

King's Schools is an independent, interdenominational Christian school in Shoreline for students from preschool to grade 12. To learn more, please visit [kingschools.org](http://kingschools.org). King's Schools is a part of CRISTA Ministries.



King's Schools STEM Center

# Council adopts Community Renewal Area Plan

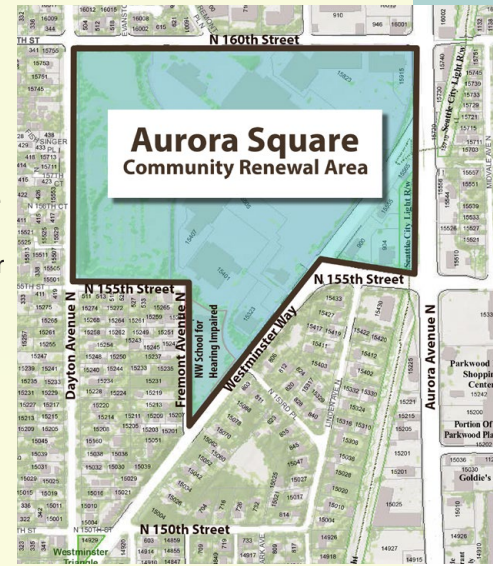
In the fall of 2012, Shoreline City Council designated the 70+ acre Aurora Square area as a Community Renewal Area (CRA) where economic renewal would clearly deliver multifaceted public benefits. Recently, the Council adopted a CRA Plan that maps out how the City will pursue renewal. The CRA Plan identifies two types of renewal projects that provide public benefit and make Aurora Square better for business.

The first type of renewal project can be accomplished by City action alone. Council accomplished one of these projects shortly after the CRA Plan was adopted by establishing Aurora Square as an area where up to 500 units of multifamily housing can qualify for a 12-year Property Tax Exemption on improvements, as long as 20% of the units qualify as affordable housing. This action makes it much more attractive for residential housing to be part of the mix in the CRA, bringing 24/7 vitality, efficiency, and customers.

The second type of project requires public-private partnerships (PPP). The Council is currently engaged in a PPP with the owner of the triangular-shaped property sandwiched between Aurora and Westminster Way N. The CRA Plan identifies transforming Westminister Way N between 155th and the Aurora Interurban Trail Bridge

so as to better connect the triangular property with the rest of Aurora Square. To achieve the transformation of Westminister, the City is working to exchange small parcels of property with the developer so the developer can create a more cohesive and safe pedestrian network through the area leading to a more welcoming shopping and living environment.

The entire list of eligible renewal projects can be seen in the full text of the adopted CRA Plan located at [shorelinewa.gov/AuroraSquareRenewal](http://shorelinewa.gov/AuroraSquareRenewal). Questions about the CRA Plan can be directed to Economic Development Manager Dan Eernisse at [deernisse@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:deernisse@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2218.



# MONSTER MASH DASH

## 5K and Family Fun Run/Walk



Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013  
9:00 a.m. race start  
Shoreline's Interurban Trail  
\$10 adults/\$5 kids (6-17)

REGISTER:  
[shorelinewa.gov/5k](http://shorelinewa.gov/5k)

# RUN FOR YOUR LIFE...

Shoreline's Newest Historic Landmark - Richmond Masonic Center



## It's Historic

Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

17500 Midvale Avenue N



**CULTURE**

KING COUNTY LODGING TAX

What famous company founders have made their homes in Shoreline? How old is the oldest building in Shoreline? What events in the nation's history have most profoundly shaped the city we know and love today? These are the stories of place as told by buildings. Historic buildings give a city identity and character. What old buildings and places tell Shoreline's history?

Documenting the old and interesting historic places in a city is a first step towards protecting them. The City of Shoreline maintains a list of historic properties to encourage stewardship of historic sites and structures, to identify properties that might merit landmark designation, and to help us all understand Shoreline's history through commemoration and interpretation.

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 25, as we kick off the update of Shoreline's Historic Resources Inventory! We will be hosting this open house in the Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come tell us about your favorite old buildings, houses, or community landmarks. Learn about Shoreline's hidden past and how we will be using a grant from 4Culture to find these historic treasures.

For more information contact Associate Planner Juniper Nammi at [jnammi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jnammi@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2525.

## Animal code update

Due to changes to the animal section of the development code roosters, peacocks, mink, nutria, foxes and swine over 120 pounds and 20 inches tall are prohibited within the City effective October 29, 2013.

For a full list of allowed and prohibited animals in Shoreline, visit [shorelinewa.gov/animalregulations](http://shorelinewa.gov/animalregulations).

## Back to School Traffic Safety

Heading back to school is always a busy time for children, caregivers and parents. Please take a few moments to read over the traffic and safety reminders below to help us all stay safe in Shoreline.

**SPEED...** Slow down in school zones. Speeds are posted at 20 mph and are strictly enforced by Shoreline Police.

**CROSSWALKS...** Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. Vehicles must stop if a pedestrian is in their half of the roadway or within one lane of their half of the roadway. Once the pedestrian is beyond ONE lane of their half of the roadway, the vehicle may go. It is also 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. Visit [800buckleup.org](http://800buckleup.org) for more info.

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

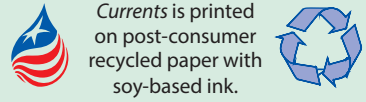
Penalties for traffic infractions can be costly, but the cost in lives hurt or lost in accidents is much greater.

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

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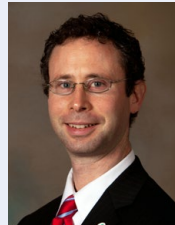
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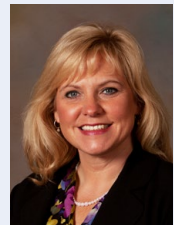
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