



# CURRENTS

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## You can get there from here!

**DESIGN WORKSHOPS FOR THE RECHANNELIZATION** of Richmond Beach Road, bike lanes installed on 5<sup>th</sup> and Dayton, open houses to discuss improvements to 145<sup>th</sup>, establishment of a sidewalk advisory committee, wayfinding signs, light rail stations... It seems like every week there is something new happening with our transportation network. What is going on? Are all of these projects connected in some way? Is there a plan? The answers to all of these questions can be found in the City's Transportation Master Plan, last updated in 2011.

Shoreline's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is the City's long-range blueprint for travel and mobility and provides guidance for public and private sector decisions on local and regional transportation investments. It describes a vision for Shoreline's transportation future that accommodates all users whether travelling by car, transit, bicycle, foot, wheelchair, or other transport. All of the projects mentioned above are part of the City's transportation network and are part of the TMP.

Included within the TMP is a Bicycle Plan, a Transit Plan, a Pedestrian Plan, and a Master Street Plan. Over the next several issues of Currents, we will highlight different aspects of each of these and show how they correspond with current transportation projects. In this issue, we will focus on bikes.

### Bicycle Plan Implementation

In 2008, the City completed the Interurban Trail, providing a valuable connection for users traveling north/south through Shoreline. However, the trail does not provide direct connections to local neighborhoods, parks, City amenities, and schools. To provide the missing connections and establish additional routes, the City developed a Bicycle Plan to include in the 2011 TMP with the help of a Citizen Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The Bicycle Plan outlines priorities, policies, and goals for bicycle transportation throughout Shoreline. Through implementation of this plan, Shoreline will have a bicycle system that serves the commuting, recreational, and circulation needs of residents. At a larger scale, these bike routes provide connections that link to the regional network. View the Plan with a map of the City's Bicycle System Plan (page 83) at [shorelinewa.gov/transportationmasterplan](http://shorelinewa.gov/transportationmasterplan).

This summer, the City made big strides in implementation of the Bicycle Plan. The City installed bike lanes and wayfinding signs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Dayton Avenue N, and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE; and sharrows and wayfinding signs on N 195<sup>th</sup>. Implementation of the Bike Plan will improve access and safety for cyclists throughout Shoreline.

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## CHECK OUT THE REDESIGNED SHORELINEWA.GOV

**IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS**, the City will launch its newly redesigned website. The redesigned site will use the same shorelinewa.gov address, but it will have a new look and feel. The homepage will provide quick access to the most popular services, such as registration for recreation programs and requesting information on permits. Based on analytics and other tools, the City has created a more user-friendly site that is easier to navigate and responsive in design. Regardless of what type of device you use to view the website, it will be optimized to fit your screen.

## Ronald Wastewater moves to City Hall

**Beginning October 23, customer service and in-person payments will take place at Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N**

**IN 2002**, the City and Ronald Wastewater District entered into an agreement to unify sewer services with City operations. The first phase of this unification will occur on October 23, 2017, when the City will begin providing sewer service to the community under a service contract with the District. Under this arrangement, the City will operate and maintain the sewer utility while the Ronald Wastewater District Board of Commissioners will be responsible for addressing policy matters, setting rates, and managing capital improvements for the utility. Once the service contract expires, the second phase of the unification will occur, with the City assuming responsibility for operations, policy, and governance of the utility. The wastewater utility will operate in much the same way as the City's current surface water utility, under the direction of the City Council.

How will this first phase affect District customers? Not very much. All of the same great service provided by Ronald will continue. Customer service issues can still be reported using the utility's phone number – (206) 546-2494. Paying your bill will also not change, unless you pay in person or use the District's payment drop box. All utility business conducted in person, including paying a bill, using the payment drop box, addressing a customer service issue, or receiving a permit, will now be conducted at Shoreline City Hall - 17500 Midvale Avenue N. The new payment drop box will be located on the top floor of the City Hall parking garage.

For more information about this change, please visit the City of Shoreline's website: shorelinewa.gov/sanitarysewer.

# Solid waste collection

**CALL IT GARBAGE, TRASH,** or something the dog brought in, most of us want someone to come to our home, pick it up, and make it disappear. That is where Shoreline's solid waste collection service, Recology CleanScapes, comes to help.

Last year, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring all single-family households in Shoreline to have solid waste collection service. The reason for this is to promote public health and safety in our community and to protect our natural resources through increased citywide recycling.

To support these goals, single-family homes receive three carts when they sign-up for service with Recology CleanScapes. They receive a black cart for garbage, a blue cart for recyclable materials, and a green cart for compostable yard debris and food scraps.

Residents with Recology CleanScapes service also receive a User Guide. If you are uncertain about which plastic cup can be recycled; which cart is for shredded paper; how to collect food scraps for your green cart; or what to do with your household hazardous waste, you can look at your User Guide for the answer. Recology CleanScapes mails it to all homes with a calendar of your collection days. It also tells you when and where to place your carts at the curb; what materials can be put into each of your carts for disposal, recycling, or composting; which bulky items Recology CleanScapes will collect for a nominal fee; and where to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste at no cost.

In addition, the User Guide describes how to recycle special items outside your blue cart next to the curb, such as fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs, small appliances, and used motor oil. It also tells you which difficult to recycle items, such as used bicycles, you can take to the new Recology Store at 15235 Aurora Avenue N.

If you need an additional User Guide, or you want to sign-up for collection service, you can reach Recology CleanScapes customer service at (206) 763-4444 or [cleanscapes.com/shoreline](http://cleanscapes.com/shoreline). You can also contact the Recology Store at (206) 417-3877.

## 2018 Budget Adoption Schedule

**SHORELINE'S BUDGET ADOPTION PROCESS** began with a preliminary 2018 Budget update presentation to Council at its September 18 meeting. The full adoption schedule is below. All meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

### **October 9, 2017**

Presentation of proposed budget and CIP to Council

### **October 16, 2017**

Discussion of department budgets

### **October 23, 2017**

Continued discussion of department budgets

### **November 6, 2017**

Public hearing on Proposed 2018 Budget and 2018-2023 CIP

### **November 13, 2017**

Public hearing on 2018 revenue sources and final discussion

### **November 20, 2017**

Adoption of 2018 Proposed Budget, 2018-2023 CIP, and 2018 property tax levy

For more information and to view budget documents, visit the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/budget](http://shorelinewa.gov/budget).

## DID YOU KNOW?

**WHEN PEOPLE FLUSH** unwanted medicines down the toilet, they are still chemically active and can get into our surface and ground waters, impacting aquatic organisms and the environment.

You can safely dispose of unwanted medications at the Shoreline Police Department, the Richmond Beach QFC pharmacy, and the International Community Health Services (ICHS) pharmacy.

For more information and drop-off locations, visit [takebackyourmeds.org](http://takebackyourmeds.org) or contact the City's Surface Water and Environmental Services department at (206) 801-2450.



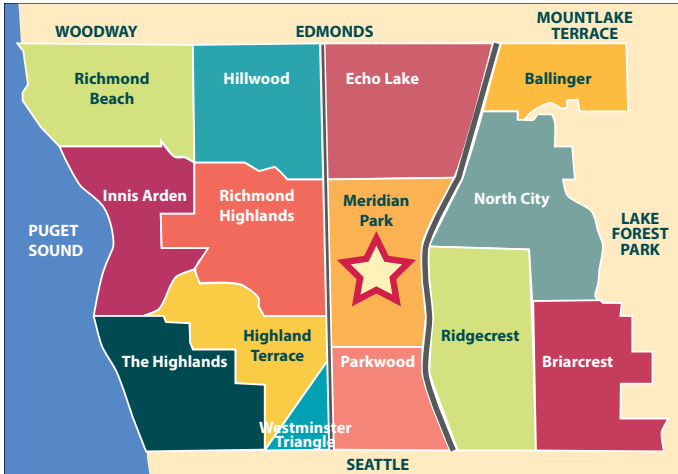
## Planning and Community Development moving to third floor of City Hall

**DON'T FORGET:** Starting October 9, if you are coming to the Permit Center at City Hall, you will no longer go to the first floor, but will make your way to the third floor instead. Look for signs in the lobby to tell you where to go.

Construction of the new police station on the first floor begins this month and will be complete in early 2018.



# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



## Meridian Park

**IN THE HISTORY OF** Shoreline's neighborhoods, Meridian Park is the newest, or at least the most recently named neighborhood. Once pieced into other recognized parts of the city, Meridian Park was not officially designated as its own entity until 1995. Its boundaries are N 160<sup>th</sup> Street to the south and N 185<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, Aurora Avenue N. to the west and I-5 to the east.

Forty years before being officially designated, developers broke ground between N 172<sup>nd</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup> for the Meridian Park housing development. People also used the word Meridian variously to identify the first two elementary schools in the area. Even Meridian Avenue, which now runs the entire length of Shoreline, once had multiple names for the short lengths of unconnected road from Seattle north until a through connection to N 205<sup>th</sup> was finished after 1950.

Despite its relatively recent amenities and identity, the Meridian Park neighborhood is steeped in history. The trolley line, now the Interurban Trail, provided north-south passage from 1906 to 1939. And long before that, the wetlands stretching from Cromwell Park to Twin Ponds served as a significant gathering place for native Duwamish families who traveled from their cedar homes along Lake Washington to Ronald Bog to harvest cranberries.

Settlers also picked and planted berries on the Ronald Bog property until Philo Hamlin acquired it and donated it to the Ruth School for Girls in 1925. Unsuitable for building, the bog attracted peat miners. As open mines steadily depleted the peat, developers filled the land to build houses. For years, homeowners around the remaining bog struggled with drainage issues until the City made improvements that significantly reduced the problem.

Today, Meridian Park has more parks within its boundaries than any other Shoreline neighborhood, and two of them are distinguished by iconic art. Cromwell Park, renovated in 2010, honors the historic ecology of the site with Raintree, a metal sculpture suggesting patterns found in both plants and water. In Ronald Bog Park, a pair of ponies prance across the berm off N 175<sup>th</sup>. Donated to the City with the stipulation that the City place them in a highly traveled park-like setting, these sculptures are Shoreline's equivalent to Seattle's Waiting for the Interurban sculptures in Fremont, often drawing the attention of creative residents who decorate them for special occasions.

The Meridian Park Neighborhood Association keeps neighbors well informed about what is happening in the city. Their monthly meetings at Shoreline City Hall, also within Meridian Park borders, feature topics ranging from safety to raingardens. Recently, the Association worked with American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign to promote the installation of smoke detectors. Outreach to neighbors was so successful the Red Cross scheduled a record setting number of home visits. The Meridian Park Neighborhood Association welcomes neighbors to meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. For more information, visit [meridianpark.info](http://meridianpark.info).



Celebrate Shoreline Festival goes help paint a new mural at Cromwell Park



Ponies at Ronald Bog Park

# ADOPT-A-DRAIN

## Help prevent flooding and protect Shoreline water quality

**LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, TRASH, AND SNOW** accumulate on top of storm drains, blocking rain water from entering, and sometimes causing large puddles to form in our neighborhoods. City crews sweep streets to keep drains clear, but we could use your help! During the months of October through March, residents can volunteer to “adopt” a storm drain or multiple drains, and remove leaves and other debris after storm events. It is also a great way for students to fulfill volunteer requirements.

By joining the Adopt-A-Drain Program, you help:

- Prevent localized flooding in your neighborhood.
- Improve traffic flow and maintain pedestrian access, especially for children and the elderly.
- Protect fish and other wildlife by keeping pollutants from entering streams, lakes, and Puget Sound.

To learn more about the program, or to sign-up, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain](http://shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain) or call Surface Water Utility at (206) 801-2450.



Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by volunteering to keep stormwater drains clear.

## CELEBRATE BEES AND HONEY WITH DIGGIN' SHORELINE

Free COMMUNITY MOVIE  
DisneyNature's: WINGS OF LIFE  
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY, NOV. 6  
SHORELINE CITY HALL

**DIGGIN' SHORELINE** invites you to a free community showing of the environmental documentary, DisneyNature's Wings of Life, narrated by Meryl Streep. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., and the movie will play twice (1:15 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.). Come early; get your bag of free organic popcorn. There will be kid-friendly activities and admission is free!

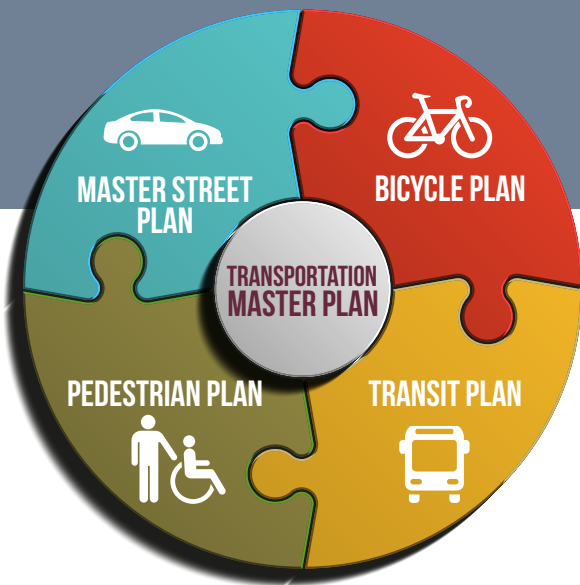
With unique photography, this movie vividly connects the crucial role that all pollinators have in our food production cycle, and what we can do to help protect them and restore their habitat.

Before, during, and after the movie, experience the interactive exhibits in the lobby and learn from local environmental experts about the many characteristics and benefits of pollinators, and how we can ensure their abundance for future generations.

This presentation by Diggin' Shoreline is made possible through partial funding by a City of Shoreline Environmental Services Mini-Grant.



# TRANSPORTATION



## RICHMOND BEACH ROAD RECHANNELIZATION

### Public meeting: 60% design



**Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shorewood High School Commons**  
**17300 Fremont Avenue N**

**THE CITY IS APPROACHING 60% DESIGN** for the rechannelization of Richmond Beach Road. After reviewing public feedback from the June 22 public meeting, the online survey, and other comments received throughout the six-week comment period, the project team has refined the design. Some concerns they heard and have been considering throughout the design phase include:

- Limited sight distances at some driveways and side streets
- Interaction of bicycles and vehicles at intersections
- Preventing back-ups at intersections from blocking side streets and major driveways
- Improving pedestrian access across Richmond Beach Road between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
- How emergency vehicles will use the roadway
- How buses, delivery trucks, garbage trucks, asphalt trucks, and other large vehicles will affect traffic flow
- How the transition is made from four lanes to three lanes

In addition to the above and other feedback, City staff are also continuing to gather traffic data and are driving and walking the corridor and observing how people currently use the road. All of this information helps shape the design that will reflect the unique characteristics of the corridor while promoting safety and mobility for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Come to the meeting on October 12 to learn more about the project details and design and provide your input.

For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/projects](http://shorelinewa.gov/projects) or contact Capital Project Engineer Alisa Arment at [aarment@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:aarment@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2473.



## SIDEWALK PRIORITIZATION OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, Oct. 17**  
**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chamber & Lobby**

**PROVIDE YOUR INPUT** on the City's development of a sidewalk prioritization plan. The City has started a year-long process to create a Sidewalk Prioritization Plan to improve our current sidewalk network. The Plan will look at how the City can construct new sidewalks (or something similar) and maintain current sidewalks to ensure they meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

A major component of the Plan will be a process for prioritizing projects and researching and recommending ways to fund them. The process includes input from a citizen Sidewalk Advisory Committee. There will also be multiple opportunities for the public to provide input.

Please come to the open house to learn about the project's background and goals, discuss the existing and desired future sidewalk network, and provide input on the draft prioritization criteria.

For more information about Shoreline's Sidewalk Prioritization Project visit [shorelinewa.gov/projects](http://shorelinewa.gov/projects) or contact Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng at [ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2483.

## MORE INFORMATION

To review the full City Transportation Master Plan, visit [shorelinewa.gov/transportationmasterplan](http://shorelinewa.gov/transportationmasterplan).

# PLANNING IN SHORELINE



## BICYCLE PLAN FAQs

**WITH THE ADDITION OF BIKE LANES** this summer, the City has received a number of questions and concerns about how bike lanes should work, the loss of street parking, and the roadway design, among other things. Below are answers to some of those questions.

### **I never see anyone ride a bike on that street. Why install bike lanes?**

The City's Complete Streets Ordinance calls for planning and design "of an appropriate and integrated, multimodal transportation system for...pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and users of all ages and abilities".

While each Complete Street is unique, they can include sidewalks, bike lanes or sharrows, bus lanes, transit stops, medians, pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and other transportation elements. Complete Streets have many benefits including safety, encouragement of physical activity, traffic calming effects, reduction of congestion, and decreased emissions that contribute to climate change.

One of the reasons we have not seen many bikes on our streets in the past is that we have not had the facilities available to encourage more bicyclists. By building a bike network, the City believes it will encourage more bike riders.

### **What is with the zig zag of traffic lines on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE?**

There are several reasons for the zig zagging travel lanes down the roadway. The primary reason is that zig zagging roadways have a traffic calming effect resulting in lower vehicular travel speeds. According to Shoreline's 2016 Annual Traffic Report, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE has among the highest speed differentials for streets in Shoreline at 10 to 13 mph over the posted speed

limit. Other reasons for the zig zagging of travel lanes are to accommodate bus stop locations and to alternate parking on the west and east sides of the street.

### **The bike lanes take away my on-street parking. Who decided which side of the street would lose their parking spots?**

Yes, bike lanes do take away some street parking. However, as the City strives to develop a complete streets network, there has to be trade-offs to allow for all modes of transportation to be represented within the network. City staff, through observations of on-street parking carried out over several months, located the parking on the street side where it was being most utilized.

### **Why install bike lanes on some streets and sharrows on others?**

The intent of the sharrow markings are to delineate to drivers that there may be bikes also utilizing the road. They also offer directional and wayfinding guidance for bikers. Sharrows are usually installed on roads with low traffic volumes such as residential streets. Bike lanes or similar facilities are used on high traffic volume roads such as arterials.



Sharrow: Shared lane marking



## INTERSECTION REDESIGN WORK BEGINS Westminster Way and N 155<sup>th</sup> Street

**IN 2012**, the City Council designated the 70-acre Aurora Square area as a Community Renewal Area (CRA). The Renewal Plan for the CRA identifies the need to transform Westminster Way N from N 155<sup>th</sup> Street to N 160<sup>th</sup> Street into a more pedestrian-friendly street that provides additional retail and residential frontage.

As part of that transformation, the City will soon begin the process of redesigning the intersection of Westminster Way and N 155<sup>th</sup> Street. The City anticipates large increases in pedestrian

activity for this area as the CRA and adjacent properties redevelop. Any improvements made will need to create a safer street for pedestrian traffic while also supporting vehicle mobility as this is an arterial street and a designated freight route.

The City anticipates this intersection becoming a signature intersection for the City. It offers a unique opportunity for placemaking at the future Shoreline Place (currently Aurora Square) by supporting economic development and enhancing the livability and walkability

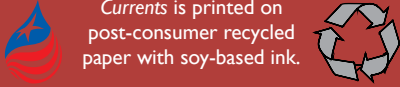
of adjacent neighborhoods and properties.

In 2016, City staff created a concept for the intersection that includes squaring up the intersection, upgrading bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, rebuilding the signal, and adding natural drainage and water quality enhancements. The City will present the concept at an upcoming public meeting (TBD) and gather feedback. Go to [shorelinewa.gov/projects](http://shorelinewa.gov/projects) to find out more information about the project and for dates of the upcoming meeting.

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SHORELINE CITY HALL, 17500 MIDVALE AVE N

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