

2018 State of the City Breakfast

Love Shoreline

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

City Hall – Council Chamber

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2018 STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH

I. Welcome - Mayor - 7:30 a.m.

a. Introduce electeds and thank people for coming

[slide 1] Thank you for joining us this morning for our annual State of the City Breakfast.

First, I want to thank Rumana Ali for providing fantastic entertainment for us today on the piano. Rumana is a student at Shorecrest High School.

I also would like to take a moment to recognize the elected officials in attendance and express my appreciation for their hard work:

- Ronald Wastewater District Commissioner Gretchen Atkinson.
- North City Water District Commissioner Larry Schoonmaker.
- King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski's representative Kristina Logsdon is also with us today.

Now I would like to recognize my six colleagues on the Shoreline City Council, and ask that they please stand.

- Deputy Mayor Jesse Salomon
- Councilmembers:
 - Susan Chang;
 - Doris McConnell;
 - Keith McGlashan;
 - Chris Roberts; and
 - Keith Scully.

[slide 2] Next, I would like to recognize City Manager Debbie Tarry and City staff for the hard work they do every day serving our community.

b. Introduction to theme: Love Shoreline

[slide 3] Our theme this year is Love Shoreline. We are fortunate to live in a city whose residents feel very passionately about their community and want to actively make it better. Their love for Shoreline shows in our amazing parks, our great schools, our worthy community organizations, and our thriving local businesses. They are what make Shoreline the place I am proud to call home.

c. Love Shoreline video

[slide 4] I want to play a short video showing what some residents said they loved about Shoreline.

d. Word Cloud: What do you love about Shoreline?

There are many reasons why people Love Shoreline. I want to know why you Love Shoreline. **[slide 5]** We are going to have a little audience participation. Your answers will appear on screen as a word cloud. There should be a card at your table describing how to use the system.

You can use your phone to access the website or text your answer. The URL to submit your word is pollev.com/shoreline. To text, dial 22333 and send the message "shoreline".

We are going to do a quick test question first. Using your phone, tells us what is your favorite color.

[slide 6] *[Give people time to submit their word. Say a few words about the results.]*

[slide 7] Now, let's find out what you love about Shoreline. Submit your one word answer and we'll see what happens.

[Give people time to submit their word. Say a few words about the results.]

There are a lot of reasons to love Shoreline. This morning we will look at some of the past year's accomplishments and organizational changes; we'll talk about public safety; and will look to the future. And I'm sure that many of these topics will include or reflect actions that reinforce our resident's love of Shoreline.

II. Past Year's Accomplishments – Mayor

[slide 8] We have had a busy year, filled with community meetings, celebrations, and new infrastructure projects.

a. Record year for public/private investment in Shoreline

[slide 9] Make your way around Shoreline today and it is easy to see all the new construction currently underway.

[slide 10] In 2017, 60 single-family units and 200 multi-family units came online. We issued permits for 90 more single-family units and 907 multi-family units. And we continue to see strong development and investment activity this year. A little later, our Economic Development Manager Dan Eernisse will go into more detail about the development we are seeing around town.

b. Adopted updated PROS and Surface Water Plans

[slide 11] As development occurs in Shoreline, it is important that the City Council maintain our commitment to features of our City that make Shoreline special. Two areas that Shoreline residents take great pride in are our fantastic park system and our environmental sustainability efforts.

[slide 12] In 2017, after an 18-month process involving hundreds of Shoreline residents, we adopted the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan for 2017 through 2023. The Plan is a blueprint for Shoreline's parks, recreation, and cultural services programs for the next six years and it lays the groundwork for many years after that.

Successfully implementing this Plan means maintaining the investments we have already made while at the same time providing residents with opportunities to play in new and creative ways. **[slide 13]** We started the process of designing park amenities and improvements in eight of our parks. Improvements vary from amenity enhancements to full park renovations. Some of the proposed amenities include an additional community garden; three multi-purpose/pickleball courts; play equipment; trails and paths; picnic shelters; two spray parks; basketball courts; and another skate park. Our future challenge is finding a way to fund these improvements to make them a reality for the community.

[slide 14] Over the past year, we have also been updating our Stormwater Master Plan to address drainage and water quality challenges associated with increasing regulations and our aging infrastructure. The Master Plan will guide the Surface Water Utility for the next five to ten years, including recommendations for capital

improvements, programs, and a financial plan for long-term system maintenance.

It is imperative that we do our part at being responsible stewards of our resources and ensure the water quality flowing into Puget Sound does not further endanger fragile ecosystems. Something we are doing this year to demonstrate our commitment to good stormwater management is that we are working to become the first **[slide 15]** Salmon Safe certified city in Washington State. Salmon-Safe is a non-profit organization that works with businesses, governments, and non-profits to certify land management practices that impact agricultural and urban watersheds as being salmon safe. By becoming the first Salmon-Safe certified city in Washington, we will help improve water quality in Shoreline and throughout Puget Sound and improve habitat health for salmon, killer whales, and other iconic northwest species.

c. Completed capital projects

[slide 16] Over the past year, we have continued to improve our sidewalk network by completing a couple of capital projects.

i. Sidewalks

[slide 17] We constructed sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks on N 195th Street between Meridian Avenue N and Wallingford Avenue N adjacent to Echo Lake Elementary School.

[slide 18] As part of the overlay project on Meridian Avenue N between N 190th and N 205th Streets, we also upgraded the existing curb ramps and replaced numerous sidewalk panels. Tree roots had cracked or raised the panels making it difficult to navigate, especially for those with mobility challenges. We completed similar work on 15th Avenue NE between NE 148th and NE 155th Streets.

ii. Twin Ponds turf

We have also completed a number of other important capital projects over the past year.

[slide 19] We replaced the synthetic turf at Twin Ponds Park, which included switching from crumb rubber padding to more environmental friendly cork padding. We also replaced the existing lights and poles and installed new site lighting to the primary pedestrian path and north parking area.

iii. Bicycle system

[slide 20] We made substantial strides in building out our Bicycle System Plan by installing bike lanes along 1st Avenue NE, 5th Avenue NE, 8th Avenue NW, and Dayton Avenue N; installing sharrows on N 195th Street; and bicycle route signage in Innis Arden and Highland Terrace.

iv. Planning/Police moves at City Hall

[slide 21] Another big project that we just completed was moving our development permit center and our Planning and Community Development Department to the third floor and moving the Police Station to City Hall.

For the past twenty some years, Shoreline Police operated out of their cramped facility on 185th Street. While it served

us well, its restrictions and outdated systems simply do not meet the needs of a modern police agency.

Having a single location for existing City Hall and police services provides greater staff integration opportunities and more centralized access for our residents.

[slide 22] Now, I will turn it over to City Manager Debbie Tarry to discuss some organizational changes from the past year.

[DEBBIE WALKS TO THE PODIUM]

III. Organizational Changes – City Manager

Thank you, Mayor.

Over the past year, we have seen a number of changes here at City Hall.

a. RWD service contract and employee transition to City unify sewer services with City operations.

[slide 23] The first big change was to welcome all of Ronald Wastewater District employees into the Shoreline

family and becoming responsible for providing wastewater utility services to the Shoreline community.

On October 23rd, we started providing sewer service to the community under a service contract with the District.

Under this arrangement, we 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. This completes the first phase of unification with the District. At the expiration of the service contract, the second phase of the unification will occur, with the City assuming responsibility for operations, policy, and governance of the utility.

The transition of Ronald employees into the City has gone well thanks to the thorough planning of City and District staff.

c. Building our City organization to serve all

[slide 24] In 2016, Council made expanding the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for

community engagement a Council goal. We believe it is imperative to a healthy community to ensure everyone feels welcome, that people have opportunities to contribute, and there is equitable access to City services. This is especially true for members of traditionally marginalized communities. We believe it is important to expand the ways in which the City develops and implements processes, policies, and procedures that increase inclusion and equity in a meaningful and impactful way.

[slide 25] To achieve this goal, and to ensure that all members of our community feel welcome in Shoreline, it is important for us as staff to look at how we operate and engage with the community. Earlier this year, all city staff participated in diversity and inclusion foundational training focused on race and institutionalized inequities that are a result of racism. It was a powerful experience and forced many of us to look at our own hidden biases and think about how those biases may influence our work and interactions with the community.

Our goal is to improve the City's capacity to serve all communities through increased cultural competence; improved policies, procedures, and decision-making processes; a more equitable allocation and use of resources; and improved community engagement so all people feel welcome at City Hall. But more than just feeling welcome, we want all residents to have a voice and access to City services and opportunities to serve in their local government.

[slide 26] Our efforts external to City Hall have created new opportunities for community members to participate in discussions and educational opportunities about race and equity. Earlier this year we held several community round tables regarding race and how racial biases negatively affect our institutional practices and inclusion. The great thing we heard from participants is their desire to change this. **[slide 27]** We also partnered with the Shoreline Library in forming the Shoreline Social Justice Book Group, which is a rich opportunity to meet neighbors and build community by reading and discussing books written

from diverse perspectives. Books selected focus on the experiences of people of color, LGBTQ communities, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups, as well as social issues such as immigration and poverty. All are welcome to participate and this Sunday they will be meeting from 2 to 4 pm to discuss “Where the Line Bleeds” by Jesmyn Ward.

IV. Public Safety – City Manager

In addition to ensuring all people feel welcome and included in Shoreline, [slide 28] ensuring they are safe is also a high priority. I am proud to say the hard work of our police, staff, and alert residents are what help make Shoreline a safe community. Chief Shawn Ledford will now provide more detail on public safety issues in Shoreline.

[SHAWN WALKS TO THE PODIUM]

Thank you, Debbie.

a. Police move to City Hall – Police Chief

[slide 29] I want to speak to you about our public safety efforts in Shoreline, but first I need to say a few words about our move to the new police station at City Hall. Several years ago, Council made the decision to move the police station from 185th Street to here at City Hall. And while we are all still adjusting to our new surroundings, we are very glad to be in our new home. Our new facility provides more than double the space of what we use to have and meets the needs of a modern police agency.

The Mayor mentioned earlier that the new station will also allow for better integration with other staff. Public safety is more than just the police department, it is the police working with the Parks Department, Public Works, our Customer Response Team, Code Enforcement, the City Manager's Office, and other staff. Co-locating in the same building will help communication and efficiencies when addressing public safety issues and concerns.

b. Shoreline continues to be a safe city

[slide 30] As Debbie stated earlier, Shoreline continues to be a safe community. Over the past three years, serious

crimes have remained at their lowest level since the City incorporated in 1995.

[slide 31] Working with the community to continually build trust is paramount to fostering a safe community.

Shoreline Police follow LEED principals, which is to Listen and Explain with Equity and Dignity. We pride ourselves on striving to be fair and objective in all our interactions with the community. As you well know, in communities across the nation, public trust in police is strained. This makes it essential that we build relationships with all members of the community to better understand the issues and address concerns. We continue to reach out to the community through Nurturing Trust workshops and meeting with different community groups, especially those representing traditionally marginalized communities. We are currently conducting our 9th Nurturing Trust workshop that's being taught in Spanish.

[slide 32] Just as city staff have participated in anti-bias training, our officers have also participated in such training to better understand our own implicit biases.

Understanding the community in which we serve is essential to good policing, especially when you consider that in 2017, **[slide 33]** we had over 31,000 police related contacts in Shoreline. Officers responded to over 16,000 dispatched calls for service, initiated nearly 15,000 on-view contacts, and made over 1,400 arrests.

i. Crime trends

[slide 34] Burglary activity remained at 14% below the five-year average and vehicle thefts continued a downward trend and were 10% below the five-year average. In 2017, detectives arrested and/or charged 31 suspects for burglaries committed in Shoreline.

We still have work to do in regards to helping drivers understand the importance of keeping their eyes on the road without distractions and following the speed limits in Shoreline. **[slide 35]** In 2017, police issued nearly 5,400 citations, a nearly 40% increase from 2016, and we saw a 3% increase in vehicle collisions on a citywide basis. I would encourage all of us to set the example of attentive driving as we are out on the streets of Shoreline!

Shoreline Police work hard to support the City Council's goal for public safety. **[slide 36]** Over the next year, we will continue to focus on property crime and crime prevention. Last year Community Outreach Officer Paula Bates conducted 76 community meetings focused on crime prevention.

ii. Mental health and safety

[slide 37] Another program that we are very proud of as a city and are seeing positive results from, is having a mental health navigator work alongside officers to help connect individuals with behavioral health and/or a developmental disability to existing services and treatment. **[slide 38]** As part of the RADAR program, Response Awareness De-escalation And Referral, the mental health navigator has become an integral part in assisting police follow up with people with mental health needs. Our goals are to reduce use-of-force incidents, avoid a misunderstanding with someone with behavioral health issues, connect people to the proper services, and reduce unnecessary calls to emergency services.

RADAR uses community policing strategies by building trust and relationships with people we serve and by working with an individual or family to develop a safety response plan. We can then have a more effective and safe response during a time of crisis. This is done with compassion while supporting a person's constitutional rights and collaboratively working with other law enforcement agencies, mental health professionals, and other resources.

I would like to thank King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski for his continued support of the RADAR program and his assistance to help Shoreline obtain funding for the MHP Navigator.

iii. K9 Unit

[slide 39] Finally, we are fortunate this year to be getting Shoreline's first K9 Unit. In support of Council's goal to promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives, they made the decision last year to bring a K9 Deputy and police dog into the Shoreline Police force. Previously, when we needed a

K9 unit for tracking a suspect, building searches, or narcotics detection, we called for a King County Sheriff's Office K9 unit. There was usually a significant delay in the response as the K9 Unit typically responded from precincts in Burien or Maple Valley. The longer the response time, the more difficult it is to contain a crime scene and make an arrest. The addition of a K9 unit increased the number of sworn officers in Shoreline from 49 to 50.

Our new K9 Unit officer is Josh Holmes and his canine partner is Atom. For the next few months, Officer Holmes and Atom will be training together. We look forward to seeing the new Shoreline Police K9 team in the field and know that they will play an important role in supporting public safety in Shoreline.

[slide 40] Now I would like to turn it back over to the Mayor.

[MAYOR WALKS TO PODIUM]

Thank you, Chief. And a big thank you to all of our Shoreline police officers for the hard work they put in day in and day out.

V. Looking Ahead – Mayor

Hopefully you still have your phones available, as I'd like to hear from you about Shoreline's future. What issue do you think will be the most important in Shoreline's near-term future? Remember, one word only, so is it traffic, growth, sidewalks, housing, or something else.

[slide 41] *[Give people time to submit their word. Say a few words about the results.]*

As you can see, there are a number of important issues that we will need to be addressed in the near future. One issue that has been taking a lot of our time recently has been sidewalks.

a. Sidewalks

[slide 42] Over the past year, members of our Sidewalk Advisory Committee, made up of Shoreline residents from across the city, have been diligently working to develop a

draft Sidewalk Prioritization Plan. As part of that process, they have considered how we as a city maintain our current sidewalks; how we construct and prioritize new sidewalks; and how we plan to pay for it all.

[slide 43] Just to give you an idea of the magnitude of sidewalk needs in Shoreline, a complete build out of our Pedestrian Plan includes approximately 153 miles of sidewalks. A little more than 78 miles currently exists. When we incorporated, we had 54 miles of sidewalks. Since incorporation, we have constructed just over 17 miles with funds from our capital budget. Private development has paid for the construction of just over 6 miles. That leaves approximately 75 miles of sidewalks that still need be constructed to complete our Pedestrian Plan.

Our estimates show that to construct these 75 miles will cost approximately \$377 million. That amount is just to construct the 75 miles we need to complete the network. It does not include the millions of dollars we need to

maintain and bring into ADA compliance existing sidewalks.

i. Sidewalk Video

In a moment, we will have one of our sidewalk advisory committee members come up and speak, but first I want to take a moment to show you a short video of some of the committee members sharing why they wanted to be on the Committee.

[slide 44] ***[PLAY VIDEO]***

[slide 45] We are fortunate to have one of our committee members here to speak with us today. Dustin McIntyre and his family, wife Katherine and daughter Nora, bought their first home in Ridgecrest in 2016, after living in Seattle for 15 years.

Although Dustin has only lived in Shoreline for two years, he has spent countless nights and weekends in the city over the years playing soccer at Twin Ponds and Shoreline A and B, and softball at Hamlin Park.

Dustin is a Product Manager at Tableau Software and the Vice Chair of the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association.

He is going to briefly share a little about the work the sidewalk committee has been doing over the past year.

ii. SAC member – Dustin McIntyre

[DUSTIN WALKS TO THE PODIUM]

[DUSTIN'S PREPARED REMARKS]

*I'm honored to be here this morning, representing the 12 months of work produced by the Sidewalk Advisory Committee. **[Identify if any SAC present]** I'd like to take a quick moment to recognize the other committee members in attendance - would you please raise your hand. **[APPLAUSE]***

When the call for volunteers went out a year ago, 15 residents with unique perspectives and skills were brought together by a shared interest in a safe and connected city. Our team represented a wide range of neighborhoods, age groups, mobility needs, and history in the city. Now

we've made it to the end of our term, but the work is really just beginning across our city.

[slide 46] *For a quick rundown of the last year: starting back in June of 2017, the sidewalk committee met here in this chamber 12 times; helped host two open houses; and took several field trips conducting independent research. We also met in subcommittees to make recommendations to city staff on topics such as: funding options, sidewalk designs, public communication, and criteria for project prioritization - also known as the Prioritization Scorecard.*

[slide 47]

*Today I'll talk about the prioritization criteria the city will use to score new sidewalk projects. The four criteria that the committee established are: **[slide 48]***

- 1. Safety*
- 2. Equity*
- 3. Connectivity, and*
- 4. Proximity*

So... why these criteria? What do these mean for us as residents?

[slide 49] *When I talk to my neighbors or listen to feedback from other residents: most sidewalk discussions inevitably start with the need for **Safe** travel. We want to get around the city safely without having to navigate narrow shoulders and blind corners. One reason we love this city is because of our schools and parks. But all too often, kids are walking to school or waiting for the bus within feet of passing cars - sometimes they're in the street itself. When my wife and I take our daughter down to Paramount School Park, we really don't have a choice - either the sidewalks that exist are impassible (just like we saw in the video moments ago) or there's no sidewalks at all.*

Now, I know it's not realistic to expect a sidewalk on every block. Aside from the astronomical cost of 100% sidewalk coverage, there's plenty of folks that like the aesthetic of quiet, curbless streets. So, the committee talked a lot about putting the "Right Sidewalk in the Right Place" and

making sure there is at least a core grid in place - while being sensitive to the characteristics of the neighborhood. Where we see an increasing number of cars and people located together, it's important to give priority to those projects.

[slide 50] *We also care about **Equity** for our neighbors with limited mobility, and those who otherwise can't drive - due to physical or financial barriers. These residents deserve to use the streets they fund through their own share of taxes. When we commit to "accessible pathways for all" it benefits all of us when there are more safe crossings to use. If you think back again to our video demonstration: this doesn't just benefit persons using wheelchairs. The prioritization scorecard also factors in communities based on age (both young and old), income, and other underserved populations... At its core, our data-driven process tries to ensure a fair share of projects are placed with these needs in mind.*

[slide 51] *As growth and traffic extend north, it's so important right now to take advantage of the resources*

*within our own neighborhoods. We have such an amazing opportunity to invest in a walkable city: improving **Connectivity** where there are gaps in the system today, and enabling easy access to our local business centers without a car trip. Another part I love about where I live is being able to walk to our local pub with nightly food truck options. You can count on me visiting at least once a week because it's faster to walk there than drive to and from shopping centers here and around Aurora. When we invest in easy access to local business districts like "Downtown Ridgecrest", this can produce a virtuous circle: providing incentive for more small businesses to take root nearer to where we actually live.*

[slide 52] *And finally, many of us live in **Proximity** to a growing number of transit options. We want to ensure residents who choose to keep cars off the street can get to both local activity centers and destinations outside the city. I'm really looking forward to being able to ditch the car to get to work in Fremont in a few years. But if I'm being honest, I'm most excited for the time I can walk or bike*

with my daughter - just 10 minutes up to 185th - and take the train to the front door of Husky Stadium... or to Sounders games.

[slide 53] *It's these moments the committee valued when shaping the criteria in the Prioritization Scorecard, but it's not going to happen overnight. At the end of the day, the city will have to make hard decisions about how much can be built, and where - that's what prioritization is all about.*

[slide 54] *One of the challenges we see to securing funding for sidewalks is the fact that a new pool and recreation center is on the horizon too. But we also see an opportunity: as a committee, we embraced shared goals and potentially shared project funding with Parks. The city could address tree canopy growth with appropriate species via new amenity zones created by an expanded sidewalk network. And residents don't just use sidewalks as transportation: we walk/jog/run to parks for exercise and to socialize with our neighbors.*

If we can articulate a complete, long-term vision for the city across Public Works and Parks improvements: the

public might just be willing to make that investment to our future. We love this city - let's keep working together on plan that reflects our passion in it.

Thank you.

[MAYOR WALKS TO PODIUM

Thank you, Dustin.

Sidewalks are clearly important to residents in Shoreline. Thanks to the hard work of the sidewalk advisory committee, we have a final prioritization plan for completing our pedestrian network. Over the next few weeks, Council will look at this issue more closely, particularly around different funding options. One potential option is to place a sales tax measure on the November ballot and ask Shoreline voters to decide.

b. Parks and Aquatics Community Center

As Dustin alluded to, the other issue that may soon require Shoreline voters to make a financial commitment is a new park bond measure. **[slide 55]** In 2006, Shoreline voters approved the first parks bond measure. We will completely

pay it off in 2021. As you may recall, some of the great parks we acquired or redeveloped as a result of the 2006 park bond include South Woods, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, and Cromwell Park.

Staff are currently in the process of putting together another citizen advisory committee to prioritize projects and explore funding options for a new Community and Aquatics Center and for park improvements.

[slide 56] Constructed in 1972, the Shoreline Pool is nearing the end of its useful life. We completed some upgrades in 2016, but we expect those to only keep the pool functioning through 2022. Through development of the Park plan, **[slide 57]** residents expressed their support for a new aquatics and community center. The Parks Funding Advisory Committee will develop recommendations for how to fund the next parks bond measure. Shoreline voters will most likely make the final decision.

c. 198th Affordable Housing Project

[slide 58] In addition to looking at ways to address and fund sidewalks and parks, we are also taking a hard look at housing in Shoreline. As most of you are aware, we are in the midst of a regional affordable housing and homelessness crisis. Individuals and families that never imagined they would be homeless, even just a few years ago, are now struggling to find housing. Two years ago, we made a commitment to doing our part to address this regional issue.

[slide 59] Over the past year, we have worked with the King County Department of Community and Human Services to promote development of a high quality affordable housing project on city-owned property at 198th Street and Aurora. Staff from both agencies are currently reviewing four proposals that will provide affordable housing for people exiting homelessness. An essential aspect of all candidate projects is the provision of supportive services to ensure individuals remain in housing and are able to contribute to our community.

We are committed to a strong partnership with King County and with the selected project partners. We want to ensure the project will succeed in its goal of helping people exit homelessness while also serving as a good neighbor and community asset. We already have a few examples of such projects in Shoreline, such as Ronald Commons and Compass Veterans Center.

c. 145th Corridor

[slide 60] The other big issues that will dominate over the next year are transportation related. In 2016, we completed the 145th Street multimodal corridor study. 145th is a vital east west connector for the region. To support the regional investment in light rail and bus transit, and to meet the goals of a connected community and region, we must improve this corridor, including the interchange at I-5.

Planned improvements to 145th will substantially improve the multi-modal accessibility of the corridor and the regional connections it provides. Locally, the I-5

interchange and corridor improvements are critical to the development of the light rail station area.

Over the next year, we will continue to look for funding for the I-5 interchange and for corridor improvements west of I-5. Sound Transit will fund improvements east of I-5 as part of the bus rapid transit project approved by voters.

e. Sound Transit

i. BRT

[slide 61] Sound Transit is already beginning the planning process for bus rapid transit that will run along State Route 522 and 145th Street connecting King County to the Shoreline South light rail station.

Over the next year, Sound Transit will evaluate and refine the project. This will include several public open houses and workshops. Sound Transit held the first two open houses last week.

After reviewing the technical analysis and public input, we expect the Sound Transit Board to take action by advancing a proposed project into conceptual engineering and environmental review early next year.

ii. Light Rail

[slide 62] And finally, after years of planning, construction is about to begin on the light rail line in Shoreline. The project unfortunately hit a bump in the road late last year when cost estimates increased substantially largely due to the rising cost of real estate and construction in the region. As part of our ongoing partnership with Sound Transit to ensure the success of this multi-billion dollar regional investment, we worked closely with Sound Transit to find cost saving measures for the Shoreline portion of the project. As part of that effort, we agreed to moving the parking garage at the Shoreline North Station at 185th from the west side of I-5 to the east side. We expect Sound Transit to complete 90% design by the end of the year.

In early 2019, we will see contractors setting up staging areas for construction. Sound Transit expects to begin track and station construction next summer.

It has been a long time coming, and we still have a long way to go, but we will soon see light rail here in Shoreline.

[slide 63] Now, I am going turn it over to our Economic Development Manager Dan Eernisse to say a few words about economic development in Shoreline.

V. Economic Development – Dan

a. 280 seconds in Shoreline

VI. Closing - Mayor 8:20 a.m.

[slide 115] Thank you, Dan. Many good things are happening in Shoreline, and people love it. Let us all continue to work together to fulfill our community's vision for a bright future.

That concludes our state of the city address. I encourage all of you to get out and enjoy all of the activities occurring in Shoreline this summer. From concerts to the farmers market, low-tide beach walks to neighborhood picnics, there is something for everyone. Thank you for coming today, and thanks for everything you do that makes people Love Shoreline! **[slide 116]**

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