

Planning Commission Meeting Date: February 20, 2020

Agenda Item 6a.

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: 185th St Multimodal Corridor Strategy and Finland Mobility Fellowship
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Community Development
PRESENTED BY: Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Transportation Planner

Public Hearing
 Discussion

Study Session
 Update

Recommendation Only
 Other

INTRODUCTION

This Staff report provides the overview to tonight's presentation and discussion about the 185th Street Multimodal Corridor Strategy (MCS) and the Finland Mobility Fellowship. No action is required tonight.

OVERVIEW OF 185TH MCS

Shoreline is growing, and light rail is coming in 2024. To meet the needs of tomorrow, we need to start planning today. The 185th MCS sets a vision for the corridor that is safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, supports frequent and reliable bus and light rail service, addresses traffic flow, creates gathering spaces, and encourages neighborhood businesses. The 185th MCS takes into consideration the future Shoreline North/185th Station and the additional transportation demands created as a result of the station, as well as new demands based on anticipated population growth from the 185th Street Station Subarea rezoning.

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The 185th MCS directly supports two of the 2019-2021 City Council Goals:

- **Goal 2:** Improve Shoreline's infrastructure to continue the delivery of highly valued public services through management of the City's infrastructure and stewardship of the natural environment.
 - Currently, the 185th Street Corridor inadequately supports non-motorized travel and requires improvements to effectively serve all travel modes in the future.
- **Goal 3:** Continue preparation for regional mass transit in Shoreline.

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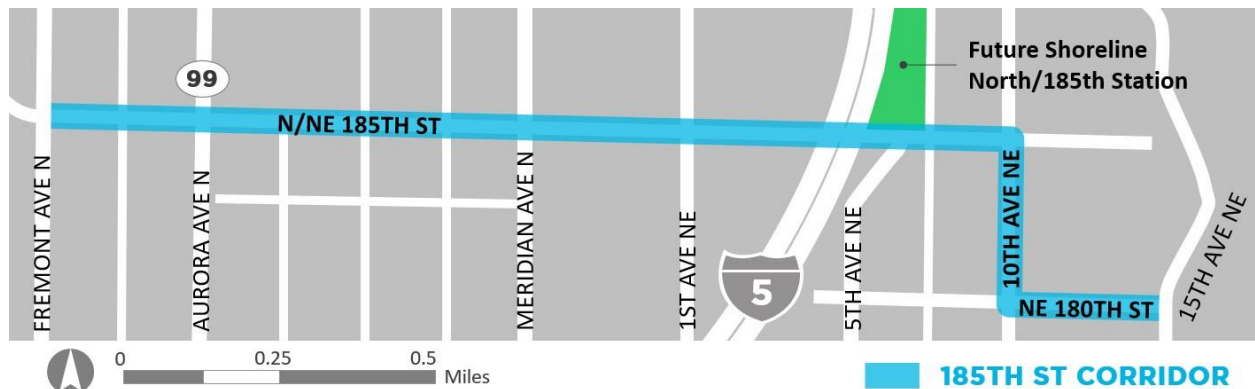
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- The 185th MCS will identify multimodal transportation improvements necessary to support growth associated with the 185th Street Station Subarea Plan and the Shoreline North/185th Station.

The 185th Street Corridor is anchored by the future light rail station on the east side of Interstate 5 and created by three roads: N/NE 185th Street, 10th Avenue NE, and NE 180th Street. For this study, the 185th Street Corridor is used to succinctly describe the collection of these three streets. The “Z” shaped corridor was defined during the 185th Street Station Subarea Plan community workshops with the intent to better connect the Aurora Corridor, the future Shoreline North/185th Station, and the North City Business District.



Process and Outcome

Over the past year, the City of Shoreline worked with the community to create a vision for the 185th Street Corridor. The team looked at existing conditions, received initial community and stakeholder input during fall 2018 outreach meetings, and then developed several draft roadway options. The draft options were shared at spring 2019 outreach meetings and through an online survey. Staff used their input along with technical analysis to develop hybrid mid-block cross sections that reflect the best mix of elements from the draft options.

On July 22, 2019, City Council selected a Preferred Option set of mid-block cross sections that shows travel lanes for automobiles, future frequent bus service, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and amenity zones. Cross sections will be wider near and at intersections to allow for left, right, and U-turns.

During summer and fall 2019, the team refined the Preferred Option's mid-block cross sections and further analyzed the Preferred Option in respect to transit speed and reliability, traffic level of service, preliminary roadway design, intersection control, incremental redevelopment coordination, ROW needs, planning-level cost estimate, SEPA non-project review, project delivery approach, and funding strategy.

On October 28, 2019, City Council adopted the Preferred Option mid-block cross sections for the 185th MCS as follows:

NE 185th Street (between Fremont Avenue N to Midvale Avenue NE)

- No curb-to-curb changes
- Amenity zones, off-street bike paths, and sidewalks

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N/NE 185th Street (between Midvale Avenue N to 5th Avenue NE [west of I-5])

- 4-lane section (two travel lanes and two Business Access and Transit or “BAT” lanes for frequent bus service and vehicles making right turns)
- Amenity zones, off-street bike paths, and sidewalks
- Holds the north side curb to retain existing trees where feasible

NE 185th Street (between 5th Avenue NE [west of I-5] to 10th Avenue NE)

- 3-lane section (two travel lanes and a center turn lane)
- Buffered bike lanes, amenity zones, and sidewalks

10th Avenue NE (between NE 185th Street to NE 180th Street)

- 2-lane section (two travel lanes)
- Buffered bike lanes, on-street parking (west side only), amenity zones, sidewalks, and a flex zone (west side only) for street furnishings and plantings

NE 180th Street (between 10th Avenue NE to 15th Avenue NE)

- 2-lane section (two travel lanes)
- Enhanced bike lanes, amenity zones, and sidewalks

Next Steps

Over the winter 2019/2020, City staff will prepare the final 185th MCS Report. Currently, there is no designated City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding for improvements to the corridor. Changes to the 185th Street Corridor will happen incrementally over time as redevelopment occurs. The 185th MCS will serve as a guide to ensure that future public and private development projects contribute to a cohesive vision and will help the City competitively seek funding opportunities. The 185th MCS will serve as the basis of design for a future design development phase when the City advances this study into a CIP project.

Additional Information

For more information about 185th MCS, please visit the project webpage at shorelinewa.gov/185corridor or contact Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng at ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2483.

Recommendation

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OVERVIEW OF FINLAND MOBILITY FELLOWSHIP

Jennings Randolph International Fellowship

In 1987, the Jennings Randolph International Fellowship Program was established to provide opportunities for individuals to broaden their knowledge and exchange experiences and information on trends and advances in public works through direct contact with American Public Works Association (APWA) international partners.

Overview of Fellowship to Finland

In 2019, Nora Daley-Peng, the City of Shoreline's Senior Transportation Planner, was selected as a Jennings Randolph International Fellow to conduct a study tour of Finland's mobility system. Her study tour examined aspects of Helsinki's and Espoo's diverse menu of mobility options that are so economical, convenient, and enjoyable that people will naturally choose them rather than driving their personal vehicles. She met with several agencies, including Helsinki Regional Transport Authority, Helsinki City Transport Agency, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), and Helsinki and Espoo City Bikes to learn how their mobility plans, programs, and services are being implemented.

Ms. Daley-Peng's study tour gave her invaluable learning experiences to apply to her work at the City of Shoreline. The timing couldn't be better. With the opening of two light rail stations by 2024 and the growth of transit-oriented communities and corridors around those stations, the City of Shoreline is seizing the opportunity to rapidly transform itself from an auto-oriented suburban city to a people-centered community.

Tonight, Ms. Daley-Peng will highlight mobility options being offered in Finland and invite a discussion about whether those mobility options could be applied to help Shoreline become a more people-centered community.

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For more information about the Finland Mobility Fellowship, please see the article in the [APWA Reporter, August 2019](#) or contact Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng at ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2483.

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