

## Currents – News from the City of Shoreline

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### 2021 Legislative Impacts on Policing

Over the past few years, communities around the country have engaged in conversations around how law enforcement and criminal justice policies and practices disproportionately impact people of color and others who have traditionally been marginalized. These discussions have prompted demands for action. During the 2021 Legislative Session, Washington state lawmakers responded to these calls for change. They passed 100 new reforms relevant to law enforcement.

The Shoreline Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) continue to work to earn the community's trust, particularly from members of our Black, Indigenous, and/or other Persons of Color who have traditionally been marginalized through systemic racism. Everyone should feel safe and welcome in Shoreline. Shoreline Police had already been operating under stricter use of force policies and practices and other aspects of the reforms for years.

Unfortunately, while many of the reforms will bring greater transparency to policing and help address concerns around the use of force by police, some of the reforms can have, and have had, unintended consequences on some policing. Shoreline continues to work with KCSO, the Association of Washington Cities, and the State Legislature to seek clarification of the adopted language. The City supports efforts to clarify the civil standards for use of force requirements so officers know when they can intervene in a non-criminal situation, such as a mental health crisis.

As a result of how these reforms are currently written, the public may notice changes in how law enforcement responds to calls. Under the new laws, a deputy may use physical force when necessary to protect against criminal conduct where there is probable cause to make an arrest. This is a higher standard than has been used in the past, which was reasonable suspicion. This means that a criminal suspect that the police would have been able to forcibly detain in the past may now have to be let go because police are unable to quickly meet the higher standard to detain the suspect.

Another example of how policing will change has to do with the State's drug possession law. In a 5-4 decision early in the legislative session, the Washington State Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the state's drug possession law (*State v. Blake*). Rather than move forward with no law against drug possession, the Legislature passed a bill making possession of drugs such as LSD and heroin a misdemeanor instead of a felony. It also created new requirements for when police can arrest someone for drug possession. The first and second time police stop a person with drugs, officers must refer the person to an addiction treatment program for assessment and services rather than arresting them. Only after the third violation would police be able to arrest the individual.

If an individual is arrested for drug possession after the third contact, they are no longer referred to the King County Prosecutor to determine if charges should be filed since it is no longer a felony. In addition, they will now be referred to the Shoreline Prosecutor since it is a misdemeanor. This will increase costs for the City for prosecution, court costs, and potential jail time.

KCSO and the City will seek clarification during the next State legislative session on some of the reforms. The Shoreline Police will follow guidance provided by KCSO in implementing the legislation as it stands

now. In the meantime, Shoreline Police will continue to respond to 911 calls and the public should not hesitate to call for assistance.

For more information about the legislative changes to policing in Washington State, you can watch a video from Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford by visiting [shorelinewa.gov/police](https://shorelinewa.gov/police) and clicking Conversations with the Chief.

### [2021-2022 Mid-Biennial Budget Update](#)

The City's biennial budget plays a critical role in achieving the community's Vision 2029 and Council Goals. We use the budget to forecast revenues and allocate resources to support services and projects. This year's mid-biennial budget review provides an opportunity to formally review and update the revenue forecast used to develop the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

When we developed the Budget in the fall of 2020, we anticipated the COVID-19 pandemic would significantly impact the economy and City revenues. While that may have been the case for some parts of the region and for certain City revenues, overall Shoreline has experienced strong performance in its retail trade and construction sectors which helped ease impacts to the City's revenue streams. For example, Planning and Community Development estimates that, due to robust development activity, total permitting revenue for 2021 will exceed budget expectations.

Areas of the budget that have been impacted include our recreation programs. We expected our recreation programs to resume at regular levels for the whole 2021-2022 biennium. Given that the pandemic has extended throughout 2021, we had to cancel or modify our programming to ensure compliance with public health regulations. As a result, we saw a loss of rental and registration revenue. However, even with these losses, our mid-biennial review shows that the City continues to maintain a healthy financial position.

The review also provides an opportunity to look at appropriations and adjust the budget as needed to address issues that have either emerged or are better understood than when Council approved the original budget. Departments continue to closely monitor their expenditures in 2021. We anticipate that many departments will spend below budget largely as a result of good stewardship and a number of staff vacancies.

More information  
[shorelinewa.gov/budget](https://shorelinewa.gov/budget)

### [ST3 Update: Bus Rapid Transit on 145th delayed](#)

As our region has worked its way through the ups and downs of the pandemic and its impacts, almost no corner has been left untouched. Sound Transit's effort to deliver transit projects approved by voters in 2016 as part of "ST3" is no exception. While the light rail extension to Lynnwood remains on schedule, and Shoreline will welcome two light rail stations (at 148th and 185th) in 2024, our community will see some delay of the accompanying Stride Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line. Originally slated to come online when light rail opened, this bus service along Bothell Way and NE 145th Street will now connect Woodinville, Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline residents to the Shoreline South/148th Station starting in 2026.

### Why the delay?

The economic impacts of the pandemic caused the Sound Transit Board of Directors to undertake an extensive examination of its transit expansion plans. They needed to make sure that the many projects across the region remained in alignment with the revenues needed to build the regional transit system. This “realignment” exercise took many months, but at the end of the process, our Stride BRT project remained in the Tier 1 list of projects, so it was subject to the least possible amount of delay.

When complete, Shoreline residents will see new Stride BRT stations along 145th at 30th Avenue, 15th Avenue, and at the Shoreline South/148th Light Rail Station. With each station will come improvements— such as sidewalks and amenity zones — that make it easier to access our growing regional transit system.

### American Rescue Plan Act Funds

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill to help address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Within ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provides \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$130 billion for local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties. Shoreline will receive \$7.5 million of these funds.

The City received the first allotment of funds in August 2021 and will receive the second allotment in August 2022.

On June 14, City Council approved using the funds to invest in mental health for youth, small business support, infrastructure projects, and a term-limited staff position to help residents navigate the many resources made available through ARPA.

### Small Business Support

The City is working in partnership with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce to fund a business outreach specialist. Through the outreach specialist, we will cultivate ongoing relationships to better understand local business needs considering the challenges of COVID-19. The outreach specialist will contact and engage small businesses throughout Shoreline, making service referrals for economic relief, and prepare a summary report that identifies challenges and growth opportunities for the business community that the City or its partners may be able to support or facilitate in the future.

### Mental Health Services for Shoreline Youth

Four years ago, our Youth and Teen Development Program received a grant for over \$500,000 through King County's Best Start for Kids levy. The grant has allowed us to reach underserved youth through our Youth Outreach Leadership and Opportunities Program (YOLO) and a full time mental health therapist, contracted through the Center for Human Services. These mental health resources have been and will continue to be critical for youth dealing with impacts of COVID-19. Due to a gap in the grant funding, the City will use ARPA funding to ensure this valuable program continues through 2022.

### Community Support Specialist

The new term-limited Community Support Specialist, along with support from another staff position, will research all federal, county, and state ARPA programs and support Shoreline residents and small businesses in their efforts to access those programs. This will ensure the greatest leveraging of other

funding while also providing a more complete understanding of local gaps, which we can then support with City ARPA funds. You can find some of these resources at [shorelinewa.gov/covid](https://shorelinewa.gov/covid).

These resources are sometimes challenging to access and the community support staff will offer to work with residents who need assistance with completing application forms, communicate with organizations offering programs, and answer general questions regarding available resources. The Community Support staff will also develop recommendations for additional investments needed to address ongoing COVID response and recovery for Shoreline residents.

You can reach Community Support Specialist Judy Kuguru at 206-801-2740 or by email at [communitysupport@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:communitysupport@shorelinewa.gov).

### Infrastructure Investments

The City Council allocated \$4 million of the ARPA funds for capital projects. The City will use \$ 1.1 million to replace and realign existing sewer lines in the 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue alignments from 145th to 147th as part of the 145th corridor and interchange projects. The City will use another \$2.9 million to upgrade stormwater pump station 26 (located on 10th Avenue NE just south of NE 185th Street). The Pump Station 26 upgrade project already has surface water funds allocated to it. Applying ARPA funds to this project allows those surface water funds to be allocated to other surface water projects during the Capital Improvement Plan update process.

### Conversations with the Chief

To help answer questions the community may have around policing in Shoreline we are posting videos with Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford and other members of the Shoreline Police Department who speak on a variety of topics about policing in Shoreline and answer community questions. Shoreline residents can submit questions they may have after watching one of the videos or suggest topics for future videos. Chief Ledford will then address some of those questions in future videos.

Go to [shorelinewa.gov/police](https://shorelinewa.gov/police) and follow the link to Conversations with the Chief.

### CityWise

Since launching as a pilot in 2017, the CityWise Project has provided participants insight into the wide range of services provided by the City. This coming year, we will offer CityWise again as an online experience. Applications will be available in January 2022, with sessions beginning in February.

Watch for details in the Winter Currents, and on our website at [shorelinewa.gov/citywise](https://shorelinewa.gov/citywise).

### Economic Development Update

Residential projects: Canopy, Shoreline 192, Geo II

Three new projects on or near the Aurora Corridor are at the early stages of development.

Under construction now at 18515 and 18815 Aurora Avenue N is a two-phase multifamily residential project by Shea Properties named Canopy. Adjacent to the King County Metro 192nd Street Park & Ride, the LEED-Platinum Canopy Apartments will consist of 475 apartments, 20% of which will be affordable to those earning no more than 80% of Area Median Income.

Across Aurora from the Park & Ride, TWG's Shoreline 192 is in the beginning stages of development. All 241 units in the building will be affordable to those earning no more than 60% of Area Median Income.

The building will receive permanent tax exemption from the state, and the affordability requirement also will be permanent.

In the growing Town Center area, a new project is under construction at 180th and Midvale. It is just across from the Geo Apartments that began leasing in 2020. The new building, dubbed Geo II, will have 210 apartments when completed.

We anticipate the future residents of these buildings will add significant vitality to the Aurora Corridor as they become customers to existing and future businesses in the area.

#### Shoreline Place Update

The owner of the 17-acre former Sears property in the Shoreline Place Community Renewal Area (CRA), Merlone Geier Partners, is in a busy second-round of outreach and discussions with potential residential partners as that sector begins to regain momentum following financing challenges and extreme construction cost increases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the terms of a development agreement with the City, any new residential development will include public amenities, such as new, tree-lined streets; plazas; and landscaped public areas.

Merlone Geier also reports significant interest in its first phase retail buildings at the corner of 155th and Westminster Way now anticipated for completion by the end of 2022.

Also in 2022, we anticipate other significant changes in the CRA as the lower portion of the former Sears Auto Center makes way for the future development as well as the new “C Street” connection across the middle of the CRA. It will join in the upper area anchored by Central Market to the lower area where more new dining options are expected to open in 2022.

Merlone Geier hopes to begin development of the mixed-use Block D between C Street and Westminster Way in 2022.

Development of Block D triggers required improvements to 160th Street paid for by the developer. Through the Aurora Square CRA environmental analysis, we identified a 3-lane configuration. The new design allows for improved bike access through the area for on-street riders with bike lanes between vehicular travel lanes and the curb. We studied traffic impacts as part of the CRA environmental analysis, as well as in a subsequent traffic study by Merlone Geier as part of the development agreement process. A new midblock crossing with pedestrian activated flashing beacons and median refuge space will be installed between Linden Avenue N and Fremont Avenue N.

#### South Shoreline/148th Street Station Areas

Light Rail Station area properties are trading hands with new buyers showing more confidence in the City’s vision of transit-oriented urban centers leveraging the region’s unprecedented investment into mass transit.

Roughly one half of the block bounded by 1st Avenue NE, NE 145th Street, NE 147th Street and I-5 is now owned by Shea Properties. Preliminary designs show a 6-story multifamily building with 482 units. Directly east of this assemblage is another by Evergreen Point Group, developer of the Trad Apartments in North City. In its pre-application meeting with the City, Evergreen Point Group revealed a preliminary design of a 7-story mixed use building with 238 units, ground floor commercial, and a new, public midblock connection between 145th and 147th.

More information

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City's Economic Development Strategic Plan: [shorelinewa.gov/business](https://shorelinewa.gov/business)

### TMP Update: Learning the Community's transportation needs

The City is currently updating its Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP supports all forms of travel – by foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, stroller, wheelchair, transit, motorcycle, automobile, etc. The TMP will guide local and regional transportation investments and define the City's future transportation policies, programs, and projects for the next 20 years.

### Outreach Series 2 Recap

To get a better sense of the community's transportation needs, the City conducted Outreach Series 2 in early summer. Outreach activities included an online open house on June 22, online briefings to numerous neighborhood associations and stakeholder groups, and an in-person booth at the Shoreline Farmers Market. Overall, 103 people participated in Outreach Series 2 events. Key topics discussed at the meetings included getting to and from the future light rail stations, redevelopment, traffic congestion, neighborhood paths, and alternative modes of transportation e.g., community shuttle van, car share, bike share, scooter share, etc.

In addition, nearly 700 people participated in an online survey that ran from mid-June through mid-July. Survey participants were from throughout the city and from other nearby communities. The survey asked people to identify specific locations where they would like to see pedestrian, bicycle, automobile, and transit improvements. The project team is currently analyzing how the survey results could inform the development of transportation plans for each travel mode.

Visit the project webpage at [shorelinewa.gov/tmp](https://shorelinewa.gov/tmp) for a full summary report of Outreach Series 2.

### Coming soon

The project team will conduct Outreach Series 3 in early 2022 to summarize Outreach Series 2 results and get your feedback on draft multimodal transportation plans.

More information

[shorelinewa.gov/tmp](https://shorelinewa.gov/tmp)

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### King County Rental Assistance

King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP) is open for applications from individuals or households needing rental assistance. The program helps people experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and at risk of housing instability or homelessness.

There are two components to the EPRAP – eviction prevention and rental assistance. The eviction prevention works to stop an active eviction process when the eviction is for the non-payment of rent due to COVID. The rental assistance programs are designed to preempt evictions by paying unpaid rent.

More information  
[kingcounty.gov/EPRAP](http://kingcounty.gov/EPRAP)

### Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals due by December 1, 2021

Every year, the City goes through a Comprehensive Plan amendment process. This process is an opportunity for individuals to propose changes to Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. Proposed amendments usually address changing conditions or emerging issues.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application materials can be found on the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/compplan](http://shorelinewa.gov/compplan).

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. December 1, 2021, to Senior Planner Steven Szafran, AICP, P&CD, 17500 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133 or emailed to [sszafran@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:sszafran@shorelinewa.gov).

City Council will develop a list of amendments to be studied throughout 2022.

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### 2018 Voter-Approved Sidewalk Program Update

#### 1st Avenue NE

Construction of sidewalk on 1st Avenue NE between NE 193rd and NE 195th Street is complete! This new segment of sidewalk filled a critical gap on 1st Avenue NE and provides a connection to the NE 195th Street trail. We designed the sidewalk as a shared use trail to accommodate pedestrians and bicycle riders of all ages and abilities. We used permeable concrete for the sidewalk to promote infiltration and reduce the impacts of urban runoff.

#### 20th Avenue NW

Design for sidewalk on 20th Avenue NE is about to begin and we want to hear from you! We will construct sidewalk on one side of 20th Avenue NW from the entrance to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park to NW 195th Street. Please visit the project website at [shorelinewa.gov/20AveSidewalks](http://shorelinewa.gov/20AveSidewalks) for a survey and information on upcoming public meetings.

#### More information

To learn more about the 2018 Voter-Approved Sidewalk Projects, watch the City's introduction video, and find a schedule of the remaining 11 voter-approved sidewalk projects, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks](http://shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks).

### City COVID-19 vaccination requirement

On October 4, Shoreline City Council passed a resolution establishing a mandatory vaccination policy as a qualification of City employment or volunteer public service in City facilities. This includes elected officials and appointed members of boards and commissions. It also requires that contractors providing services in City facilities to also be fully vaccinated. The City will require proof of full vaccination by December 1, 2021.

The City has 221 employees (regular and extra-help) on payroll. As of September 22, 187, or 85%, of those employees had provided proof of being fully vaccinated. This does not include the Shoreline Police Department, as they are King County employees. King County has a similar vaccination mandate that applies to the Shoreline Police.

For information on where to get vaccinated, go to [kingcounty.gov/vaccine](http://kingcounty.gov/vaccine).

More information  
[shorelinewa.gov/covid](http://shorelinewa.gov/covid)

## Help Shape the City's Response to Climate Change

Interactive Webinar

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6:00 p.m.

Register at [shorelinewa.gov/climate](http://shorelinewa.gov/climate)

We are currently updating the City's Climate Action Plan and are looking for community feedback to help shape our response to climate change.

Shoreline is already experiencing impacts from climate change, including increased flooding from heavier rainfall, more extreme heat days, and poor air quality from wildfire smoke. These impacts are projected to worsen in the future if we do not work to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on a 2019 inventory, 95% of the Shoreline community's greenhouse gas emissions come from fuel use for driving, and from natural gas and heating oil use in our homes and businesses. According to science-based targets calculated for our community, we need to reduce our community-wide greenhouse gas emissions roughly 60% by 2030 to prevent the worst impacts of climate change.

The Climate Action Plan will identify the most impactful actions the City can take to reduce our emissions and meet this target. The plan will also include actions to support carbon capture by trees and ecosystems in Shoreline, and actions to protect our community from the impacts of climate change.

We are looking for community feedback to ensure that the actions we take to address climate change benefit everyone in our community. Take our short survey using the link below, or join us for an interactive webinar on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm to learn about the Climate Action Plan and provide feedback on our approach to climate change.

Register for the webinar and take our short survey at [shorelinewa.gov/climate](http://shorelinewa.gov/climate).

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## Prepare for winter weather

FALL AND WINTER storms are common in the Pacific Northwest. We are committed to creating a community of resilience through advanced planning, education, and awareness. We urge residents to learn about the hazards that weather events can create so you can be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way. Residents should be prepared with a plan and emergency kit having all



necessary items to survive for at least five to seven days. Keep in mind that hazardous conditions can delay response and recovery efforts for weather-related events. COVID-19 impacts and safety guidelines may hinder response as well.

#### Snow removal

When it snows, our plows concentrate their efforts on arterial roads (primary routes) to accommodate fire, medical, and police response, as well as Metro transit and school buses. If snow continues to fall, we will only plow primary routes. Once the snow has stopped and all primary routes are clear, plows will move to secondary roads before moving into neighborhoods. If at any time it starts snowing again while plows are clearing secondary or neighborhood streets, the plows will return to the primary routes and the process of clearing streets will begin again. While we will eventually get to all streets, it might take several days after the final snow before residents see a plow on their street.

#### Prepare your property for heavy rainstorms

Clean out roof gutters and downspouts. Remove all leaves and debris so that rainwater can flow away from your home.

Use sandbags to protect your home when water is flowing towards it. There is a free you-fill sandbag station at Hamlin Park (16006 15th Avenue NE). Bring your own shovel to fill up sandbags. The sandbag station is in the first parking lot on the left as you enter from 15th Avenue NE.

#### More information

[shorelinewa.gov/stormready](https://shorelinewa.gov/stormready)

[shorelinewa.gov/surfacewater](https://shorelinewa.gov/surfacewater)

#### Help Prevent Neighborhood Flooding

Clear leaves, debris, and snow from storm drains near your home to keep the pipes that carry rainwater from backing up. Join our Adopt-A-Drain program to help keep storm drains and ditches free of debris.

[shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain](https://shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain)

#### Keep your ditch clear!

Do you have a ditch in front of your home? Be sure to keep it empty! Ditches are critical to moving water away from homes and neighborhoods, and returning it back to nearby streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. Never put soil, leaves, grass clippings, debris, or fill of any kind into the ditch near your home. This can clog the pipes that carry rainwater and cause flooding in your neighborhood. Be sure to keep yard debris out of streets as well! Once in the street, it can flow into and clog storm drains. Please throw yard waste in your green bin!

Help us prepare for winter storms! Report clogged ditches and storm drains to the City by calling 206-801-2700 or visiting [shorelinewa.gov/servicerequest](https://shorelinewa.gov/servicerequest).

#### Shoreline Farmers Market Harvest Market

Saturday, Dec. 18

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

15415 Westminster Way N

Local crafts and artisanal foods for great holiday gifts!

Live holiday music

Food trucks

[ShorelineFarmersMarket.org](http://ShorelineFarmersMarket.org)

Winter Porch Light Parade 2021

Communities Shining Bright

Bothell – Kenmore – Lake Forest Park – Shoreline

December 1<sup>st</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>

See all four cities transform into a magical wonderland of lights! Enter your creative light display to be included on the virtual map. Take a tour of the displays during the month of December.

[bit.ly/winterporchlightparade](http://bit.ly/winterporchlightparade)

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City Council Meetings

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual meetings via Zoom

Agendas: [shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings](http://shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings)