

2022-2024 City Council Goals and Work Plan

The Council is committed to fulfilling the community's long-term vision – Vision 2029 – and being a sustainable city in all respects:

- Sustainable neighborhoods—ensuring they are safe, attractive and serve all ages and abilities;
- Sustainable environment—preserving our environmental assets and enhancing our built environment so that it protects our natural resources;
- Sustainable services—supporting quality services, facilities and infrastructure; and
- Sustainable finances—responsible stewardship of fiscal resources to achieve the neighborhoods, environment and services desired by the community.

The City Council holds an annual Strategic Planning Workshop to monitor progress and determine priorities and action steps necessary to advance Vision 2029. This workplan, which is aimed at improving the City's ability to fulfill the community's vision, is then reflected in department work plans, the City's budget, capital improvement plan, and through special initiatives.

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic climate and opportunities

Robust private investment and economic opportunities help achieve Council Goals by enhancing the local economy, providing jobs and housing choices, and supporting the public services and lifestyle amenities that the community desires and expects.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Conduct a review of development that has occurred in the 145th Station Area
2. Amend the development regulations for MUR-70 to fully realize the vision for transit-oriented development in the station areas, including affordable housing, transit-supportive densities, and vibrant, walkable communities
3. Implement the Community Renewal Plan for Shoreline Place by processing Block D and Block E permit submittals
4. Continue to implement development review and permitting best practices, including review of staffing and contract resources to meet permit processing and review time targets, and expansion of the City's online permit capabilities
5. Enhance business retention and expansion efforts by building relationships and identifying regulatory challenges, especially in the post-pandemic environment
6. Facilitate collaboration with and between members of the business community to support new and existing businesses
7. Implement programs and construct capital projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to support community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
8. Implement Cottage Housing regulations as the first implementation step of the City's Housing Action Plan as the City continues to support housing choices, associated policies and necessary regulatory modifications
9. Incorporate Age Friendly Community policies into the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update
10. Participate in the State's Master Plan process for the Fircrest Campus and advocate for uses compatible with the City's vision for underutilized properties
11. Monitor the outcomes of the ground floor commercial requirements in the North City and Ridgecrest neighborhoods and use lessons learned from this early adoption area to model future development regulations
12. Pursue replacement of the City's Levy Lid Lift, expiring in 2022, to ensure the ability to deliver valued public services to the Shoreline community
13. Support King County Metro's evaluation of the 192nd Park and Ride as a potential location for expanded transit operations and transit-oriented-development

14. Work with Seattle City Light to ensure electric infrastructure supports Shoreline's planned growth by sharing information and seeking to align timelines of private developments, City projects, and utility capacity expansion projects

Goal 2: Continue to deliver highly-valued public services through management of the City's infrastructure and stewardship of the natural environment

The City has identified needed improvements to strengthen its municipal infrastructure to maintain public services the community expects through adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Surface Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. As capital improvements are made, it is important to include efforts that will enhance Shoreline's natural environment, ultimately having a positive impact on the Puget Sound region.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Implement the Voter Approved New Sidewalk Program by constructing the 5th Avenue and 20th Avenue sidewalk projects and initiating design of the Westminster Way, 19th Avenue and Ballinger Way sidewalk projects
2. Implement the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program by completing repair work on 15th and 5th Avenue NE and developing a prioritized plan for the next five years
3. Continue to Implement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, including construction of park improvements and acquisition of properties funded through the 2022 Park Bond
4. Continue to explore strategies for replacement of the Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center
5. Update the 2014 Urban Forest Strategic Plan and continue to implement the Green Cities Partnership, and volunteer programs with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Forterra, and the Washington Native Plant Society
6. Continue to implement the 2022-2024 Priority Environmental Strategies including implementation of Salmon-Safe certification activities, resource conservation and zero waste activities, and updating the City's Climate Action Plan
7. Implement Phase One of the City Maintenance Facility project: construction of the Ballinger Maintenance Facility and preliminary design of the Hamlin and North Maintenance facilities
8. Continue implementing the 2017-2022 Surface Water Master Plan and develop the 2023-2028 Surface Water Master Plan
9. Update the Wastewater Master Plan to reflect modifications following the assumption of the utility by the City
10. Update the Transportation Master Plan, including evaluating a multi-modal level of service, concurrency, shared use mobility options, and the Transportation Impact Fee (TIF)
11. Begin the state mandated major update of the Comprehensive Plan
12. Complete 90% design of the N 175th Street Corridor Project from Interstate-5 to Stone Avenue N and initiate Right-of-Way acquisition
13. Begin construction of the 145th and I-5 Interchange improvements and Phase 1 of the 145th Street Corridor improvements
14. Work with regional and federal partners to fund Right-of-Way acquisition for Phase 2 of the 145th Street Corridor improvements
15. Create the 2023-2028 Public Art and Cultural Services Plan

Goal 3: Continue preparation for regional mass transit in Shoreline

Our community looks forward to increasing mobility options and reducing environmental impacts through public transit services. The ST2 light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood includes investment in the Shoreline North/185th Street Station and the Shoreline South/148th Street Station, which are planned to open in 2024. The ST3 package includes funding for corridor improvements and Bus Rapid Transit service along State Route 523 (N 145th Street) from Bothell Way connecting to the Shoreline South/148th Street Station. Engaging our community members and regional transit partners in plans to integrate local transit options into the future light rail service continues to be an important Council priority.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Support Sound Transit's 145th Street improvements from Highway 522 to Interstate-5 as part of ST3
2. Work collaboratively with Sound Transit on the Lynnwood Link Extension Project, including negotiation of remaining project agreements and coordination of project construction, inspection, and ongoing permitting
3. Develop a funding plan to implement the 185th Corridor Strategy
4. Coordinate with developers and seek partnerships and funding to realize the vision of the Light Rail Station Areas
5. Create non-motorized connections to the light rail stations including coordinating design elements of the Trail Along the Rail
6. Complete design of the 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge, construct the Phase 1 improvements, and work with regional, state, and federal partners to fully fund the project
7. Collaborate with regional transit providers to implement long range regional transit plans including Sound Transit's ST3 Plan, King County Metro's Metro Connects Long Range Plan, and Community Transit's Blue Line and Long-Range Plan
8. Develop a parking program, including Restricted Parking Zones and a parking enforcement unit

Goal 4: Expand the City's focus on equity and social justice and work to become an Anti-Racist community

The Council values all residents, is committed to building an anti-racist community, and believes the City has a responsibility to ensure that Shoreline is an inviting, equitable and safe community for all that does not tolerate any form of discrimination. In order to meet the needs of all community members, the City must provide meaningful community engagement so that all people have access to needed services, information, and resources and can provide input on the development and implementation of City policies and programs.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Continue implementing the City's Equity and Social Justice Program with a heightened focus on anti-racism as described in City Council Resolution No. 467, including identifying and implementing ongoing equity and anti-racism training for City staff, Council, boards and commissions and assessing internal opportunities for change and development
2. Continue building trusting working relationships within the community to foster engagement, participation, and co-creation of strategies for building an anti-racist community
3. Engage in community conversations that will inform approaches to community safety and law enforcement policy and other community-driven topics
4. Develop resources and training to assist staff in understanding meaningful community engagement practices and approaches
5. Work to ensure that the City's programs, parks, facilities and activities are accessible to all Shoreline residents per the Americans with Disabilities Act
6. Continue developing relationships to inform our community policing practices

Goal 5: Promote and enhance community safety, healthy neighborhoods, and a coordinated response to homelessness and individuals in behavioral health crisis

The Council recognizes that supporting stronger community connections and making it possible for residents to meet their needs are critical elements of a safe and thriving community. Maintaining a safe community is the City's highest priority. The 2020 Resident Satisfaction Survey reflected that 94% of respondents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day and 81% had an overall feeling of safety in Shoreline. The City is continuing a concentrated work plan to enhance our public safety communication and crime prevention efforts to ensure that our residents and businesses continue to find Shoreline a safe place to live, work and play. The City is also continuing to support those individuals living unhoused in our community or experiencing behavioral health issues by coordinating with regional homeless partners, working to ensure that there is adequate shelter capacity in Shoreline and North King County, and expanding behavioral health engagement and crisis intervention for those in need.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Use data driven policing to address crime trends and quality of life concerns in a timely manner
2. Support efforts to improve public safety by incorporating best practices and model policies for use of force, de-escalation training and police accountability
3. Maximize and expand the North Sound RADAR (Response Awareness, De-escalation and Referral) service delivery model
4. Continue to expand the partnership between the North Sound City Coalition and the King County Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization to advance the siting and operation of a crisis triage center for North King County residents who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis
5. Collaborate with King County District Court and other criminal justice service partners to address the inequitable treatment of low-income misdemeanor defendants through options such as a warrant release program, a relicensing program, and other efforts to lower Court Failure to Appear rates
6. Continue the Shoreline Police-Community Response Operations Team to implement solutions related to public safety, code enforcement and homelessness response
7. Continue partnerships between Community Services, Parks, Economic Development and Police on Problem Solving Projects and crime prevention to improve safety and the feeling of safety
8. Conduct trainings and community programs to promote personal safety, awareness, and response
9. Continue to support the North King County Enhanced Shelter through partnership with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, Lake City Partners and the community
10. Actively monitor developments related to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority with a particular focus on actions and resources related to sub-regional planning efforts
11. Use data driven information to inform the City's actions and plans to provide shelter and housing for all individuals in our community
12. Explore opportunities to expand the City's community building efforts beyond established neighborhood associations