

**FINAL 2023 State of the City  
Healthy Community, Safe Community**

Thursday, June 15, 2023

7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

City Hall – Council Chamber

1. Welcome – **MAYOR** – Begins at 7:30 a.m.
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  - b. Thank you

## 2023 STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH

### WELCOME – MAYOR

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

I want to recognize the elected officials in attendance today and express my appreciation for their service.

- Washington State Senator Jesse Salomon
- Washington State Representative Cindy Ryu
- Washington State Representative Lauren Davis
- King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski
- Mountlake Terrace Mayor Kyoko Matsumoto-Wright
- City of Kenmore Councilmember Corina Pfeil
- City of Mountlake Terrace Councilmember Steve Woodard
- District Court Judges Karama Hawkins Calloway and Raul Martinez
- North City Water District Commissioner Patty Hale

I'd also like to recognize Chris Esh from Governor Jay Inslee's office; Megan Utemei from Senator Patty Murray's office; and Marielle Trumbauer from Representative Pramila Jayapal's office.

Now I would like to recognize my colleagues on the Shoreline City Council. I am proud of the work that we do as a Council. We can debate challenging topics and make tough decisions knowing that we are all working in the best interest of this community that we love. Please stand when I call your name.

- Deputy Mayor Betsy Robertson
- Councilmembers:
  - Doris Fujioka McConnell;
  - Chris Roberts;
  - Laura Mork;
  - Eben Pabee; and
  - John Ramsdell.

I would like to recognize our new City Manager Bristol Ellington. This is his first State of the City event in Shoreline.

Bristol started his job in a literal snowstorm last November and since then has brought his own flurry of activity, getting to know the city and the amazing people who live and work here. If you haven't had a chance to meet him, be sure to introduce yourself later. We are excited to have him as our city manager.

And, as always, I would like to recognize the dedication and hard work of our city staff.

## **Introduction of Theme**

**[slide 2]** The point of a State of the City speech is to inform; to let you know what Shoreline has been up to, our successes and our challenges. To shed a little light on what is to come in the near future, as well as to call out programs and events that have had a memorable impact.

Our theme this year is "Healthy Community, Safe Community." Over the past several years, we have truly come to understand that when we think of public safety, we can't just think of police and the court system. To have a safe community, you must have a healthy community. A healthy community is one that takes care of its most vulnerable residents, where

everyone can live affordably, that has a thriving business community, and where all people feel heard and respected.

## **PAST YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**[slide 3]** To start, I want to do something a little different and just read some of our day-to-day accomplishments from 2022. In other words, I'm going to bury you in numbers. And if my words aren't enough, there will be even more detail on the slides.

- **[slide 4]** We processed over 6,000 permit applications and development permits. This includes construction permits with almost \$700 million in construction valuation. Shoreline is growing, and our planning staff is running at breakneck speed.
- **[slide 5]** Last year, we received our 100th film permit application under streamlined processes adopted in 2019. In 2022 we fielded a record 28 film project inquiries resulting in a record 17 productions in Shoreline, including popular HBO and Discovery Channel series.

- **[slide 6]** We were awarded over \$23 million in grant funding for capital projects including \$16 million for the 148th Non-Motorized Bridge project and \$5 million for Phase 1 of the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project.
- **[click]** We were also awarded Conservation Futures Tax grants that allowed us to complete the purchase of five properties to add to the City's park system – one being the property just west of the 192<sup>nd</sup> park & ride, and four properties adjacent to Rotary Park.
- **[slide 7]** We collected almost \$3 million in Transportation Impact Fees and \$360,000 in park impact fees.
- **[slide 8]** We expanded our electric vehicle fleet and added an electric mower for our grounds maintenance crew.
- **[click]** We planted over 135 native conifers in our parks and conducted weekly volunteer-led invasive vegetation removal events in our park system, resulting in 1.9 restored acres.

- **[slide 9]** We also gave away 119 trees to residents as part of our Communi-trees program. And, through a joint program between the City, Sound Transit, and the King County Conservation District, over 200 trees and 1,100 shrubs and groundcovers have been planted in 118 properties along the light rail corridor.
- **[slide 10]** We removed 238 instances of graffiti from signs and public infrastructure; performed 2.5 lane miles of crack sealing pavement preservation; and patched 1,333 potholes.
- **[slide 11]** We completed the renovation of four park restrooms and supported the installation of a new restroom at Hillwood Park funded by the Shoreline School District as part of the Einstein Middle School renovation.
- **[slide 12]** We investigated and managed nearly 500 new code enforcement cases while closing over 300 cases. We triaged and managed over 5,000 service requests related to city property, right-of-way, and City assets.

- **[slide 13]** We tagged over 1,300 unauthorized vehicles with impound warning notifications in the City's right-of-way and impounded 83.
- **[slide 14]** And finally, we processed 742 public disclosure requests –a record.

That's just some of our accomplishments from last year. City staff are busy!

**[slide 15]** Other accomplishments from last year include two successful ballot measures. In February we passed a \$38.5 million parks bond measure with almost 70% of voters voting to approve it. And we passed a levy lid lift in November with 63% of voters voting to approve it. Shoreline voters understand the importance of investing in their community.

**[slide 16]** And even in the face of unprecedented inflation and concerns about a potential recession, the City continues to maintain a healthy financial position. The \$361 million biennial budget passed last year keeps priority services intact, and addresses and balances furthering Council goals and community priorities. These include addressing the highest



priorities selected in the 2022 Resident Satisfaction Survey, which are the overall response to homelessness, the overall quality of human services offered by the City, and the overall quality of police services.

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

**[slide 17]** Most of us here today rarely need to worry about whether we'll have a roof over our heads at night. Unfortunately, for far too many in Shoreline that is a real concern.

### **Housing**

**[slide 18]** Over the coming year, we will work on many different issues affecting our community, but one of the most important and pressing is homelessness and housing. Our focus includes those who are currently unhoused; those just exiting homelessness or on the verge of homelessness; affordable housing; middle housing; and our MUR zones around the light rail stations.

**[slide 19]** We will continue to collaborate with our north King County partners and with the King County Regional

Homelessness Authority to address the needs of the unhoused in our community.

In December, we entered an interlocal agreement to consolidate funding for homelessness services in north King County among Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville, and the Regional Homelessness Authority. We will implement this over the next two biennium.

While this financial contribution is important and essential, there are other ways the City has stepped up to help address this regional issue. We actively supported the opening in Shoreline of the only 24/7 enhanced shelter in north King County and provided the land and support for the construction of the permanent supportive housing project at 198<sup>th</sup> and Aurora, which Catholic Housing Services expects to open later this summer.

**[slide 20]** Opened for two years now, The Oaks Enhanced Shelter, operated by Lake City Partners, has helped address a desperate need in our region. As the only 24/7 shelter in north King County, it provides individuals respite and stability from

the stressors of living without secure shelter. The Oaks, quite simply, works. It focuses on providing safe short-term housing while at the same time identifying and addressing every resident's individual challenges in being successful in long-term housing. For example, if someone doesn't have an ID, Oaks staff will help them get one. Mental health challenges? There are social workers on staff that will assist. Lake City Partners also provides outreach and diversion work out of The Oaks to address the needs of those on the waiting list who aren't yet in the shelter. A dedicated staff member is out in the community meeting with homeless people where they are, working with police and other providers, to help get people into housing as soon as possible.

**[slide 21]** A total of 82 individuals stayed at the shelter and received services in 2022. About one-third of the clients had a disability, and about half said they had been homeless more than 12 months in the past three years. Additionally, the homeless outreach program responded to 112 requests for outreach from City staff.

Of the individuals served last year, either in the shelter or through the outreach program, 89 reported having their last address in Shoreline. Of those 89, 34 stayed at the shelter and 55 received help through the outreach program.

I would like to share with you a success story from The Oaks of a woman, and her adult children, who have struggled with homelessness and substance use disorder and were fleeing domestic violence. This woman and her daughter came to The Oaks about 14 months ago. The daughter had recently lost custody of her infant child. In the following months, they were able to stabilize, address their substance use disorder issues, and the daughter was able to engage in the activities needed to begin a pathway to having her child back again.

After about six months they were both making notable progress in their work with case managers and the various other agencies they were involved with. They both were able to re-enter the workforce through Lake City Partners' partnership with Deseret Industries.

About three months ago, the daughter was able to move out into her own studio apartment and regain custody of her child. Around the same time the mother was able to change jobs to join the downtown Seattle 'ambassadors' program that works with homelessness outreach teams from LEAD and Regional Homelessness Authority where she is now in a supervisory position.

In a final note, the opportunity of stability and support that has transformed their situation continues to bear fruit as the woman's son is now staying at The Oaks. We anticipate both of them will move into their own housing in the coming months.

Lake City Partners continues to be a dependable partner and a good neighbor. The Oaks staff have been responsive to concerns and addressed issues as they have arisen, helping to support a safe and healthy community for everyone.

**[slide 22]** As individuals become stable in the shelter, they need a place to go. One such place is permanent supportive housing.

Half of the residents living at the 100-unit permanent supportive housing project Catholic Housing Services is building at Aurora and 198<sup>th</sup> will be at or below 30% of the Area Median Income, or AMI, and the other half will be at or below 50% AMI. To put that in context, the AMI for King County is \$146,500 for a family of four.

Many of the residents will be exiting homelessness and receiving services from Catholic Community Services in partnership with King County. Catholic Housing Services will have staff onsite 24 hours a day, seven days a week to quickly respond to residents' needs.

King County and Catholic Housing Services hope to open the facility later this summer.

**[slide 23]** Keeping housing affordable is one of the reasons why we are excited to see new development around our two future light rail stations. The Mixed-Use Residential zones near the stations allow for the greatest density in the city. In our most-dense zone, MUR 70, we require that each building keep 20% of the units affordable to those making 80% or less of AMI.

That's not a request or an incentive; it's a requirement. And I'm proud of the fact that we are one of the few jurisdictions that require those units to be located within each building, rather than located in a different part of the city.

And while development around our light rail stations is important, it is still not sufficient to meet our needs. We still need to look at other housing options to help ensure we have the right housing, at the right price, for anyone that wants to live in Shoreline regardless of income level.

One of our ongoing challenges is that a significant portion of our single-family homes are three bedrooms and up, well-suited for larger households. But those homes are high-priced, making it difficult to establish a foothold. And the new construction, for the most part, is one- or two-bedroom units, well-suited for individuals or couples, but difficult for larger family groups. So, if you're a developer and listening this morning... call to action.

**[slide 24]** The state legislature passed a missing middle housing bill during this year's legislative session that will

require cities to allow duplexes and fourplexes in most neighborhoods throughout the state. We are reviewing these new regulations and what the impact will be on Shoreline, but we are also going to continue with a middle housing study that we began earlier this year.

We are studying options to allow middle housing throughout Shoreline, with a focus on low density residential areas.

## **Behavioral Health**

**[slide 25]** In addition to housing, we will also continue to focus on human services, which includes our response to the behavioral health needs of our community. Across the state, communities have struggled with how to address our lack of facilities for people experiencing behavioral health crisis. All too often, we have relied on the police to address this health issue, which means we are sending people who need help to jail or emergency rooms, neither of which are equipped to deliver the care they need.



Shoreline has joined with other north King County cities to address this issue. Shoreline's innovative RADAR program, which helped police connect individuals in crisis with mental health navigators, expanded to include the four other north King County cities. The expanded program allowed mental health professionals to co-respond with police to individuals in crisis.

We have now expanded the program once again to create a separate agency. The Regional Crisis Response Agency, or RCR, will allow 24/7 response to individuals in crisis anywhere in the five participating cities.

The next step in the continuum of care after responding to someone in crisis is finding a place for them to go. We recently joined with our partner cities in announcing the siting of a new multi-service crisis response center dedicated to serving the behavioral health needs of community members across north and northeast King County.

Together with the national 988 Crisis Lifeline and RCR, the new crisis response center fills a void of coordinated behavioral

health care in King County by providing community members in crisis with three important resources: someone to call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go.

Here to share more about how RCR and the new crisis center will allow us to serve even more people in our community, making for a healthier, safer community for everyone is the Executive Director of RCR Brook [Bit-ner] Buettner. She was with us last year as the project manager for the RADAR program. Her amazing work on that program made her a natural choice for this new role.

**[slide 26] [BROOK BUETTNER SPEAKS]**

- *RADAR history in Shoreline*
- *The Regional Crisis Response Agency*
- *What we do*
  - *Crisis de-escalation on in-progress calls*
  - *Follow up after law enforcement encounter*
- *Voices of lived experience*

- *What the future looks like- someone to call, someone to respond, somewhere to go*
- *Behavioral health as a first response*

***[MAYOR WALKS BACK TO PODIUM]***

## **Guiding Documents**

**[slide 27]** Shoreline takes pride in its approach to thoughtful policy making. Engaging the community and stakeholders is a cornerstone in developing master plans and guiding documents. These documents help guide policy making and the implementation of various departmental work plans that are meant to serve the general welfare, safety and aspirations of the people of the City.

## **Comp Plan update**

**[slide 28]** The City's Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year plan that articulates the community's vision and reflects community values. We are currently updating our Comp Plan.

The goals and policies included in the Plan will guide the City's future decision-making and how we maintain or improve facilities and services for a growing city.

Shoreline has changed significantly since incorporation. About 63% of Shoreline residents own their homes, while 36% are people who rent. As our housing mix changes, the number of people who rent will continue to grow.

We're also seeing changes in the demographics of our residents: 32% of Shoreline residents identify as a Person of Color, 25% were born outside of the US, and 27% speak a language other than English at home. These are quite different demographics than when we incorporated as a city back in 1995.

As we work through updating the Comp Plan, we will look at each decision through three lenses: Equity and Social Justice; Climate; and Housing.

**[slide 29]** In addition to the Comp Plan, we are also in the process of updating, or have recently completed updates to, our Climate Action Plan; our Urban Forest Strategic Plan and

the Green Shoreline 20-Year Forest Management Plan; our Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Arts Plan; and our first Human Services Strategic Plan.

## **Economic health**

**[slide 30]** Let's now turn to the economic health of our community. Through the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned that our small business community, while very vulnerable, was also incredibly resilient. From the early days of the pandemic, it was clear that small businesses were going to endure the worst of the economic impact, and we very quickly learned those impacts were falling disproportionately on business owners of disadvantaged backgrounds. Throughout all levels of government and community organizations, there was an all-hands-on-deck effort to support small businesses.

**[slide 31]** The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce is an all-volunteer organization that rose to the occasion, emerging as the City's crucial partner from day one. To support that resiliency and the goods and services we all rely on, and—let's

not forget—the jobs that power the local economy, the City contracted for small business outreach with the Shoreline Chamber.

The Shoreline Chamber hired local community leader Selam Habte to do this work and the results have been tremendous. Selam has met with hundreds of small businesses, representing a wide diversity of business owners. She has quietly been building rapport, identifying challenges and opportunities, and connecting them with resources within the City and among our partner organizations.

Because of Selam’s work, the City is more connected to its remarkably diverse small business community than ever before. One of the key insights to this partnership with Selam and the Chamber was the need for expert advising. I am proud to say we have followed that recommendation, working with our partners at the Chamber and Shoreline *Community* College to open North King County’s first ever Small Business Development Center in April of this year.

Now, I’d like to invite Selam to say a few words.

**[slide 32] [SELAM HABTE SPEAKS]**

- *Recover from covid impact*
- *Making Connections*
- *Sharing Resources*

**[MAYOR RETURNS TO THE PODIUM]**

**[slide 33]** Last year at this time we talked about how when light rail begins service it would be in a community transformed. Now, with that service less than a year away, we already see how major public and private investment is reshaping our built environment. This transformation is helping to increase the supply and diversity of housing choices in Shoreline. And, by strategically growing our population in dense, walkable, transit-oriented-developments, it is helping support our commercial areas with new shops, restaurants, and services.

**[slide 34]** We know Shoreline is a great place to invest, not just in more housing but also in increasing our commercial space. That's why we recently adopted interim regulations

requiring developers to build more ground floor commercial space in multi-family developments in the city. This will help ensure that the services people want will be available as our population grows.

**[slide 35]** A great example of this is Shoreline Place, where more than ten years of program and policy work laid the groundwork for Merlone Geier's transformation of the former Sears site. This summer, several new food and drink establishments and other services will take occupancy in two new retail buildings forming the new gateway at 155th and Westminster Way. We will also see a new tree-lined street across the middle of the site connecting the lower and upper portions of Shoreline Place.

**[slide 36]** At the Shoreline North light rail station, Kinect is rising above the station platform. Once completed next year, the mixed-use project will include two commercial spaces, one fronting onto the station itself, and one on 8th Avenue, with six floors above containing 266 apartments. The project will include affordable housing through a combination of our



mandatory minimum affordability requirements in the light rail station areas and the City's Multifamily Property Tax Exemption incentive, which boosts affordable housing within the project to 20% of its units.

**[slide 37]** The first project west of I-5 in the MUR-70 zone around the Shoreline South light rail station is The Line, an eight-story, 241-unit mixed-use project. Taking advantage of the City's Transportation Impact Fee exemption for certain commercial uses, the project will have ground-floor commercial space fronting onto the soon to be improved 145<sup>th</sup> corridor. It will also create a needed midblock connection for pedestrians and bicycles.

**[slide 38]** City code requires developers to construct frontage improvements, which encourage pedestrian and bicycle access through the area. As the area redevelops, we will coordinate investments in midblock connections, as well as other potential strategies, to ease the loading of traffic into neighborhoods and to expand the accessibility and efficiency of travel through the area. We are currently conducting a

connectivity study to look at how best to connect these new developments with our neighborhoods. It will come before the Planning Commission and Council later this year.

**[slide 39]** We are also working closely with developers to realize the community's vision of lively urban centers with parks. One such possibility is using the Seattle City Light power corridor near Rotary Park. We are working with Seattle City Light to develop an interlocal agreement for joint use of this area like we did with the Interurban Trail. We have acquired three parcels of land adjacent to Rotary Park and the power corridor for dedicated park and open space. With future development surrounding the area adding ground-floor commercial space, it could turn into a vibrant, green open space bordered by restaurants and other commercial activities.

Unfortunately, we must temper all this good news with the current uncertainty in our financial markets. There may be changes coming to the pace of development throughout the region. The financial turmoil we have all read about in the news has already impacted investments slated in Shoreline, with

several major projects losing their financing amid economic uncertainty.

We are working closely with our customers at the permit counter and in collaboration with utilities and other partners to do everything we can to keep these projects on track for those that still have a pathway to closing on their financing. For those that have lost their financing, we are working on extensions to their permits as needed, recognizing the unprecedented combination of the continuing housing crisis in our region and the pullback of the capital markets in new housing construction.

However, while concerning, I believe these will be temporary setbacks. Shoreline will continue to be a good place to invest. As capital markets improve, we will be in a good position to take advantage of that recovery.

## **SAFE COMMUNITY**

**[slide 40]** I will now turn it over to our city manager Bristol Ellington who will talk about how we are creating a safe community through infrastructure improvements, responsive

public safety, and being a place where everyone feels welcome and included.

***[CITY MANAGER WALKS TO PODIUM]***

## **Infrastructure**

**[slide 41]** Thank you Mayor.

Part of creating a safe community is ensuring that we maintain and make the necessary improvements to our public infrastructure. We can't succeed and thrive as a community if our infrastructure is falling apart. We have set an ambitious, yet prudent, capital improvement program that will make sure Shoreline is ready for the future.

## **2022 Parks Bond Projects**

**[slide 42]** Previous investments have created a great park system. We know that change is coming to Shoreline and parks, open spaces, and recreation opportunities play a critical role in what the City is becoming.

As the mayor said earlier, Shoreline voters continue to support their park system. Passage of the 2022 Park Bond will

enable us to make significant improvements to five parks, and amenity improvements to three others. We are also investing in public art and parkland acquisitions.

We will begin construction on the first three projects, Ridgecrest and Shoreview Parks and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, later this fall. We expect to complete all park improvements by December 2024.

### **City Maintenance Facilities**

**[slide 43]** Since 1996, the City's Parks, Public Works and other maintenance crews have shared space at Hamlin Yard. Our maintenance needs have grown over time, and Hamlin Yard can no longer serve these needs safely and efficiently. To address this issue, the City has begun work to distribute the maintenance facility operations among four properties –Hamlin Yard; the Linden Maintenance Facility, which is the former

Ronald Wastewater District site; the North Maintenance Facility; and the Ballinger Maintenance Facility.

We are midway through construction of the improvements to the Ballinger Facility and plan to complete it later this fall. We will improve the other sites as funding becomes available.

## **Sidewalks**

We are working on several projects to improve pedestrian safety in Shoreline.

### **Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project**

**[slide 44]** The sidewalk rehabilitation program supports repair and replacement of existing sidewalks. We prioritize projects based on our ADA Transition Plan, which considers the severity of sidewalk damage and the need for accessibility in that location. We fund this program through the City's \$20 annual vehicle license fee.

We will begin two sidewalk rehabilitation projects this summer on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 5th Avenue NE.

These projects will primarily involve repairing sidewalk panels that have lifted because of tree root growth. We will also upgrade all curb ramps and stormwater grates within the project areas to ensure they meet current standards and aren't barriers to people with mobility issues.

### **2018 Voter-Approved sidewalks program**

**[slide 45]** As part of the 2018 voter-approved sidewalk program, we will be constructing a new sidewalk along 20th Avenue NW. We will build the sidewalk on one side of the street and will connect to existing sidewalks at the entrance of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

### **1st Avenue NE Sidewalks (N 145th Street to N 155th Street)**

**[slide 46]** The City is receiving \$2 million in Sound Transit Access Funds to spend on pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of the future light rail station at 148th. We will use these funds to build new sidewalks along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 145<sup>th</sup> and 155<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The area around 1st Avenue has seen, and will continue to see, new housing developments making it a key access point to

the light rail station connecting to and from the 145th Street corridor, the future 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge, and a bicycle network.

### **Citywide Pedestrian Safety Project**

**[slide 47]** In addition to these sidewalk projects, we will also work on a City-wide pedestrian safety project that will install pedestrian-activated rapid flashing beacons and add radar speed signs around the city.

### **145th Street Corridor Project and I-5 Interchange Project**

**[slide 48]** Later this year, we will go out for bid on the combined construction of Phase 1 of the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Project and the I-5 Interchange Project. By combining the two projects for construction, we will minimize the impacts to the community and shorten the overall construction period.

The focus of the 145th Street and I-5 Interchange Project is improving intersection safety, reducing traffic congestion, enhancing mobility, and creating better access to pedestrian and bicyclists moving along 145th Street and access to the future light rail station.



We expect construction to begin early next year.

### **148th Non-Motorized Bridge**

**[slide 49]** We will soon begin construction on the east landing of the 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge, which one day will cross I-5, enabling folks to safely, quickly, and easily access the light rail station while leaving their cars at home.

And while this bridge is a great transportation project, its real benefit is that it brings another seventy acres of upzoned land within walking distance of the light rail station.

By bringing more than seventy acres of the new urban neighborhood into walking distance of light rail, the bridge will help foster the development of thousands of new housing units, including hundreds of affordable units that we require as part of development in our MUR 45 and MUR 70 zones.

For an investment of \$39 million, primarily from federal, state, and county sources, the Bridge will bring thousands of new residences within a half-mile of a regional transit system. Countless others will be served through improved bicycle and pedestrian connections from Puget Sound to Lake Washington.

## Light rail and BRT

**[slide 50]** Ten years ago, Shoreline held its first State of the City event. Rachael Markle, our Planning and Community Development Director, spoke about the zoning changes that we would be considering around the light rail stations and what light rail would mean for Shoreline when it opened. At the time, it was all a dream of what could be.

Today, we see that dream being realized. Light rail construction will wrap up later this year and Sound Transit will begin testing trains.

Construction of the improvements for Bus Rapid Transit along 145th and Bothell Way will begin later this year. It too will soon be a reality.

These investments in transit have already been transformative for Shoreline. Bold planning over the past ten years has ensured that Shoreline will be well placed to meet the future. We have ensured that growth here in Shoreline will primarily occur around transit. In addition to creating dense walkable communities that will support small local businesses,

it also helps us in our fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by getting people out of their cars and by creating greener, more energy efficient buildings.

## **Police**

**[slide 51]** Now we will turn from infrastructure to public safety. As the mayor stated earlier, we can't have a safe community without having a healthy community. We are committed to creating that healthy community and working with our law enforcement partners to ensure that they aren't working alone when it comes to public safety. We can no longer place so many of societies burdens on them and expect good outcomes. We expect a lot from our Police and demand that they serve this diverse community with honor and respect for every individual. And I believe they do. I believe we should be proud of the officers that serve this community.

Former City Manager Debbie Tarry appointed Kelly Park as Shoreline's new Police Chief in September of last year. She has been a real asset to the City; we are fortunate to have her. Chief Park has over 20 years of experience with the King County

Sheriff's Office serving in many different roles. It's my pleasure to introduce Chief Park.

***[CHIEF PARK SPEAKS]***

Thank you, Bristol, for that kind introduction. And thank you for entrusting me with the honor of serving Shoreline as your Police Chief.

As Bristol mentioned, I have over 20 years of service with the King County Sheriff's Office. Much of that service has been in the City of Shoreline, where I worked as a new officer, a patrol sergeant, the operations and administrative captain, and now as your chief.

Policing has evolved significantly over my twenty years of service. We are better equipped and better trained than we ever have been. And despite significant staffing lows across our department, which is not unique to Shoreline, our officers have responded to over 6000 calls for service this year alone, consistently beating the national average response times for priority calls. In the past few months, our detectives have built strong investigations resulting in the seizures of millions of

dollars worth of illegal dangerous drugs and weapons. I am proud of the work Shoreline Police officers do on a daily basis. Our work is not easy, but the people that serve in the Shoreline Police Department are dedicated to making Shoreline a safe community for everyone.

I have addressed some of our staffing vacancies by creating a direct path for training officers to become permanent members of our team. This has been a heavy lift for our police trainers but worth it. As new officers successfully complete their training, we are quickly transitioning them into the department to relieve some of our senior officers and detectives from patrol duty, which they have had to take on due to vacancies. This includes promoting two detectives and out SET Det. Sergeant. We will next start filling our traffic unit vacancies, adding a DUI emphasis, and hopefully have our second captain onboard before the end of the year. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the past year as we have dealt with significant vacancies and can only imagine what we can accomplish as a full team.

I have made community outreach and building partnerships with the people we serve a priority for our department. We know there is a lot of distrust of law enforcement right now. That is why building relationships and improving trust are so important. And not just for those of us at the top, but for all our officers. Every day, they are in the community, working with all people across the spectrum of society and they know that trust is critical to the work they do. We can not do our job effectively without legitimacy and the trust of the people they serve. So we are always striving to do better and to ensure that every single contact that we make every single day is a chance to make a positive impact and change in our community.

We strive every single day to partner with the people we serve through creative and problem-solving efforts to reduce crime and to ensure everyone feels safe and welcome in our city. That work has involved tough conversations with our community leaders and with residents. It is not enough for us to show what we are doing right; we also need to talk about

what we can do better. To me, this is such an important part of being a healthy community because we should always be looking for ways to improve our service. We welcome efforts to bring alternatives to policing into the public safety discussion... to think creatively and work collaboratively to address some of the toughest issues in our community.

Shoreline is a very special place. I am so grateful for the support of our city council, the city manager, and city staff. I am honored to be your police chief.

***[CITY MANAGER WALKS BACK TO PODIUM]***

### **Inclusive and Welcoming City**

**[slide 52]** Finally, I'd like to end by highlighting our continuing efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive city.

An important part of that work is community engagement. That is why we are excited to introduce CityLearn, the next step in resident engagement through a monthly series of hybrid meetings open to everyone who lives and/or works in Shoreline.

By opening up CityLearn to anyone who is interested in attending, we hope to engage with more diverse groups of residents. Since 2017, we have had 130 graduates of our eight-week CityWise program. Many of these graduates have become deeply involved in our community. CityLearn is an opportunity for those individuals, and anyone else who is interested, to continue to engage and learn about City issues.

CityLearn meetings will have Council updates and feature presentations about timely issues from City staff and partner organizations. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions and to discuss issues. CityLearn begins in September 2023.

Another essential part of becoming a welcoming and inclusive city is building an anti-racist community. While we have seen pushback across the country against this type of work, we will not back away from it. We are committed to undoing all the ways racism continues in individual, institutional, and structural levels by changing policies, behaviors, and beliefs. We will continue to work to co-create a



vision with the community to ensure that Shoreline is an inviting, equitable, and safe community for all.

I will now turn it back over to the Mayor to wrap up.

***[MAYOR WALKS TO THE PODIUM]***

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Summer events**

**[slide 53]** Before we close, I must make a plug for summer. We are excited to see another summer of fun events in Shoreline!

Whether it's a lunchtime concert, Karaoke in the park, Celebrate Shoreline, or one of the other amazing opportunities available this summer, there is something for everyone!

You can find out more about summer events from the handouts on the table or on our website at [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov).

### **Thank you**

**[slide 54]** This morning we've discussed many of the different ways the City is working to make this a healthy, safe

community for everyone. We hope that you will join us in our efforts.

Thank you again for coming today and we look forward to working with all of you!