

Mayor Gives Keys to the City to Councilmembers



At the Regular City Council Meeting on December 10, Mayor Sitterley gave Keys to the City to former Councilmember Stanley Tombs and outgoing Councilmember Rick Forschler. Before the presentation, fellow Councilmembers took time to compliment Tombs and Forschler for their collective work for the City. Thanks to both members for their contributions and service to the residents of SeaTac.



Abandoned Homeless Camps and Bicycle Jumps at Des Moines Creek Park



The Port of Seattle alerted SeaTac Parks about a couple of abandoned homeless camps within a remote location of Des Moines Creek Park. Due to the nature of items discovered at each camp and safety of parks staff, the city will be soliciting bids to clean up and haul away items.

In addition, an unauthorized BMX jump course was discovered in close proximity to the camps. Staff will be removing the course next week.

Detectives Arrest Two in a Series of Armed Robberies

On Friday, December 6th, detectives from the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Major Crimes Unit and the Seattle Police Department's Robbery Unit arrested an 18-year-old male and a 17-year-old male at two separate locations in West Seattle. It is believed that the two suspects arrested are responsible for approximately a dozen armed robberies in West Seattle, Ballard, SeaTac, Burien and White Center over the past several weeks.

Detectives developed information about the possible suspects and made the arrests on Friday afternoon. During the arrest, investigators found a .38 caliber revolver in the 18-year-old suspect's pocket.

Following the arrests, the suspects were booked into the King County Jail and Youth Services Center.

In many of the robberies, victims and witnesses reported multiple suspects, and detectives expect to make additional arrests. This remains an active and on-going joint investigation between SPD and KCSO.



Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies – Applications Are Being Accepted

Want to be more involved with the City of SeaTac? Want to provide a valuable service to your community and be more informed about City business? Let your voice be heard! Consider joining a Citizen Advisory Committee.

The following Citizen Advisory Committees have vacancies with applications accepted until positions are filled:

- Community Services Advisory Committee
- Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee
 - *(Person involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the Lodging Tax)*
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Sidewalk Advisory Committee



If you are interested in serving on a committee and would like to download an application, visit the City's [website](#), or contact the City Clerk at 206.973.4661 or cityclerk@seatacwa.gov.

All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Solid Waste Fee Increase On Its Way



Every year the City of SeaTac's solid waste contract allows for a cost of living adjustment equal to 75% of the CPI-W. This year that amount is a 1.26% rate increase. King County is also implementing a Hazardous Waste fee increase from \$4.99/ton to \$5.25/ton. The total solid waste fee increase will be \$1.61 per month for the average resident that has a 96-gallon garbage container.

All SeaTac Recology customers will soon be receiving an updated service guide that includes the new rates and information about what can and cannot be recycled. If you have any questions, please contact Mason Giem, Public Works Program Coordinator, at (206) 973-4763 or email him at mgiem@seatacwa.gov.

empty, clean, and dry.

Thank you for recycling, and please remember; all recycling must be

Public Works Project Updates

Military Road South and South 152nd Street

Improvements for this road reconstruction and safety project include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, upgraded and interconnected signalization with pedestrian crossings, construction of a right turn lane on Eastbound South 152nd Street, and the elimination of the skewed intersection at Tukwila International Boulevard and Military Road South. **Johansen Construction Company started construction on June 24. Current work includes installation of underground infrastructure to support power, cable, and telecommunications services.**

Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street Intersection

Improvements for this intersection include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, a new traffic signal system with pedestrian crossings, left turn lanes for all approaches, and construction of a right turn lane on westbound South 200th Street. **Rodarte Construction was awarded the construction contract at the September 24 Regular Council Meeting. Construction is scheduled to start on October 28. Lane closures will be in effect starting November 4.**

34th Avenue South Project

This “Safe Routes to School” project includes construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, and underground conversion of aerial utilities. **Design and right-of-way acquisition are ongoing. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2020.**

South 200th Street Shared-Use Path

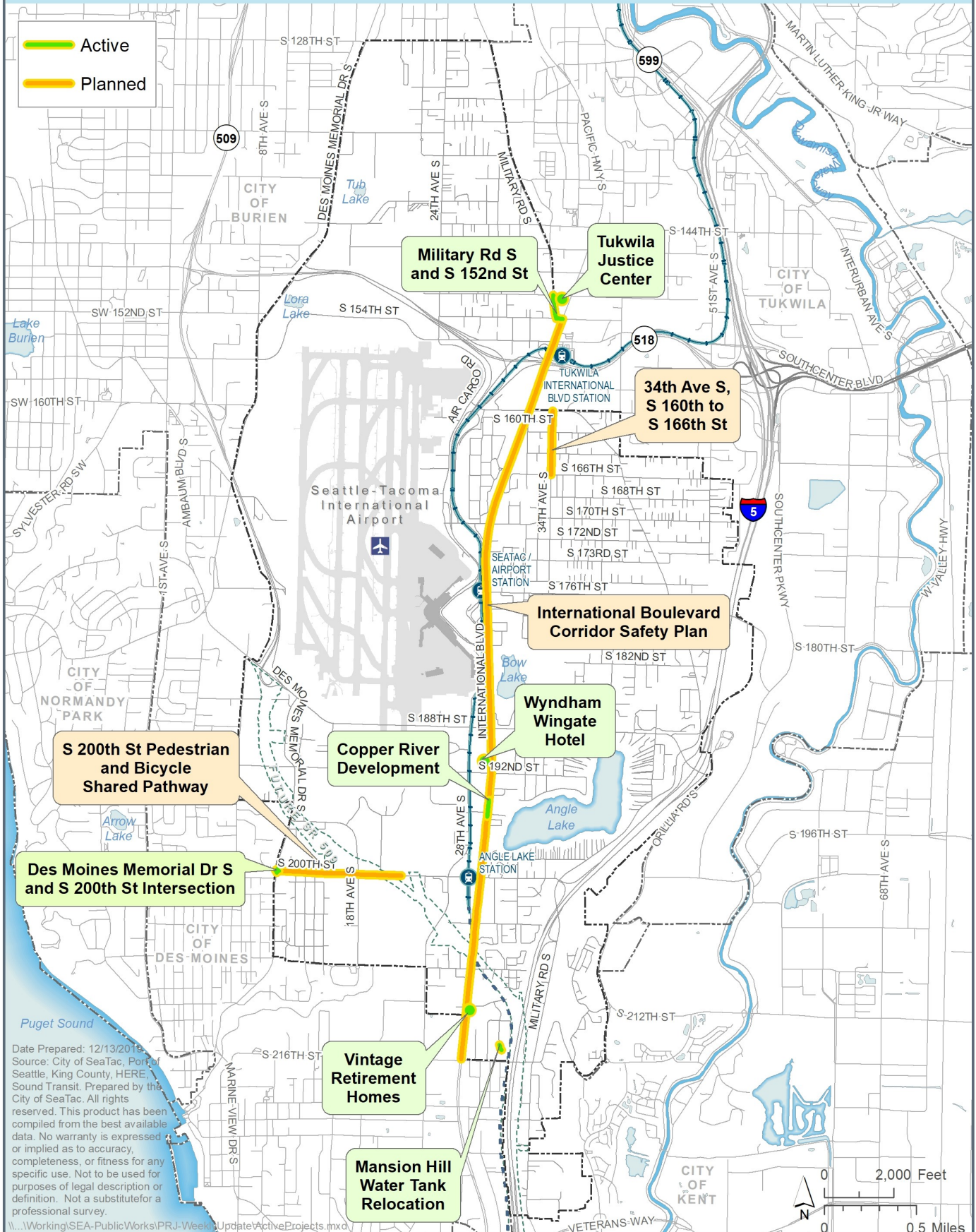
This project includes building a new separated shared-use path along South 200th Street between 12th Place South and the Des Moines Creek Trailhead. The project will provide pedestrian connections to street improvements that will be constructed at the intersection of Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street, and a connection to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities accessing the Angle Lake Light Rail Station. **Design and right-of-way acquisition are in progress. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2020.**

See Project Map on [Page 13](#).

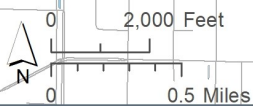
Project Locations



- Active
- Planned



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Des Moines Memorial Drive South & South 200th Street Intersection Improvement



The City of SeaTac Public Works Department is partnering with the City of Des Moines to improve the intersection at Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street. The construction project will begin on Monday, October 28, and is estimated to be completed by the end of December, 2020.

Starting Monday, November 4, and throughout the construction period, crews will be shutting down lanes along Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street. Single lane closures will be between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. However, some nighttime work is expected.

Drivers are advised to find alternate routes during the entire construction period to avoid backups as these lane closures will impact drivers who utilize this stretch of roadway.

The City will be upgrading the roadways with multiple safety improvements for vehicle traffic and pedestrians. The City will be installing:

- A new traffic signal and traffic detection system at the intersection that will alert the signal when cars are waiting, which will improve traffic flow
- Left turn pockets which will improve the flow of traffic and make it safer to make left turns
- New sidewalks, concrete gutters, and curb ramps for wheelchairs and bicyclists
- New bike lanes to create a separation between cyclists and car traffic
- Crosswalks and curb ramps at the intersection to make it easier for people to cross the street safely
- New push-button crosswalk signals at the intersection to meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards
- Installation of new street lights to improve driver and pedestrian visibility
- The addition of retaining walls to prevent roadway damage due to flooding and soil erosion
- Driveway improvements to create better access in and out of businesses and resident homes

Additionally, crews will be undergrounding utilities and replacing and upgrading the stormwater infrastructure. New catch basins will be installed along with larger replacement stormwater pipes. These upgrades will improve stormwater flow and limit the amount of flooding along the roadway during heavy rainfall.

King County Metro will relocate the pair of bus stops in this intersection for most of the project. However, there will be times when these stops may need to close to allow crews to complete improvements. Please visit [King County Metro](https://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/metro) for additional information regarding impacts to Routes 122 and 156.

For more information on this project, please contact Engineering Manager Kamal Mahmoud, P.E., at (206) 973-4742 or kmahmoud@seatacwa.gov.


VIA Transit Option



King County Metro, Sound Transit, and City of Seattle launched a new on-demand shuttle service called [Via to Transit](#) that will make it more convenient to take transit in southeast Seattle and Tukwila.

Residents can use the Via app or call 206.258.7739 to hail a ride to and from [five Link light rail stations](#) (Mount Baker, Columbia City, Othello, Rainier Beach, and Tukwila International Boulevard) where they can board a bus or a Link train. Payment with an ORCA card is accepted, and will automatically apply as a transfer toward a trip on a bus or train.

For the full article on this, please click [here](#).

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