



2019 Holiday of Hope



Saturday, December 14, was the annual Holiday of Hope event. Event organizers were able to provide coats, shoes, hats, scarves and toys for 600 needy kids in the SeaTac area. If you haven't ever been to this event, it is an amazing day.

The Highline School District and the SeaTac Human Services Department collected over \$15,000 this year and with this money, was able to purchase more than 1,200 gifts. School staff identifies which families are in need. The parents are invited to come and shop for their family and select two gifts per child along with stocking stuffers, coats, hats and more. There is a wrapping station where parents can wrap their gifts and take them home to put under the tree. For those who participate, the event is very heartwarming.

City Steps Up to Help Victims Displaced by Apartment Fire

On Saturday, November 30, an apartment complex caught fire and 10 units were damaged with one resident dying in the fire. The Red Cross gave out \$300 worth of vouchers to each family displaced in order to meet the displaced families emergency needs. SeaTac Human Services staff reached out to each family and provided the displaced families a three-day food box, hotel vouchers, bus tickets, school backpacks, Safeway Cards and warm clothes. Four families were also provided move-in assistance to help relocate into new homes.

The son and daughter of the deceased victim were given \$1,000 along with a generous donation from Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee which helped cover funeral services. In addition, the Red Cross and the Human Services Department worked together to provide airline tickets for the surviving family members bring their mother back to her hometown.

Overall, eighteen kids were affected by the fire and Holiday of Hope was able to take care of their needs for the holidays.

Casino Donates 800 Holiday Dinners for Needy SeaTac Families

The Silver Dollar Casino has changed ownership and is now The Maverick. The new owners are giving back to the SeaTac community by giving the City 200 dinner vouchers to distribute to those in need. The Dinner will be held on Monday, December 23, from 3 PM-7 PM. The SeaTac Police Department and the SeaTac Human Services Department will give out the vouchers to families in need. Those with vouchers will need to bring them to the parking lot of the Casino and they will be given a dinner for four.

SEA Visitor Pass returns to Sea-Tac Airport to Allow Post-Security Visits for Non-Travelers



Hugging grandpa the minute he gets off a plane, catching up with your childhood friend on a layover, spending precious moments with your daughter before her deployment, or surprising someone with flowers at the gate because you can't wait another minute — all of these opportunities, and others, will now be available every day for a limited amount of non-ticketed visitors as the [SEA Visitor Pass](#) returns to Seattle-Tacoma International

Airport.

Beginning today, up to 100 non-ticketed visitors will be approved to go post-security between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. seven days a week. Guests can [apply online](#) for the SEA Visitor Pass the same day you want to enter or up to seven days in advance, until the day's maximum limit has been met.

“ I am incredibly excited to announce that SEA Visitor Pass is back,” says Lance Lyttle, Managing Director of SEA Airport. “SEA Visitor Pass opens the doors of our airport to families, friends, and guest who are not traveling. And it's free!”

“At SEA we get that we are not just a building, we are a place where people's lives happen,” says Port of Seattle Commissioner Ryan Calkins. “As much as we think about how our space and facilities impact the passenger experience, we are also focused on how the airport feels and the opportunities for connection. We guarantee SEA Visitor Pass will make memories.”

Last year's pilot program was greeted with an enthusiastic response with over 1,100 participants in less than six weeks with a limit of 50 people per day. After reviewing the program details with stakeholders including Airport Dining and Retail, Information Technology, Operations, and Security teams, a more customer friendly registration process was developed. Now you can get your TSA approval and receive a QR code that will allow entry through security checkpoint 3.

“The SEA Visitor Pass allows the residents of SeaTac to eat at all the great restaurants and visit the shops of the Airport without leaving their hometown,” says City of SeaTac Mayor Erin Sitterley. “This Visitor Pass program continues to strengthen the relationship between



The SEA Visitor Pass program is intended for personal use and to enable approved visitors to spend time with friends and family or shop and dine at the airport or be an aviation geek to watch planes. There are many things you can try, including these examples from those who participated last year:

“I grew up watching romantic scenes in movies where someone meets their partner with flowers as they get off a plane, but was never able to do that myself... Until now!” said Zachary Cohn, a Seattle resident who utilized the program during its pilot period. “The SEA Visitor Pass let me surprise and delight my partner as she disembarked the plane from a long work trip.”

The Lehman family of Lynnwood also used the program to greet family. “We absolutely loved our experience with Visitor Pass!,” said Tana Lehman. “Our daughter loved to surprise her grandpa at the gate. It reminded me of when I was younger and we’d get to see people off or welcome them home from their journey.”



More details

- Entry hours for SEA Visitor Pass are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. You may stay in the airport until 10 p.m.
- Peak passenger airport times are mornings, evenings, and Sunday nights. At these times, SEA recommends arriving at least two hours before you want to be post-security.

For more information

- Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about SEA Visitor Pass.
- See how your [Northwest neighbors made moments matter](#) in the 2018 pilot program.
- Find a few more ideas in the [Top 10 Things to Do with SEA Visitor Pass](#).



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.

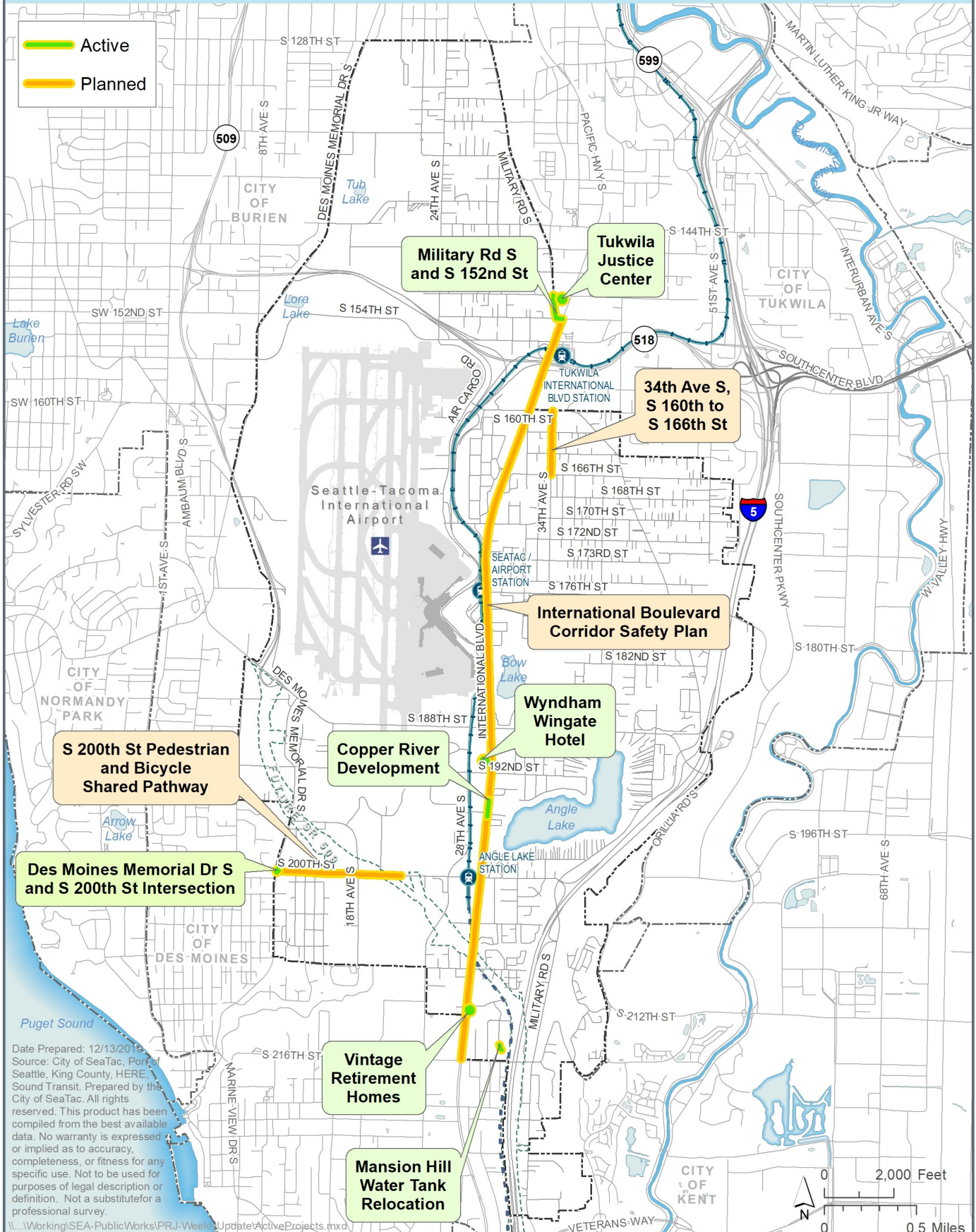
All SeaTac Recology customers will soon be receiving an updated service guide that includes the new rates and information about what can and cannot be recycled. If you have any questions, please contact Mason Giem, Public Works Program Coordinator, at (206) 973-4763 or email him at mgiem@seatacwa.gov.

Thank you for recycling, and please remember; all recycling must be empty, clean, and dry.

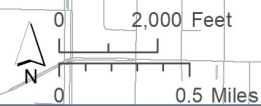
Project Locations



- Active
- Planned



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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 ongoing and currently working on installing utility infrastructure.**

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.**

International Boulevard Corridor Safety Improvements Plan

The purpose of this project is to provide recommendations on enhanced safety improvements for all along the International Boulevard Corridor (from South 152nd Street to South 216th Street). The plan will allow for the City to move forward with identifying the safety concerns, prioritizing the order of addressing the concerns, assigning treatment measures to address the concern, and listing construction initiatives. **A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is currently being solicited from consultants with a selection scheduled for end of January 2020.**

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



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Now Hiring! - US Census Bureau

The US Census Bureau is recruiting people locally for temporary jobs to assist with the 2020 Census count. The pay scale for King County is \$18.50 - \$25.50 per hour. To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, you must:

- Be at least 18-years-old
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a valid email address
- Complete an application and answer assessment questions
- Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after December 31, 1959
- Pass a Census-performed criminal background check and a review of criminal records, including fingerprinting
- Commit to completing training
- Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or weekends.

Most jobs require employees to:

- Have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, unless public transportation is readily available
- Have access to a computer with internet and an email account (to complete training)

Please click [here](#) if you are interested in learning more and to apply.


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.

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