

City Manager's Weekly Update May 03, 2013

Sound Transit Breaks Ground on Light Rail Extension to S. 200th Street

On April 26 Sound Transit held a groundbreaking event celebrating the start of construction on the Link light rail extension to the new Angle Lake Station. The project will extend light rail 1.6 miles south of Sea-Tac International Airport along an elevated guideway. The project also includes a parking garage, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and a plaza area. Riders boarding at the Angle Lake Station will have a congestion-free 40-minute ride to downtown Seattle when service starts in the fall of 2016. Service during peak commute periods will operate every six minutes between SeaTac and the University of Washington. An estimated 2,600 local jobs will be created from project construction.

In addition to job benefits from construction, the completed station will provide transit access to local neighborhoods where up to 28 percent of households are living in poverty, 16 percent are elderly, and people representing more than 80 nationalities speak 70 languages. Light rail service at the new station can save drivers who switch from car to transit as much as \$995 a month. The extension is also projected to eliminate 26 million vehicle miles traveled through the Interstate 5 corridor, save nearly 1.3 million gallons of gasoline, and reduce greenhouse gases by 6,180 tons per year.



(Pictured here from left: Rick Krochalis, FTA Region 10 Administrator; Tony Anderson, SeaTac Mayor; Mark Reis Managing Director Sea-Tac Airport; Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive and Sound Transit Board Chair; Joni Earl, Sound Transit CEO; Dave Enslow, Sumner Mayor and Sound Transit Boardmember; Lynn Peterson, WSDOT Secretary and Sound Transit Boardmember; U.S. Senator Patty Murray; Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember and Sound Transit Boardmember; Dow Constantine, King County Executive and Sound Transit Boardmember; Lee Newgent, Executive Secretary of the Seattle/King County Building & Construction Trades Council; Dave Upthegrove, State Representative.)





South 200th Link Extension

Construction Alert

"Little 28th Avenue S." Temporary Long-Term Road Closure

As early as Tuesday, May 7, Sound Transit's contractor, PCL Civil Constructors will close a small stretch of 28th Avenue S. (known as little 28th Avenue S.") between the main portion of 28th Avenues S. and S. 200th Street in SeaTac for construction.

Please click here for more information.



City Sponsors Bike to Work Day Commute Station for Fifth Year

Friday, May 17, is the Puget Sound Region's Bike to Work Day commute event, sponsored by f5 and Cascade Bicycle Club. The City is hosting a commute station for the fifth year along the Westside Trail, at the corner of S. 136th Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive.

Please cycle by on your route to work, and pick up free water bottle and other treats, have your bike tuned up or checked by Cycle Therapy (703 South Central Avenue, Kent) shop owners, and enter Cascade Bicycle Club's free drawing.

For additional information, see Bike Month website at www.cbcef.org/btw/index.html.

Tenants Rights Workshop Series

Learn your rights as tenants in this four-part series, beginning on Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 -7:00 PM, hosted at the Angle Lake Family Resource Center. Solid Ground and King County Bar Association will be presenting on topics such as rental agreements, deposits, mold, evictions, and how to safely advocate for your tenant rights.

For more information about this workshop, call 816.3241 or click the links to view the flier in English or Spanish.

Spanish interpretation and childcare will be available.

New Planning Manager

On April 29, SeaTac welcomed its new Planning Manager, Steve Pilcher. Steve will work in the Community and Economic Development Department and will oversee all aspects of the City's Planning functions including long-range and current planning activities. Since 2008, Steve has been the Community Development Director for the City of Black Diamond. He has a substantial background and has been a manager, supervisor and professional planner in numerous cities including Auburn, Puyallup, Fife and Spokane. Steve also has private sector and county experience. We are very happy that he has joined our team.

"Equity for All" -- East African Community Forum

Saturday, April 27, Mayor Anderson, Deputy Mayor Gregerson along with staff from the City Manager's Office and Community and Economic Development Department joined representatives from the City of Tukwila participating in a forum sponsored by the Somali Community Services Coalition. The attendees were briefed on the results of a recent community survey titled "Equity for All", received a presentation on local planning and participated in a panel discussion with the representatives of both cities. Topics included housing, planning for transit oriented development, public safety, human services and local community outreach efforts.

City Council / Planning Commission Joint Meeting

The Council and the Planning Commission held a special joint meeting on April 30, to discuss and clarify the relationship, responsibilities, objectives, expectations and joint communication strategies for the two bodies. It was a great start to an on-going dialogue to improve transparency and one that will be further discussed and solidified at an upcoming City Council retreat.

Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has immediate vacancies on the Library Advisory Committee, Tree Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, and Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee.

These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the SeaTac City Council with five members each, serving three year terms.

The Library Advisory Committee coordinates with, and provides input to, the Board of Trustees of the King County Library District and local library official. Meetings are held quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month, or as needed, at Valley View Library or SeaTac City Hall at 5:00 PM.

The Tree Board makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning a comprehensive Public Tree Care Plan for Parks and Public Works Departments, Public Tree Hazard Assessment and Inventory, and implementing an Arbor Day Observation/Celebration and Proclamation. Meetings are held on an as needed basis at SeaTac City Hall.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee will assist the City Council in soliciting requests for tourism-related activities from eligible entities and making recommendations for funding to the City Council as part of the annual budget development and adoption process. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM.

The Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee's Mission is to work with the Staff Liaison to identify issues related to senior citizens in the community; act as an advisory body to the City Council and provide input through the City Manager and the Staff Liaison to the City Council on issues relating to senior citizens in the SeaTac community. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

Positions will remain open until filled.

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Event Calendar

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Please note: Purchase tickets at www.mariners.com/pugetsound and use promo code "salmon". You may contact the Mariners Account Rep Elizabeth McCloskey at 346.4519 with any further questions.

Puget Sound Starts Here Night with the Seattle Mariners!

Puget Sound Starts Here (PSSH) is a partnership of regional governments dedicated to improving water quality in Puget Sound, local lakes, rivers and streams. PSSH is composed of 57 cities and counties collectively known as S.T.O.R.M. (Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities), Washington State Puget Sound Partnership and Washington State Department of Ecology. The program is designed to harness collective energies to help improve Puget Sound by reducing the amount of storm water pollution that eventually ends up in the Sound.

Saturday, May 11, 2013 Athletics vs. Mariners Safeco Field, 6:10 PM

Join the Seattle Mariners as they team up with Puget Sound Starts Here to teach baseball fans simple things they can do to keep local waterways and Puget Sound clean during "Puget Sound Starts Here Night."

Pricing:

\$15 View Reserved (normally \$25) \$29 Field Level (normally \$40)

Each ticket purchased online for this promotion will include a free Puget Sound Starts Here Night cap.

Be sure to stop by the Puget Sound Starts Here booth and get a picture with Scoopy Doo and Bert the Salmon!

The deadline to purchase tickets through this special offer is Friday, May 10, at NOON.

Click here for more details

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