

City Manager's Weekly Update November 15, 2013

Sound Transit Long-Range Meeting November 18 in Tacoma

No doubt many of you have seen the construction to extend Link light rail to S. 200th Street (Angle Lake Station), scheduled to open in 2016. Funding is also in place to build extensions north to Lynnwood, east to Redmond's Overlake area and south to Kent/Des Moines, while establishing a shovel-ready plan to Federal Way.

At the same time Sound Transit moves forward with these funded extensions that are scheduled for completion in 2023; the agency is starting a process to examine further regional transit extensions that could be part of future ballot measures.

Sound Transit is asking the public to help update its Long-Range Plan, an important process that will create a blueprint for regional transit extending many years into the future. It will provide a vision for the role transit will play in responding to regional population growth and rising congestion, including forecasted 30 percent growth by 2035.

Long-Range Plan Meeting
November 18, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Presentation begins at 6:15 PM)
Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Broadway



Comments are being accepted through November 25, as part of the scoping period for preparing a supplemental environmental impact statement.

Can't attend? An online survey is available to provide your feedback, there are five other meetings, or you can email or mail a letter. Learn more and offer your input at www.soundtransit.org/longrangeplan.

Great Police Instinct Leads to the Arrest of a Man With a Gun

On November 12 at about 3:30 am, SeaTac Deputy Chris Przygocki noticed a man loitering outside the 7-11 at S. 216th Street/International Blvd. The man appeared to be watching the activity inside the store while hiding intermittently behind a garbage can. Fearing that a crime was about to take place, Deputy Przygocki contacted the man who got increasingly nervous and ultimately ran away on foot. Deputy Przygocki chased and found the man hiding under the deck of a ground-floor apartment unit on the south side of S. 216th Street. The man was digging in the dirt under the deck just before he was taken into custody. After the arrest, Deputy Przygocki found a loaded handgun partially buried in the dirt where the man had been digging. The man was booked into the King County Jail for a \$10,000 Felony Warrant, Possession of Cocaine and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

America Recycles Day – November 15

America Recycles Day (ARD), a program of Keep America Beautiful, is the only nationally recognized day and community driven national awareness initiative dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. Since its inception in 1997, ARD has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work. America Recycles Day, which takes place annually on November 15, recognizes the benefits of recycling while providing an educational platform that helps raise awareness about the value of reducing, reusing and recycling – every day – all throughout the year.



This year's ARD theme, "I Want To Be Recycled", draws attention to the terrific impact simple recycling routines can make. The Keep America Beautiful 2013 national advertising campaign, in partnership with the Ad Council, aims to inspire individuals to recycle more by illustrating what "garbage" can become when it is recycled.

When material is recycled, it becomes something new and valuable.

- A plastic bottle can be recycled into new containers, t-shirts and fleeces, park benches, plastic lumber, and playground equipment.
- Plastic bags are recycled into fences, decks, and shopping carts. (In SeaTac, curbside recycling customers can recycle their plastic bags but all the bags must be put in one clear plastic bag and tied off).
- A recycled aluminum can is back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days.
- A glass container can go from recycling bin to store shelf in as few as 30 days.
- Recycled glass may be used in kitchen tile, counter tops and wall insulation.
- The 60% of paper recycled in the U.S. is made into products like cereal boxes, tissues, and file folders.
- Products such as structural sections and bridge spans use 100% recycled steel.

Recycling provides many benefits including:

- Recycling conserves trees, water, and minerals preserving the environment for future generations.
- Recycling allows material to re-enter the marketplace as new products instead of taking up space in landfills.
- Recycling reduces the need to extract and process raw materials.
- Recycling helps create new jobs in the United States for both the recycling industry and manufacturing.

On Friday, November 15, join the recycling efforts of millions to help support America Recycles Day. How else can you get involved? Visit the America Recycles Day website which features an online pledge and a challenge for active recyclers. To learn more about Keep America Beautiful, visit www.kab.org.

Questions on where to recycle items? Visit King County Solid Waste's 'What do I do with...' website or contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

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