



# City Council Committee Meeting Agenda

## Community Development Committee

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Thursday March 11, 2021 6:00 PM

1. Stanwood Port Susan Trail Update
2. City Beautification Action Plan Update
3. SR 532 Traffic Analysis Update

## Community Development Committee

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**CITY OF STANWOOD  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** March 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** February CDC Agenda Topics

**FROM:** Patricia Love, Community Development Director

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***Stanwood Port Susan Trail Update:***

The design and permitting of the Stanwood – Port Susan trail Phase 2 segment is in our 2021 work plan. Our goal is to design and construct a 6-10 foot wide pedestrian trail that starts at the 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue park and ride lot, connects to the SR 532 Berm that was recently constructed, loops the water treatment plant, passes through Hamilton Landing Park and connects to the Stillaguamish River overlook platform behind Mission Motors that was built and donated to the City by a local Eagle Scout.

The project includes:

- 6- 10 foot wide trail – width will vary on the waste water treatment plant dike to accommodate existing conditions
- Gateway trail entry locations
- River view and plaza area near the southeast corner of the looped trail
- Wetland and buffer mitigation for trail impacts
- Pedestrian bridge spanning Irvine Slough
- Interpretive Signs

We are currently working on the alignment and trail component designs of the Trail with Confluence Environmental, the City's on-call consultant, who will focus on the critical area and permitting components as well as sub consultants including: JA Brennan for landscape architectural design, PACE Engineering for survey and civil plan design, Associated Earth Sciences for geotechnical analysis, and Stell for cultural resources evaluations.

The overall goal of the project is to create an enjoyable walking experience for the community by including pedestrian plaza areas, river viewpoints, benches, educational interpretative signs, and pedestrian connections to downtown shopping areas at 92nd Avenue. Considering budget constraints, construction of the entire project will need to be completed in phases. As part of the final design, a construction sequencing plan will be developed that prioritizes the construction of the trail first and the other pedestrian amenities, such as the connection to 92nd Avenue and/or the river overlook, in later phases.



Park & Ride Trail Section:

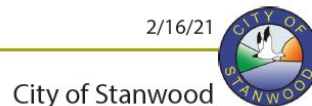
Ten-foot trail width meandering through the lawn area, around the flagpole, and connecting with the existing sidewalk on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the new berm trail.



Port Susan Trail - Preliminary Design

Detail Area Plan 1 - Park & Ride Trailhead

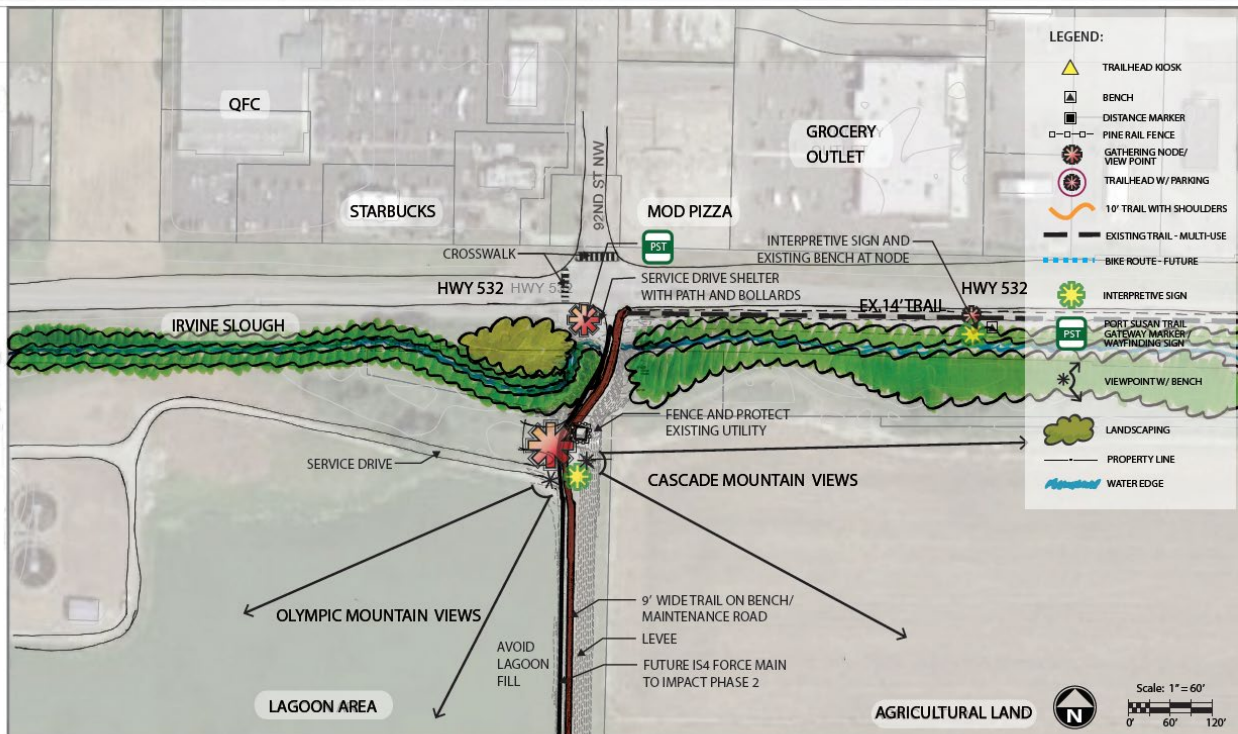
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### 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Entrance:

Create an entrance node that leads the traveler along a path to a mini plaza area with views of the Cascade and Olympic mountains. Amenities could include park benches, lawn, picnic tables.

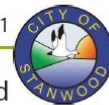


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### Preliminary Site Plan 2

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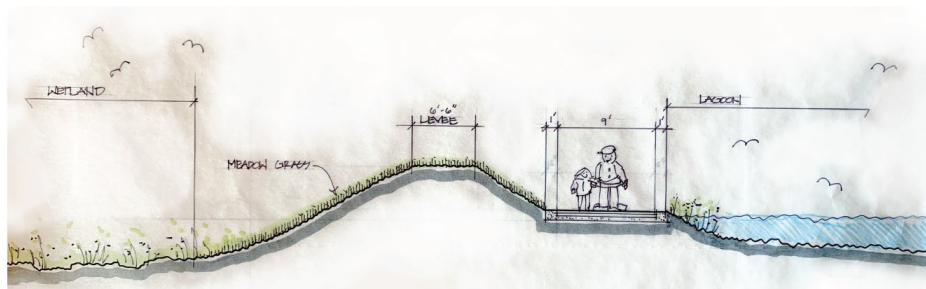


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### Trail Segment:

The trail around the sewer plant will be located on the existing maintenance road, not on top of the berm. Putting the trail on top of the berm would have been problematic and expensive. There is a settlement agreement that restricts physical changes to the berm and the berm width is inconsistent which would require additional fill to create a continuous walkway.



## Port Susan Trail - Preliminary Design Plan

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### Section of Multi-use Trail along the Levee

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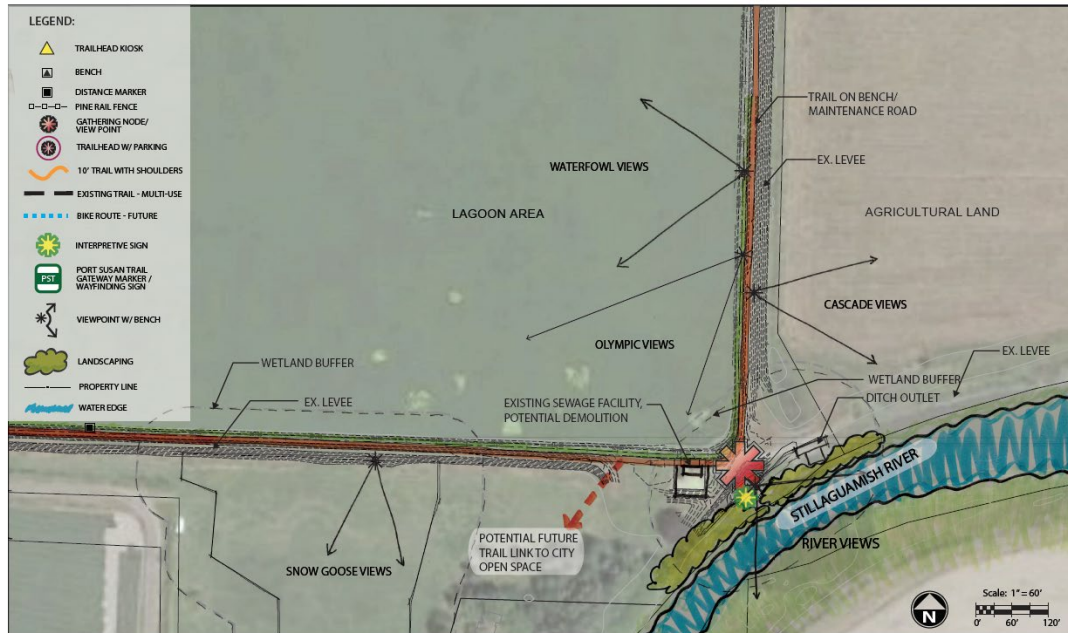


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### Stillaguamish River Overlook:

Create a resting and overlook area to view the river, birds, and other wildlife.



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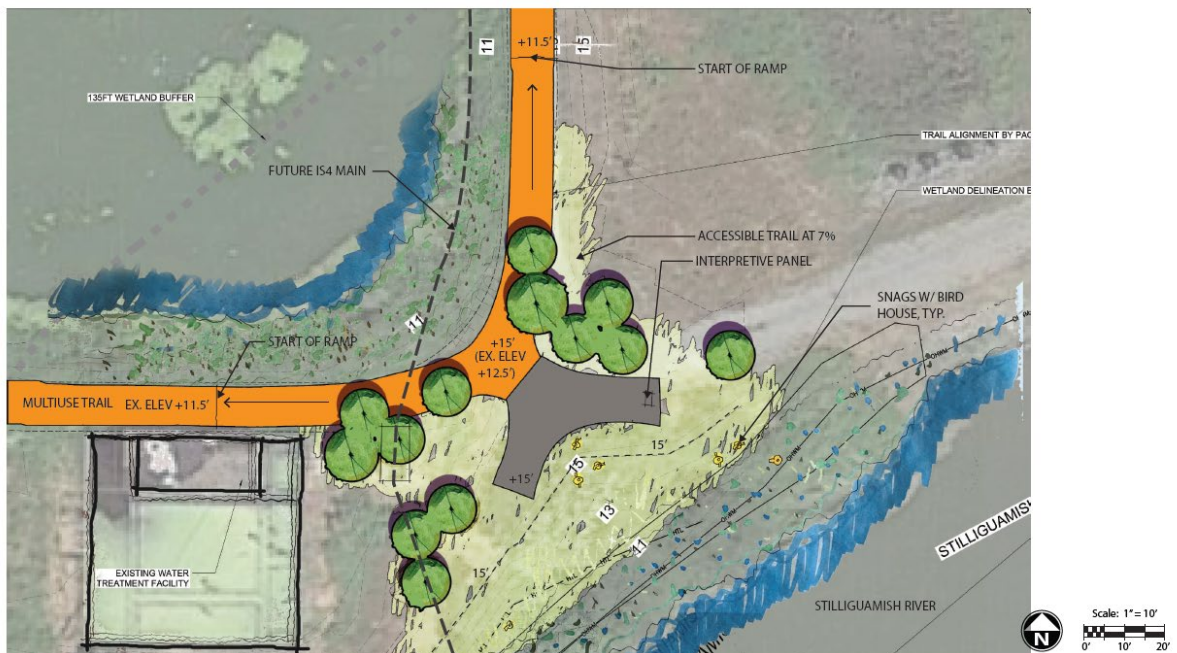
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Preliminary Site Plan 3

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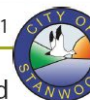


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Detail Area Plan 3 - River View Node ALT 1

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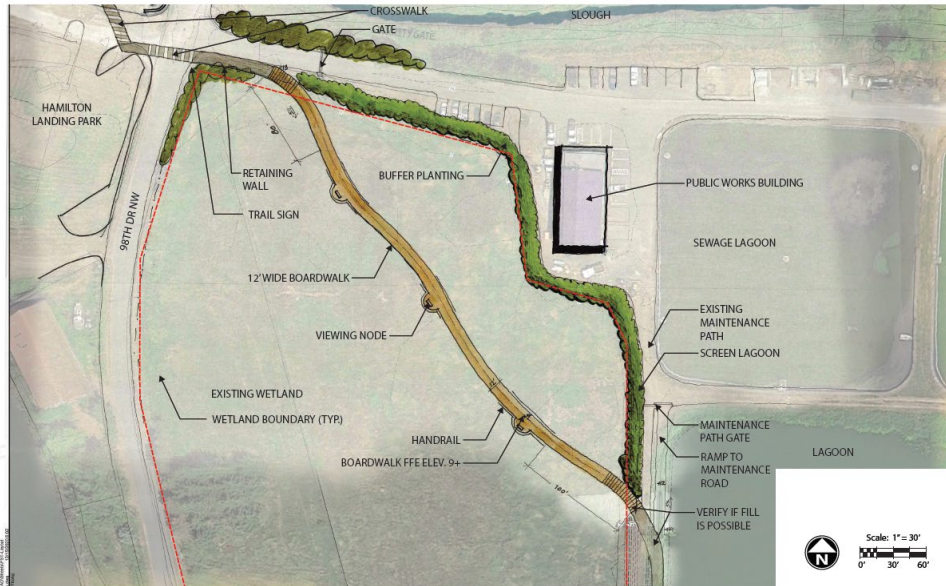
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### Boardwalk Path Through Wetland:

If budget allows, the trail would leave the maintenance road on the west side of the lagoon and meander through the wetland on a pin-pile boardwalk with viewing nodes. The boardwalk separates people from the sewage lagoon and provides some separation between the trail and the public works building.



Port Susan Trail - Preliminary Design

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Detail Area Plan 4 Boardwalk on Wetland

### Boy Scout Overlook:

The final segment of the trail will go through Hamilton Park, cross Irvine Slough and connect to the boy scout overlook behind Mission Motors. This provides a view of Irvine Slough, Hamilton Park, and the Stillaguamish River. Eventually the City would like to connect the trail to Ovenell Park.



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Detail Area Plan 5 - Estuary Viewing Plaza ALT 1

Carly walked the Stanwood Port Susan trail alignment with several members of the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee to review various proposed design options. They were complementary of the completed berm trail section and very excited for the remaining trail segments around the Public Works ponds and along Irvine Slough and the Stillaguamish River. None of the PTAC members had been to the viewing platform on the River and each of them expressed positive surprise for the unexpected stunning views that will be had from the platform and along that portion of the trail when complete.

***City Beautification Action Plan Update:***

On December 10, 2020 the Stanwood City Council approved Resolution 2020-14 formally adopting the 2021-2026 City Beautification Action Plan and directed staff to begin implementation of the 2021 - 2022 capital project list. The 2021 budget includes six projects. Below is a summary of the 2021 projects.

| 2021 Project                                 | Project Description                                               | Budget                             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SR 532 Landscaping / Mainstreet Improvements | Prioritize Projects & Implement First Project                     | \$10K<br>(\$5K Per Project)        |
| 72nd Avenue Entry Sign                       | Move Entry Sign or Add New Snow Goose Sign to Entry and Landscape | \$10K                              |
| 88th Avenue Arch                             | Design & Construction                                             | \$90K<br>(\$60K 2021 / \$30K 2022) |
| Service Club Sign (72nd Ave)                 | Install Service Club Sign at 72nd Avenue Using Snow Goose Design  | \$10K                              |
| Way Finding Signage                          | Prepare 5-Year Installation Plan and Install 2021 Signs           | \$10K                              |
| Main Street Revitalization Project           | Preliminary Planning & Outreach                                   | \$25K                              |

Since adoption of the budget, staff has prepared a 2021 work plan to keep the project moving forward. Work has included:

- Meeting with the Economic Development Board twice to review the 2021 work plan and they are enthusiastic about the projects. The Board's highest priority is getting the parking lot wayfinding signs installed prior to the spring shopping season.
- Staff has also reached out to several of the city's service clubs to get their feedback on installing their logos on the Snow Goose Sign on the southwest corner of SR 532 and 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- Meeting with Scott Lankford of Lankford Landscape Architecture to start the landscape plans for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue entry sign, service club logo sign, and 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Snow Goose sign.

Below is an excerpt of the slides presented to the Stanwood Camano Rotary Board on the 2021 projects:

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Service Club Sign



### **Work Elements:**

- Keep Existing Sign on Southwest Corner of SR 532 & 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Replace "Hilltop District" with "Uptown District" (Three Signs)
- Reach Out to Service Clubs to Determine Their Interest in Adding Logos to City Signs / Get Updated Logos
- Replace Port Susan Middle School Placard with Service Club Logos
- Replace Twin City Elementary Placard with Service Club Logos
- Install Landscaping Around Base of Sign

## City Entry Sign



### **Existing Entry Sign:**

- Keep in Existing Location
- Improve Landscaping



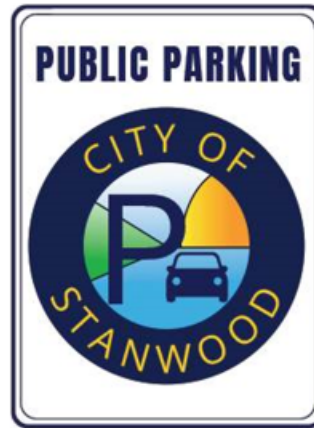
### **Existing Snow Goose Sign:**

- Retitle to "Uptown District"
- Remove Stanwood High School Placard
- Add Welcome to Stanwood Placard
- Add Landscaping Around Base of Sign





## Wayfinding: Parking Directional Signs



## West End Parking Sign Locations



## East End Parking Sign Locations



Remaining 2021 Projects:

## Other 2021 Projects

Pending:  
Details to  
come in  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2021

- SR 532 Landscaping: 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Mainstreet Beautification: Work with Chambers to Determine Projects
- Gateway Arch: Work with Chambers / Business Owners to Determine Design Elements

### ***SR 532 Traffic Analysis Update:***

The City has been working with WSDOT on how best to improve the flow of traffic on SR 532 while maintaining access into the downtown area. Some of the concepts discussed is the use of roundabouts, limiting left turning movements, and potentially building a SR 532 bypass road.

We recently received “streetlight” data, which is origin and destination data gathered from cell phones. Using this information, we are better able to understand traffic flows in the city. The 2019 data showed that approximately 20% of the traffic flow on SR 532 heads north to Skagit County via 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue or Pioneer Hwy. 2020 data showed a 12% decrease of traffic on SR 532: presumably due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

To further help the City evaluate options to improve traffic flow, the City has received two grants: one from Snohomish County to evaluate the bypass option and another from WSDOT to review roundabout locations and public outreach for a total of \$50,000. Both of these grants are reimbursable grants, which means that the City spends the funds and submits invoices to the agencies for reimbursement.

A scope of work has been prepared by our on-call traffic consultant: TranspoGroup. Work will include the following tasks:

- Task 1 Bypass Feasibility Technical Analysis
- Task 2 Develop Roadway Layout Concept Between Roundabouts
- Task 3 Community Outreach
- Task 4 Develop Projects for Future Grant Opportunities

Staff will bring the grant documents to the City Council for acceptance and City Administrator, Jennifer Ferguson, will execute the TranspoGroup task order since the amount is under \$100,000. A future budget amendment will be needed to add the funds to the City budget, but in the interim the general fund will cover the work until the reimbursements are received.