

City of Stanwood



Stanwood City Council Special Meeting Packet

Thursday, May 12, 2022



CITY OF STANWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Stanwood-Camano School District
Administration Building Board Room
26920 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood, WA 98292

Thursday, May 12, 2022- 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted in-person, by telephone and online via Zoom,
Connection information will be posted on City Website <https://www.stanwoodwa.org>

AGENDA

1. Community Transit Strategic Planning Update
2. Drainage & Diking District No. 7, Projects Update
3. 2023-24 Budget Priorities Discussion



**CITY OF STANWOOD
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

ITEM NUMBER: 1

DATE: May 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Community Transit Strategic Planning Update

CONTACT PERSON: Jamyang Dorjee, Community Transit

ATTACHMENTS: A – Presentation

PURPOSE

Jamyang Dorjee, Public Affairs with Community Transit will be in attendance to give a Community Transit Update presentation to the City Council.

A person wearing a helmet and a backpack is riding a bicycle on a transit platform. To the left is a blue and green train with open doors. To the right is a blue transit shelter with a person in a red jacket standing nearby. The background shows a clear sky and some distant structures.

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Community Transit Update

Ric Ilgenfritz, CEO

Roland Behee, Director of Planning and Development

Agency Priorities

- Focus on ridership and safety
- Regional integration, Orange Line development
- Service innovation
- Zero emissions fleet study
- Long range plan
- 2024 network planning



2024 Opportunity

Link Light Rail Arrives

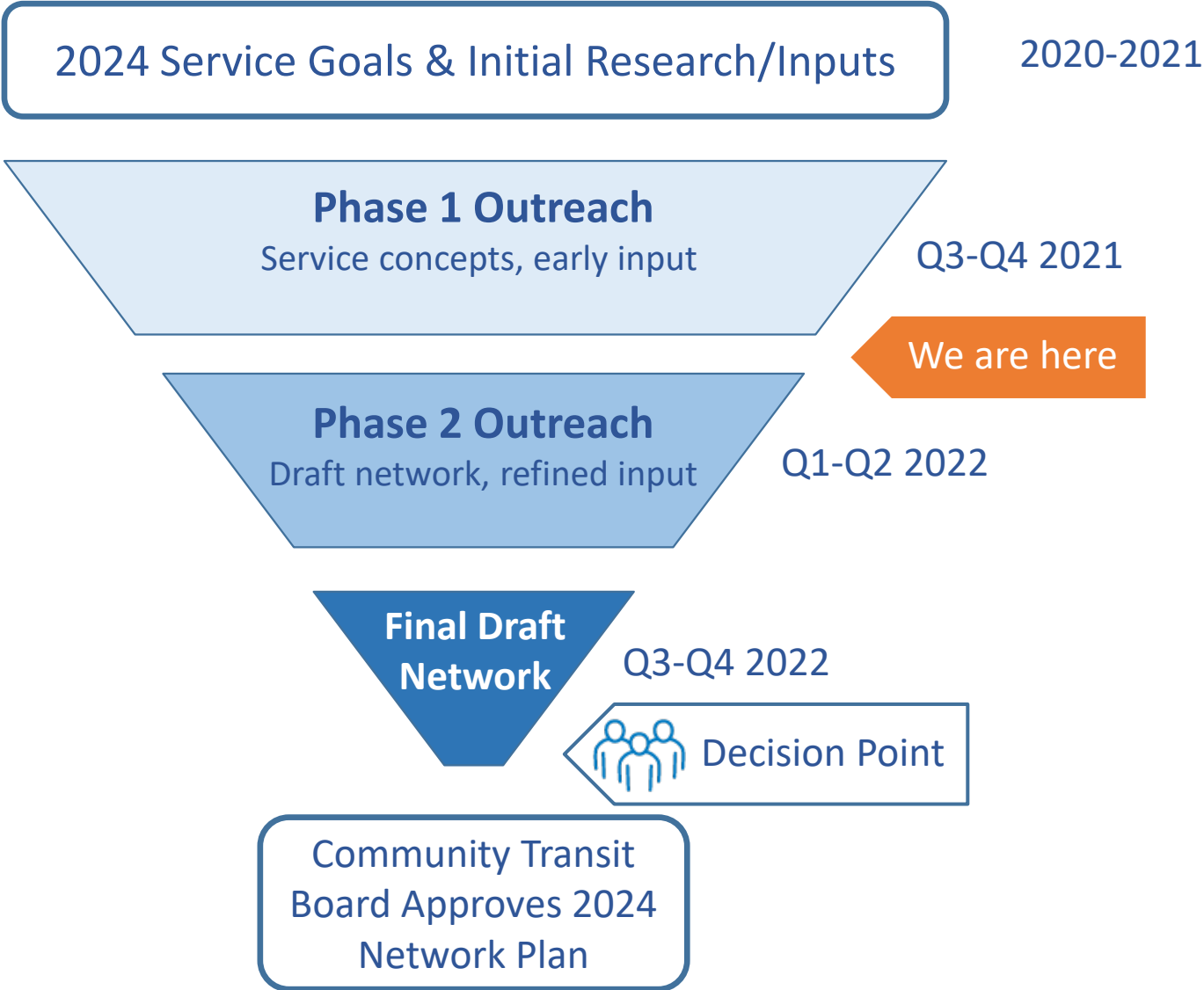
Allows Community Transit to redesign
transit in Snohomish County

Unprecedented mobility opportunities

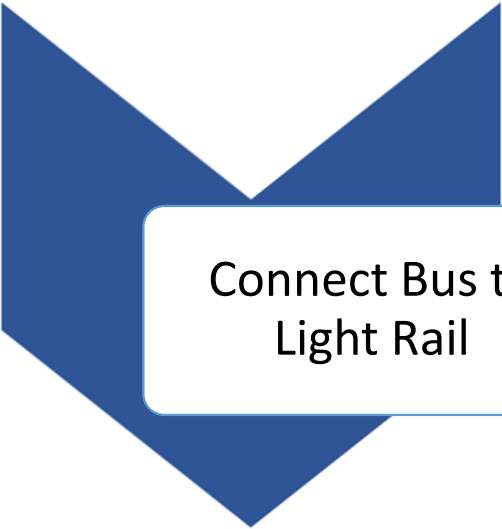
Travel made easy for all



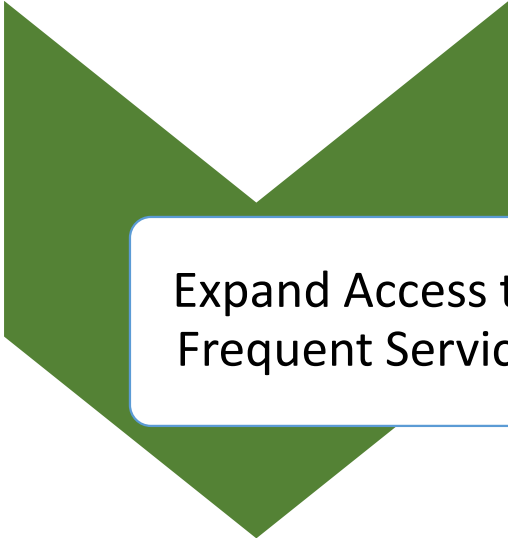
2024 Development Process



2024 Service Goals



Connect Bus to
Light Rail



Expand Access to
Frequent Service



Adjust to
Changing Market



Focus on Equitable
Access



Travel Made Easy For ALL



Early experience at Northgate



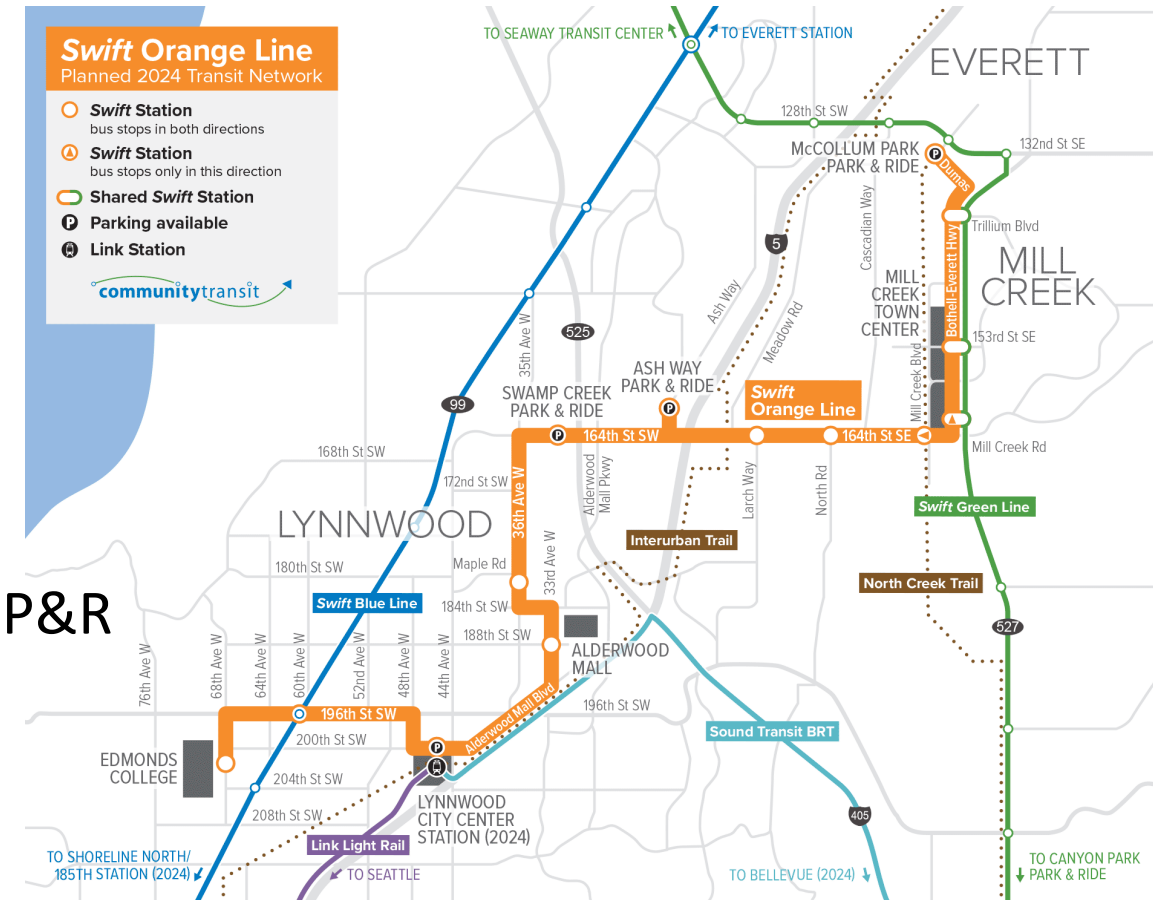
Expanded Frequent Service

- **Swift Blue Line** – Strategic extension to Shoreline North/185th St.
- **Swift Orange Line** – New Bus Rapid Transit service between Lynnwood and Mill Creek
- **Swift Green Line** – Continue service level and leverage new connections
- Transit emphasis corridor focus for other frequent routes



Swift Orange Line

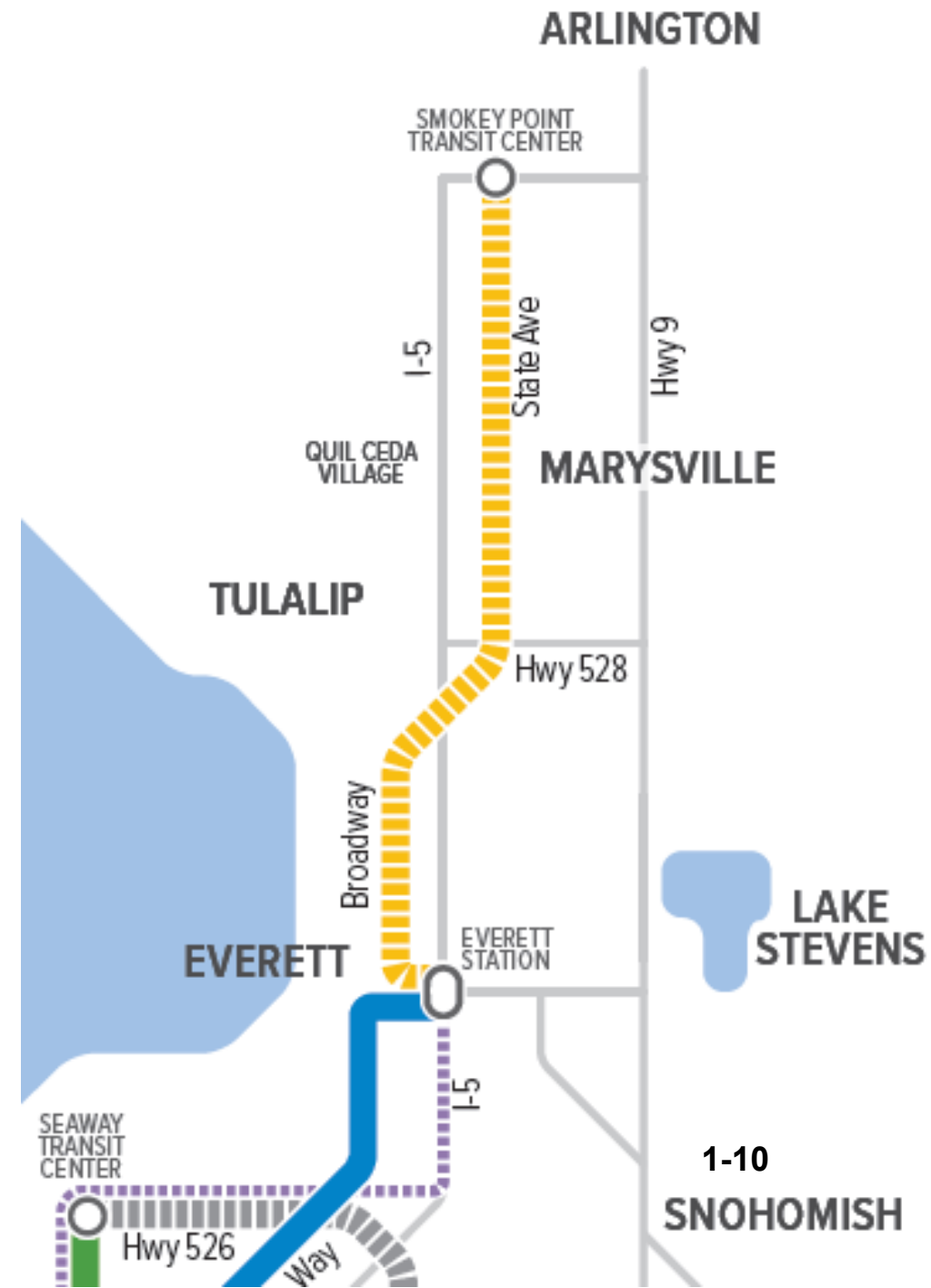
- 15 new buses
- New transit center at Edmonds College
- 19 platform stations
- Redesigned transit center at McCollum Park P&R
- New speed and reliability infrastructure



Eleven mile long corridor serving Mill Creek Town Center, Alderwood Mall, Edmonds College, and Lynnwood TC, connecting *Swift* to the Blue Line, Green Line and light rail.

Swift Gold Line

- Scoping Study: 2022
- Design/Engineering/Environmental: 2023
- Construction: 2025
- Service Launch: 2027





New service options

- On demand transit service within specified area
- Accessed via technology
- Flexible stops and destinations
- Lynnwood Pilot Project



New Service



Prioritize Service to Equity Populations

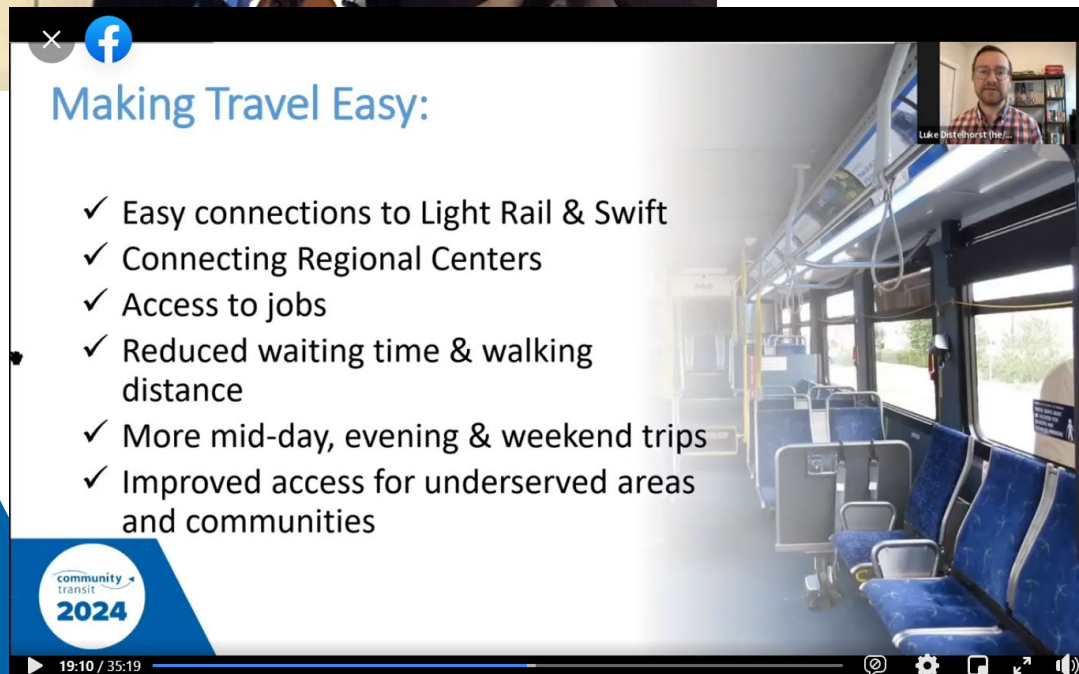
Equity has a prominent role in analysis, used in conjunction with ridership and population. Analysis includes:

- Population living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (\$34.5k, 2-person household, 2020)
- Population that is Foreign-born
- Communities of Color and Latinx/e Populations
- Limited English-Speaking Households
- Population Living with a Disability



Outreach Process

- Online survey available 11/15 – 12/20, 976 responses
- 15 meetings with Community-Based Organizations, agencies, and community partners
- 25 in-person outreach events
- 2 live virtual sessions
- Intentional focus on populations that we may not have reached in the past
- Opportunity for input in our top-five Title VI languages
- Equity in our outreach to match equity in future service design



Feedback on service addition priorities

- Slight preference for more neighborhood and local service
 - “More neighborhood service, to local destinations in Snohomish County” (52.7%)
 - “More service to transit centers that connect you to Seattle and Bellevue” (47.3%)
- Preference for more weekday service balanced between midday, morning, and later than current service
 - 71% prefer Weekday additions
 - 17% Saturdays
 - 12% Sundays
 - 26% prefer more Middle of the Day service
 - 21% prefer more Morning service
 - 19% prefer more service Later than current service

<https://transit2024.participate.online/>

Transit in 2024



We want your input

Keep reading to take the survey below.

Survey closes May 31.

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Welcome Learn more and share feedback Timeline

Welcome

Snohomish County is growing, and our travel needs are changing

[Jump to the survey](#)

In October 2021, Community Transit began providing bus service to light rail at Northgate Station, opening up new transit options for those wanting to travel into King County. In 2024, new light rail stations will open in Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood that will provide even more options for using light rail to travel to and from King County.

By connecting our buses to these stations, Community Transit will be able to add more local bus service throughout Snohomish County.

Last fall we asked to hear your values and priorities for Transit in 2024, and nearly

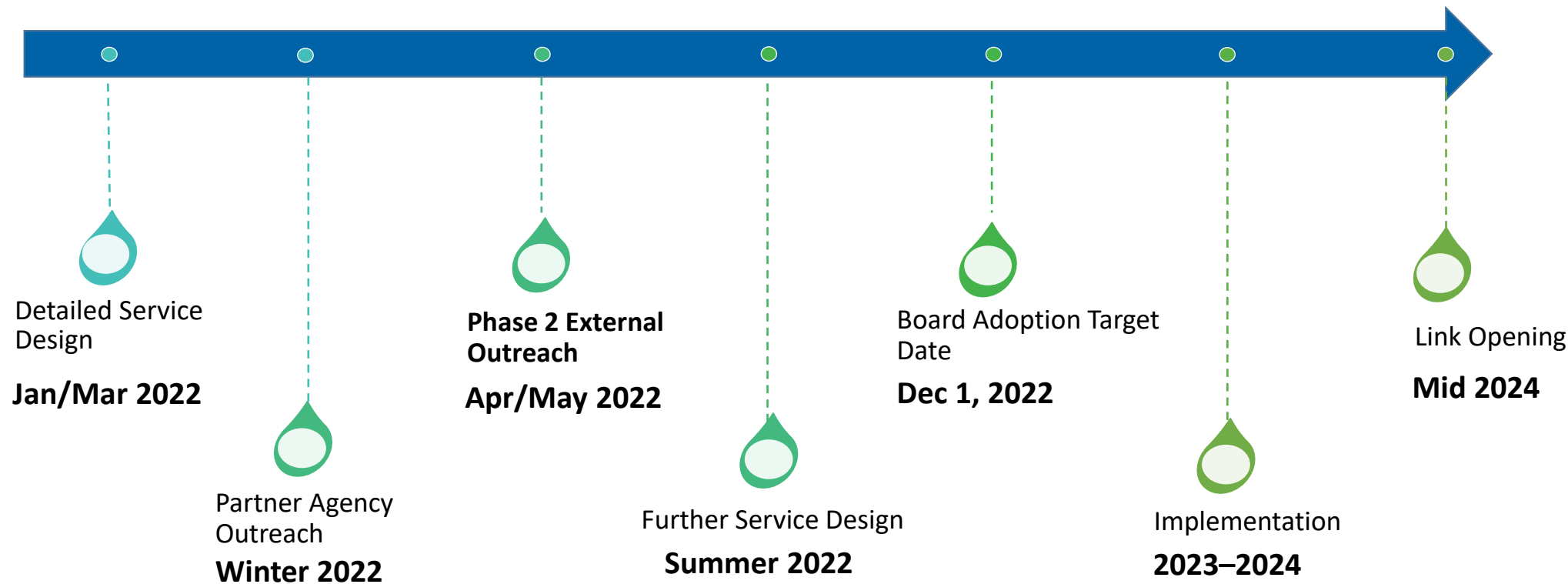


Connecting our buses to light rail stations will improve transit service for everyone.

[Get email updates](#)



Project Schedule



Questions And Comments





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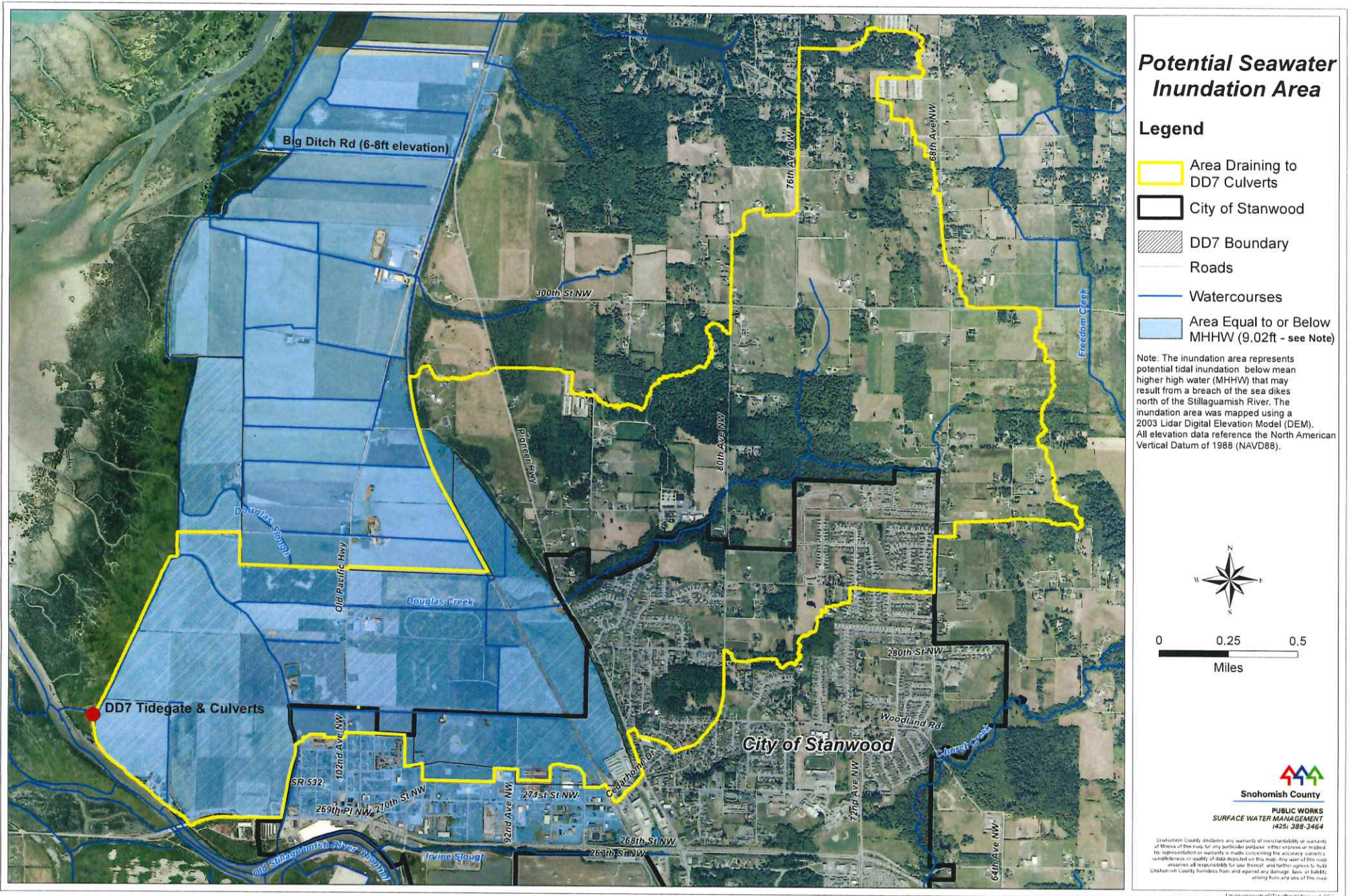
SUBJECT: Dike between SR 532 and Big Ditch

CONTACT PERSON: Shawn Smith, City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS: A – Inundation Map
B- Johnson Farm Map

PURPOSE

City staff will provide a brief overview of the dike issues, and answer questions of the City Council during the workshop.



JOHNSON FARM



3/23/2022







CITY OF STANWOOD COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

ITEM: 3

DATE: May 12, 2022

SUBJECT: 2023-24 Council Priorities

CONTACT PERSON: David Hammond, Finance Director

ATTACHMENTS: A – Current Council Priorities
B – Resident Priorities, based on 2022 Survey

PURPOSE

Develop/Affirm Council budget priorities to guide the 2023-24 budget development.

BACKGROUND

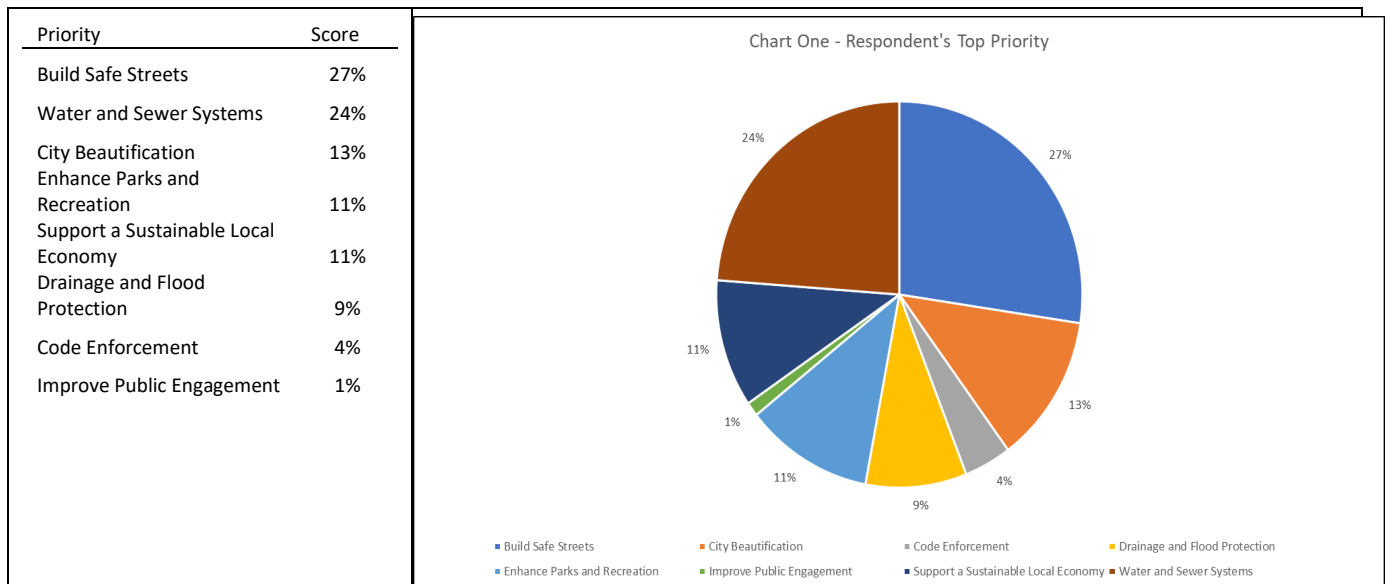
With each biennial budget, the mayor and staff use City Council budget themes and priorities to guide the budgeting process. The current council priorities (Attachment A) were used to develop the current biennial budget and staff workplans. These were discussed again in March at the council workshop and councilmembers generally affirmed their validity. In February, the city conducted a survey that asked the question:

The Stanwood City Council identified several projects and areas of improvement for the city. Understanding that these items are funded by you, the taxpayer, we would like to know where you want to see your tax dollars allocated. Please rate these elements, 1-8, in the order of priority to you, with one (1) being your top priority.

1. Build Safe Streets - Develop multi-modal, safe, and aesthetically pleasing city streets and support our WSDOT partnership to improve SR532 intersections.
2. Water and Sewer Systems - To ensure that cost-effective, high-quality water and sewer service is available, or can be provided, to serve the projected population and employment growth with the City.
3. Drainage and Flood Protection - Protect life and property from storm, river, flood, and excess surface waters. Assure compliance with federal and state storm-water management and water quality requirements. Encourage the preservation and enhancement of natural drainage systems.

4. City Beautification - Preserve the community's historic rural, small-town character while promoting the region as a family-friendly place to live, work and play. The project will celebrate the beauty of the area and promote buying locally.
5. Support a Sustainable Local Economy - Focus economic development efforts on continually building a sustainable local economy by supporting existing businesses, recruiting new businesses, and promoting our tourism industry.
6. Enhance Parks and Recreation - Improve our existing parks and trails, especially along the waterfront and develop recreational opportunities and special events for the community and visitors.
7. Code Enforcement - Strengthen and support the Code Enforcement Department. Code compliance is a complaint-driven program responsible for enforcement of the city's building, zoning, and nuisance codes by enforcement of the Stanwood Municipal Code.
8. Improve Public Engagement Opportunity - Continually enhance connectivity and public engagement tools for residents, businesses, and visitors through diverse communication channels that include alternative meeting formats.

Surveys that ask respondents to rank choices are referred to as ordinal as they place choices in “order.” To evaluate the results, staff first looked at the respondents’ first choices, depicted in Chart One below. Build Safe Streets was the top scorer, with 27% of respondents ranking it first. Second ranked (with 24%) was Water & Sewer Systems and third place (with 13%) was City Beautification. Analysis of these rankings is difficult when the scores are not significantly different. (For example, the 3rd, 4th and 5th ranked priorities had 13%, 11% and 11% respectively. The following table and Chart One present respondent’s first priorities.



To simplify the analysis, staff combined each respondents top three choices, which shows a clearer picture. At Attachment B, staff re-ordered the priorities to align with the resident's responses, to facilitate council discussion.

February 2022 Community Priorities Survey The city received 168 responses to the following question: The Stanwood City Council identified several projects and areas of improvement for the city. Understanding that these items are funded by you, the taxpayer, we would like to know where you want to see your tax dollars allocated. Please rate these elements, 1-8, in the order of priority to you, with (1) being your top priority. Each respondent's top three priorities are ranked below (for example, 60.1% of survey respondents top three priorities included Build Safe Streets:)	
Build Safe Streets - Develop multi-modal, safe, and aesthetically pleasing city streets and support our WSDOT partnership to improve SR532 intersections.	60.1%
Water and Sewer Systems - To ensure that cost-effective, high-quality water and sewer service is available, or can be provided, to serve the projected population and employment growth with the City.	53.6%
Drainage and Flood Protection - Protect life and property from storm, river, flood and excess surface waters. Assure compliance with federal and state storm-water management and water quality requirements. Encourage the preservation and enhancement of natural drainage systems.	44.6%
City Beautification - Preserve the community's historic rural, small-town character while promoting the region as a family-friendly place to live, work and play. The project will celebrate the beauty of the area and promote buying locally.	40.5%
Support a Sustainable Local Economy - Focus economic development efforts on continually building a sustainable local economy by supporting existing businesses, recruiting new businesses, and promoting our tourism industry.	37.5%
Enhance Parks and Recreation - Improve our existing parks and trails, especially along the waterfront and develop recreational opportunities and special events for the community and visitors.	32.7%
Code Enforcement - Strengthen and support the Code Enforcement Department. Code compliance is a complaint-driven program responsible for enforcement of the city's building, zoning, and nuisance codes by enforcement of the Stanwood Municipal Code.	24.4%
Improve Public Engagement Opportunity - Continually enhance connectivity and public engagement tools for residents, businesses, and visitors through diverse communication channels that include alternative meeting formats.	6.0%

City Council Priorities

On August 13, 2020 the Stanwood City Council met to discuss budget priorities that guided staff in the preparation of the biennial budget and the 2021-2022 workplan. Those priorities were:

- ***Support a Sustainable Local Economy***
 - *Focus economic development efforts on continually building a sustainable local economy by supporting existing businesses, recruiting new business and promote our tourism industry.*
- ***Enhance Parks and Recreation***
 - *Improve our existing parks and trails, especially along the waterfront and develop recreational opportunities for the community and visitors*
- ***Build Safe Streets***
 - *Develop multi-modal, safe and aesthetically pleasing city streets and support our WSDOT partnership to improve SR532 intersections*
- ***Improve Public Engagement Opportunity***
 - *Continually enhance connectivity and public engagement tools for residents, business and visitors through diverse communication channels that include alternative meeting formats*

Resident Priorities (from survey data)

- **Build Safe Streets**
 - *Develop multi-modal, safe and aesthetically pleasing city streets and support our WSDOT partnership to improve SR532 intersections*
- **Water and Sewer Systems**
 - *To ensure that cost-effective, high-quality water and sewer service is available, or can be provided, to serve the projected population and employment growth with the City.*
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