



**City Council
Special Meeting
May 1, 2025 - 8:00 AM
Postmark Center for the Arts
20 Auburn Avenue, Auburn**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT DAY ONE

A. Breakfast - 8:00am to 8:25am

B. Ice Breaker - 8:25am to 8:30am

C. Introduction - 8:30am to 8:40am

Deputy Mayor Rakes to discuss City Council Retreat Objectives, Code of Conduct and provide an overview of the Agenda

D. Criminal Justice Overview - 8:40am to 12:00pm

City Staff and Consultants to provide Council with an overview of the Criminal Justice System in the City of Auburn and the consideration of King County District Court versus Auburn Municipal Court

1 Resolution No. 5827

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Terminate the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Auburn and King County to Stand Up the City of Auburn Municipal Court

E. Lunch - 12:00pm to 12:30pm

F. 2022-2024 City Accomplishments - 12:30pm to 1:30pm

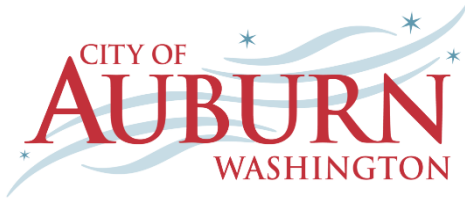
Mayor Backus and Department Directors to provide a summary to Council of the Major 2022-2024 Accomplishments

G. Pre-Visioning - 1:30pm to 2:00pm

Director Gaub to lead Council in discussion regarding a review of the 2024 Visioning List/Map and New Councilmember Opportunity

ADJOURNMENT

Agendas and minutes are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office and on the City website (<http://www.auburnwa.gov>).



AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

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Department:

City Council

Attachments:

1.1 Code of Conduct, 1.2 Retreat Objectives

Budget Impact:**Administrative Recommendation:****Background for Motion:****Background Summary:****Councilmember:****Staff:**

Code of Conduct

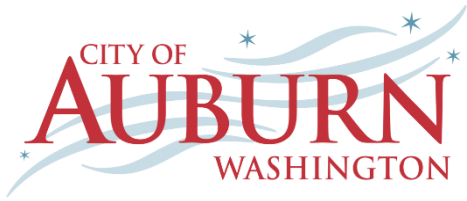
DO	DON'T
Give Grace	Dismiss
Be Respectful	Interrupt
Remember that we all care about Auburn	Snicker, whisper, etc.
Stay engaged	Use your phone except at breaks
Focus on issues and not the speaker who raised the issue	Bring grudges into this space; it is about Auburn and not you
Stay on point	Dominate talking time

COUNCIL RETREAT OBJECTIVES

MAY 2025

Objectives

- Providing appropriate information to answer questions and concerns regarding the Municipal Court decision.
- Continue our long term visioning effort.
- Enhancing Council Member interactions.
- Discuss Emerging Issues



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Department:

Human Resources and Risk
Management

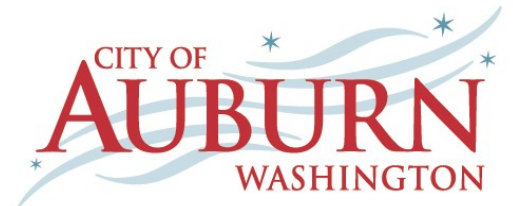
Attachments:

Criminal Justice Presentation

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Criminal Justice Review

Background Information and Current Process



The Cost of Law Enforcement

\$50.8 million per year

- Calls for Service - Valley Com/911 (\$3.4 million)
- SCORE jail (\$5.9 million)
- Prosecution (\$1.3 million)
- Public defense contracts (\$987,000)
- King County District Court (\$2.3 million)*
- Electronic home monitoring (\$132,000)
- Police Department (\$36.7 million)

Calls for Service – Valley Com

- Costs are based on relative call volume % of all owner agencies
- 2024 call volume:
 - 64,422 calls (16% of all owner fire and police agencies)
 - 17,864 police reports
 - 4,413 case reports assigned to Investigations
 - 2,779 arrests (includes misdemeanors and felonies)
 - Majority of cases are misdemeanor or non-criminal reports

SCORE Jail

- Misdemeanor arrests are taken to SCORE
- Costs are based on the City's relative % of Average Daily Population (ADP)
- Current 3-year ADP is 60 (42% of all owner agencies)
 - ADP as of March 2025 is 100
- Average bookings per month 175-230 (2,351 total in 2024)

Prosecution

City of Auburn Criminal Division

Chief Prosecutor: Charlotte Storey

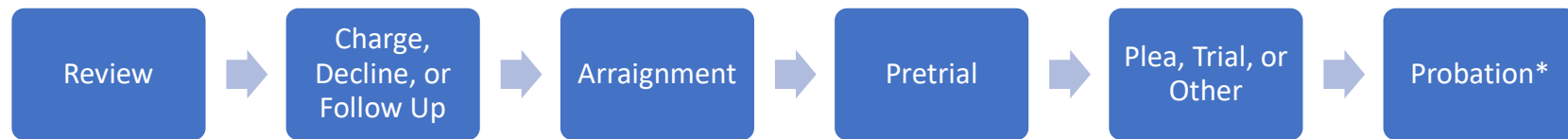
City Prosecutors: Sergio Flores, Matthew Upchurch, Tim Nguyen, Grant Meyers

Domestic Violence Paralegal: Kimberly Dominguez-Barranco

Legal Assistants: Robin Hartle, Tausha Mohs

Prosecution

Life-Cycle of a Criminal Case



*Probation is imposed on many cases, but not all cases, and depends on the facts and criminal history of the Defendant.
NOTE: RALJ appeals not covered in this life of a case.

Prosecution – Filing a Case

Misdemeanor arrest: charges are referred to City Attorney

- Cost paid directly by General Fund for prosecution team and indirectly through KCDC contract

Felony arrest: charges referred to King County Prosecutor

- No addition costs, except officer time
- If King County declines to file felony charges, City may file reduced misdemeanor charges

Juvenile arrest: charges referred to King County Prosecutor

- No addition costs, except officer time

Civil Cases

- Prosecution team is only impacted if a citation is contested

Prosecution – Civil Cases

- Types of Civil Cases
 - Parking Infractions
 - Photo Enforcement
 - Tow/Impound Hearings

Officer Issued Citation or
Photo Enforcement
Camera Cites Infraction

Infraction is paid,
mitigated, or deferred

Infraction is Contested
(prosecutor involved)

Prosecution – Civil Cases

CIVIL CASE STATISTICS									
Year	Sector and Parking Citations Issued	Sector and Parking Citations Contested	% Contested	Hearings Set – Sector and Contested Parking Citations	Photo Enforce. Issued	Photo Enforce. Contested	% Photo Enforce. Contested	Hearings Set – Contested Photo Enforce.	Tow Hearings
2023	3,443	281	8%	449	14,292	26	.2%	24	6
2024	4,674	346	7%	489	23,017	122	.5%	157	5
2025 YTD	1,405	120	9%	218	4,961	22	.4%	36	2
2025 est.	4,889	418	9%	759	20,340	90	.4%	148	

*cases for 2025 through 4/17

Prosecution - Criminal Cases

- Domestic Violence (DV)
 - Assault
 - Harassment
 - Malicious Mischief
 - Interfering with Reporting DV
 - Exposing Children to DV
- Driving Under the Influence/Physical Control
- Theft
- Trespass
- Assault
- Property Damage- Malicious Mischief
- Drug Offenses
 - Drug Loitering
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance (PCS)
 - Stay Out of Drug Area Order Violations (SODA)

Prosecution - Criminal Cases

- Obstruction/Resisting
- False Statement
- Harassment
- Vehicle Prowl/ Vehicle Trespass
- Driving Suspended
- Driving without Ignition Interlock
- Hit and Run
- Reckless Driving

Prosecution - Criminal Cases

- The lesser-known crimes:
 - Causing Unnecessary Emergency Response
 - Animal Injuring Human
 - Indecent Exposure
 - Possessing Dangerous Weapon
 - Having Burglary Tools
 - Reckless Burning
 - Custodial Interference

Prosecution – Criminal Cases

Misdemeanors that should have been a felony:

The Rules

- Statute
- King County Filing and Disposition Standards (FADS)
- Practical application

The Result

- Robbery 2nd= Theft and Assault (GM)
- 3rd VNCO and beyond (GM)
- Possession of Stolen Vehicle= Vehicle Trespass or Vehicle Prowl (M or GM)
- Felony Assault DV= Assault 4 DV (GM)

The Impact

10% of our cases should be felonies

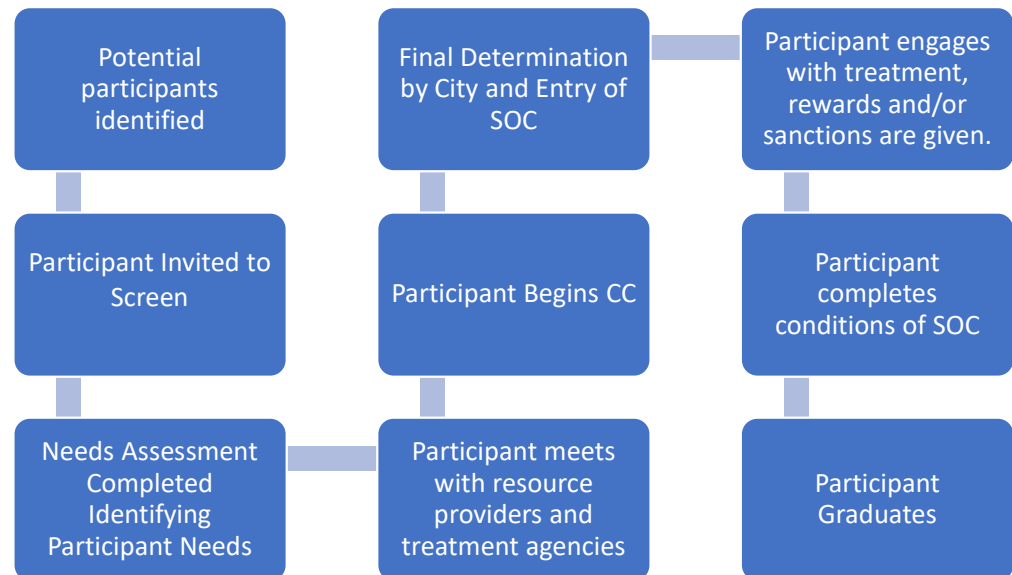
Prosecution – Criminal Cases

CRIMINAL CASE STATISTICS									
Year	Total Cases Reviewed	DV Cases Reviewed	DUI Cases Reviewed	Total Cases Charged	DV Cases Charged	DUI Cases Charged	Drug Cases (PCS, Drug Loiter, SODA)	Trials Scheduled	Trials Commenced
2023	2,487	734	135	2,100	508	130	566	239	15
2024	2,597	715	154	2,139	446	150	526	554	24
2025 YTD*	726	207	42	584	131	39	131	78	7
2025 est.	2,759	787	160	2,219	498	148	451	296	27

*cases for 2025 through 4/17

Prosecution – Community Court

- After charges are filed into Municipal Court, referrals to Community Court can be made
- Community court is an alternative, problem-solving court for some non-violent misdemeanor cases.
- Pretrial Diversion Program which directs individuals to appropriate resources and assistance to address underlying needs that likely led to criminal activity.



Prosecution – Community Court

Types of Cases Invited*

- Trespass
- Theft
- Unlawful Bus Conduct
- Disorderly Conduct
- SODA Violation
- Drug Loitering
- Possess Controlled Substance

Types of Cases Not Invited*

- DUI
- Domestic Violence
- Traffic Offenses
- Violation of a No Contact Order
- Cases where victim does not support community court resolution

*Not an exhaustive list

Prosecution – Community Court

Strict Disqualifiers

- RCW 9.94A.030(55) violent offense convictions within the past 5 years
- Pending RCW 9.94A.030(55) violent offense charges
- Sex offense convictions or pending sex offense charges (including juvenile cases)
- Known gang membership or affiliation
- Officer caution noted in police records
- Hate crimes

Discretionary Disqualifier

- Class A felonies
- Violent crimes
- Assault of City Officer
- Stalking
- Violation of a no contact order, protection order, sexual assault order
- Crimes against children and vulnerable adults
- Escape
- Crimes enhanced by sexual motivation
- Crimes involving firearms
- Human trafficking
- Kidnapping
- Active warrant anywhere for 5k or more

Prosecution - Community Court

COMMUNITY COURT				
Year	Participants Invited	Participants Accepted	Participants Graduated	Still in program, revoked or on warrant status
2023	40	28	22	6
2024	85	30	19	20
2025	20	7	7	22

*cases for 2025 through 4/17

King County District Court - Probation

- Timeframe 1-60 Months, depending on the case
- Well over 50% of cases are placed on probation after resolution*
- Probationary Requirements may include:
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - Domestic Violence Treatment
 - Mental Health Treatment
 - Anger Management Treatment
 - Defense Driving Classes
 - Parenting Classes
 - Law abiding behavior
 - Restitution
 - Abstaining from all substances
 - No possession of firearms
 - Forfeiture of weapons
 - No Contact Orders
 - No Return Conditions
 - Work Crew
 - Community Service
 - Fines

King County District Court – Probation

- Domestic Violence
 - 60 Months
 - DV treatment
 - NCO
 - No firearms
 - DNA
- DUI
 - 60 Months
 - Substance use treatment
 - Abstaining from substances
 - Driving Course
- Drug related cases
 - 24 Months
 - Substance use treatment
 - Abstaining from substances
 - SODA order.
- Theft/Property Damage
 - 24 Months
 - Restitution
 - Consumer awareness class
 - Community Service or Work Crew

*not a comprehensive or complete list. These are examples only of some types of conditions you might see.

King County District Court – Probation

- Many cases don't receive probation
- Factors considered
 - **Criminal history**
 - Facts of the case
 - **Amenability to Treatment**
 - Need for Treatment
 - Likelihood treatment will impact recidivism
 - Pending cases or probation in other jurisdictions

Probation - Statutory Considerations

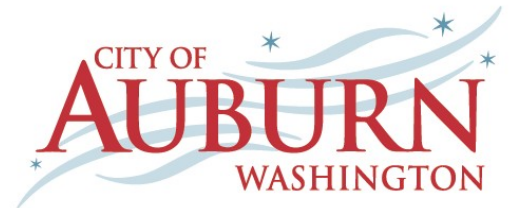
- **DUI**- if the Court doesn't impose the maximum jail sentence, the Defendant must be placed on probation with substance use treatment.
- **DV** - most convictions cause loss of firearm rights or a DNA sample and include a NCO, many involve restitution for victims. High recidivism in DV. Probation becomes important for both rehabilitation and future accountability.
- **Deferred Prosecution** - requirement for substance use treatment or domestic violence treatment.
- **Deferred Sentence** -depends on conditions imposed by the Court.

King County District Court (KCDC) - Background

- Prior to 2012: the City operated its own municipal court
- In 2012: the City began contracting its municipal court services to KCDC, including probation services, to realize operational savings
- 2023: Service delivery and operational efficiency concerns led the City to contract with National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to help evaluate service levels, effects of justice outcomes and local control, impacts on associated services (probation, detention, prosecution, indigent defense, SCORE, victim support, community restitution), and costs and financial implications
- 2024: NCSC updated its analysis from 2023 focusing primarily on updating the estimated costs and timelines associated with the City operating its own municipal court again
- **NEW in 2025:** KCDC announced its move to a full cost recovery model
 - Impacts the cost of probationary services in 2026 (\$518,000 in 2024 costs)
 - Required facility improvements (carpet, badging upgrades, window film, and HVAC additions)

Criminal Justice

Evaluating Current Philosophy and Decision Points

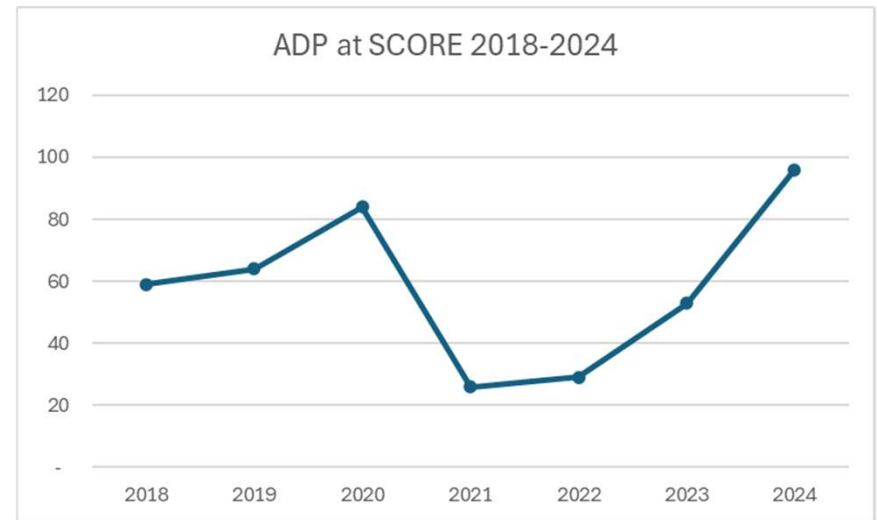
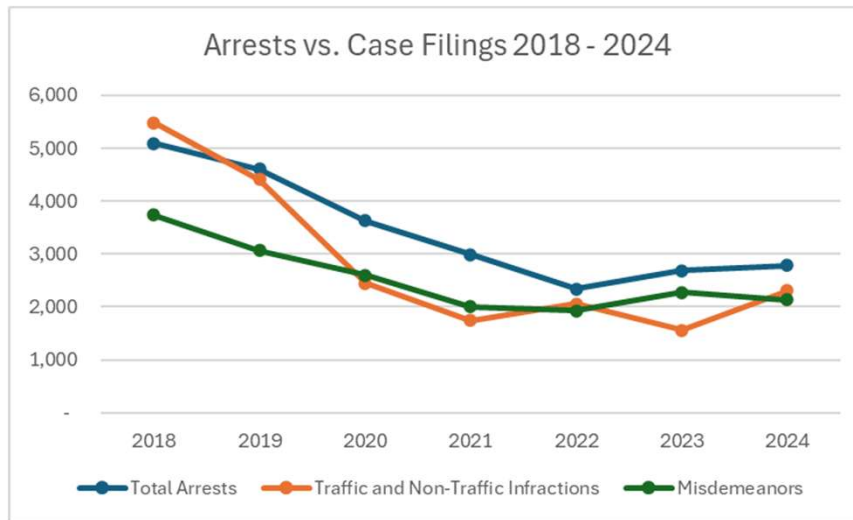


Philosophical Considerations

- Rising SCORE costs – ADP is 48% in 2025 compared to 33.5% in 2015
 - Maintain current arrest philosophy?
- Rising costs for public defense
 - Maintain current prosecution philosophy (Auburn currently charges all cases referred to prosecution that are adequately supported by the evidence)?
- Rising costs with King County District Court
 - Maintain current interlocal agreement with KCDC or re-establish the Auburn Municipal Court?
 - May 5th deadline council action required (via resolution)

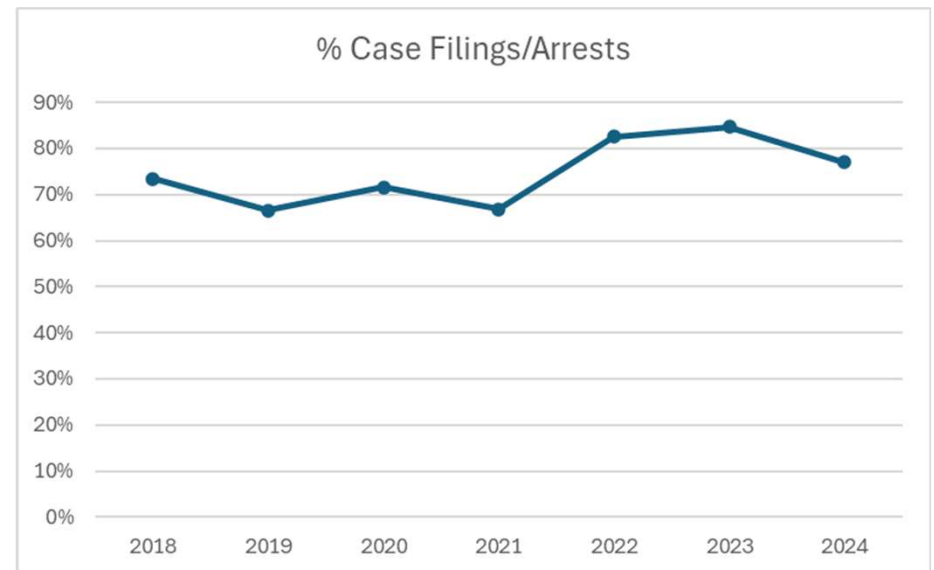
Maintain Current Arrest and Case Filing Philosophy?

- Current trends have led to an increased cost at SCORE (20% when other cities have seen a decrease)
- Case filing levels have not recovered from pre-pandemic levels



Maintain Current Arrest and Case Filing Philosophy?

- % of case filings per arrest decreasing
 - Historically, this was the result of inefficiencies in court operations (continuances, delays)
- Despite rising criminal justice costs, an integrated and accountable approach can lead to a reduction in indirect costs over time
 - Holding individuals accountable via an aligned community court and probation services model
 - A reduction in other community costs and increased perceived community safety



City Operated Municipal Court - Opportunities

- Focus on Auburn Issues
 - More local control and influence over judicial appointments
- Service control: location, staffing (levels, continuity, performance) hours of service, reduced delays, more consistency in calendaring
- Local performance measures vs. district court
- Better alignment with City philosophies:
 - Increase community court cases
 - Integration of probation services within Human Services*

*Requires judicial approval to separate probation services from the judicial branch

City Operated Municipal Court - Opportunities

- Probation and Community Court integration
 - Alignment with City's current philosophy and efforts to reduce recidivism through **care and accountability**
- Fully integrate community court and probation with existing City services and resources
 - Trauma-informed, **equity-focused** probation
 - Housing, reentry, substance use, and mental health
 - Leverage the use of peer navigators, mental health professionals, and wraparound supports
 - Real-time data sharing and outcome measurement
- Stronger partnerships with community-based organizations
- Opportunity for grants and specialized funding

City Operated Municipal Court – Cost Implications

KCDC Annual Contract*

Year	Amount	% Change
2018	\$ 1,675,709	
2019	\$ 2,000,666	19%
2020	\$ 1,661,290	-17%
2021	\$ 1,473,781	-11%
2022	\$ 1,289,534	-13%
2023	\$ 1,396,682	8%
2024	\$ 2,065,735	48%
2025 est.	\$ 2,300,000	11%

*Amounts paid for prior year service

- Est. additional \$605,000 beginning 2026 for Probation Services (based on the 2024 baseline of \$518,000)
- Est. additional \$527,000 beginning 2026 for 7 additional FTEs
 - Currently located at the Auburn Regional Justice Center and will be included in the new cost recovery model
- Est. annual cost with KCDC in 2026 (paid in 2027): **\$2.9 million - \$3.4 million**

City Operated Municipal Court – Cost Implications

- Up to an estimated \$475,000 more per year over KCDC's new cost model
- Does not take into consideration of one-time start up costs (furniture/fixtures, website development, facility redesign/remodel), which is offset by the required facility upgrades required by KCDC if we continued contracted services

Estimated Annual Operating Costs - Auburn Municipal Court				
	2024 Baseline	2026	2027	2028
Salary and Benefits	\$ 2,174,354	\$ 2,391,790	\$ 2,511,379	\$ 2,636,948
Other Operating	779,931	857,925	900,821	945,862
Total	\$ 2,954,285	\$ 3,249,715	\$ 3,412,200	\$ 3,582,810

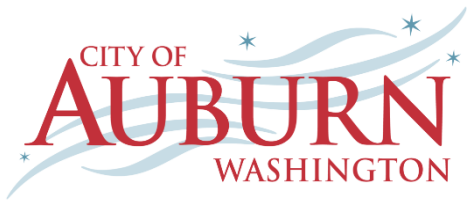
City Operated Municipal Court – Cost Implications

- Assumptions
 - Current case load statistics
 - Cost impacts for increasing or decreasing case filings
 - Cost impacts for expanding the photo enforcement program
 - Staffing levels and salary data commensurate with similar sized courts (most comparative courts were Federal Way and Renton)
 - 16 FTEs (including a court administrator)
 - 10* FTEs in KCDC model
- Although potentially more money, Auburn could run a more efficient court:
 - Auburn Municipal Court cost per employee (16 FTEs): \$213,000
 - KCDC cost per employee (10 FTEs): \$293,500

*Expected the costs of up to 7 additional FTEs will be allocated to Auburn

City Operated Municipal Court - Timeline

- **May 5, 2025:** Council adopt resolution to discontinue KCDC contract for services
- 2nd Half of 2025: Build and develop probationary services model and staff within the Human Services Division
- 2nd Half of 2025: Recruit qualified Court Administrator
- January 2026: Begin probation services
- 2026: Build Auburn Municipal Court division and staff
- January 2027: Fully operational Auburn Municipal Court



AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

Agenda Subject:**Resolution No. 5827**

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Terminate the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Auburn and King County to Stand Up the City of Auburn Municipal Court

Meeting Date:

May 1, 2025

Department:

Human Resources and Risk Management

Attachments:

Resolution No. 5827

Budget Impact:**Administrative Recommendation:**

For discussion only.

Background for Motion:**Background Summary:**

The City of Auburn has been party to an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with King County for District Court services since 2012. Recently, King County provided notice that it would be charging cities for District Court services on a full cost recovery model. As a result, Auburn will be required to pay approximately \$500,000.00 more, on an annual basis, for probation services previously included within the scope of the ILA. After review, study, and consideration of the services and costs to the City under the existing ILA, staff recommends that the City terminate that ILA, effective December 31, 2026, and that the City begin the process of standing up its own Municipal Court. In order to timely terminate the ILA, the City Council must authorize the Mayor to issue written notice of termination of the ILA on or before May 12, 2025. This will terminate the ILA for District Court services effective December 31, 2026.

Councilmember: Cheryl Rakes

Staff: Candis Martinson

RESOLUTION NO. 5827

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TERMINATE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUBURN AND KING COUNTY TO STAND UP THE CITY OF AUBURN MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City of Auburn entered into an Interlocal Agreement with King County for district court services (“ILA”); and

WHEREAS, the ILA provides for periodic review by all parties through the District Court Management Review Committee (“DCMRC”). At the DCMRC meeting on March 6, 2025, King County informed the City partners of their intent to move forward with a full cost recovery model for district court services, which will require the City of Auburn to incur additional costs for probation services totaling over five hundred thousand dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the ongoing and changing judicial responsibilities with which the City is involved, the City Council has explored alternative approaches to address municipal court cost structures and efficiencies through phased court study presentations from the National Center for State Courts; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review of the alternatives and options available to the City, it is advantageous for the City to establish their own municipal court;

WHEREAS, the current ILA term extends through December 31, 2026 and is terminable by the participating city by providing written notice to the County by May 12, 2025, for termination effective December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN,
WASHINGTON, RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to terminate the ILA between the City of Auburn and King County for district court services, no later than May 12, 2025, for a termination date effective December 31, 2026.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to enter into additional agreements and to implement those administrative procedures necessary to carry out the directives of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution will take effect and be in full force on passage and signatures.

Dated and Signed: _____

CITY OF AUBURN

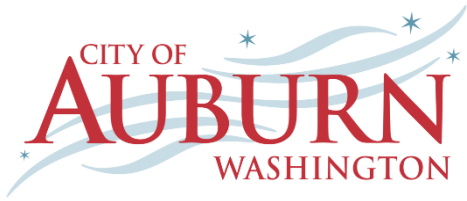
NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shawn Campbell, MMC, City Clerk

Jason Whalen, City Attorney



AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

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2022-2024 City Accomplishments - 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Meeting Date:
May 1, 2025

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Department:
City of Auburn

Attachments:
City Accomplishments
Presentation

Budget Impact:

Administrative Recommendation:

Background for Motion:

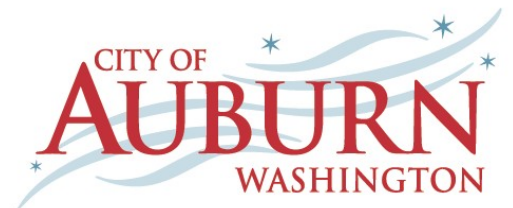
Background Summary:

Councilmember:

Staff:

2022-2024 City Accomplishments

May 2025 City Council Retreat



What We Heard About 2022 Through 2024

See Click Fix Requests



NOTE: 58% of requests received by the City are related to behavior of the public, specifically

- 1) Dumping Trash/Debris
- 2) Parking Issues
- 3) Graffiti
- 4) Shopping Carts

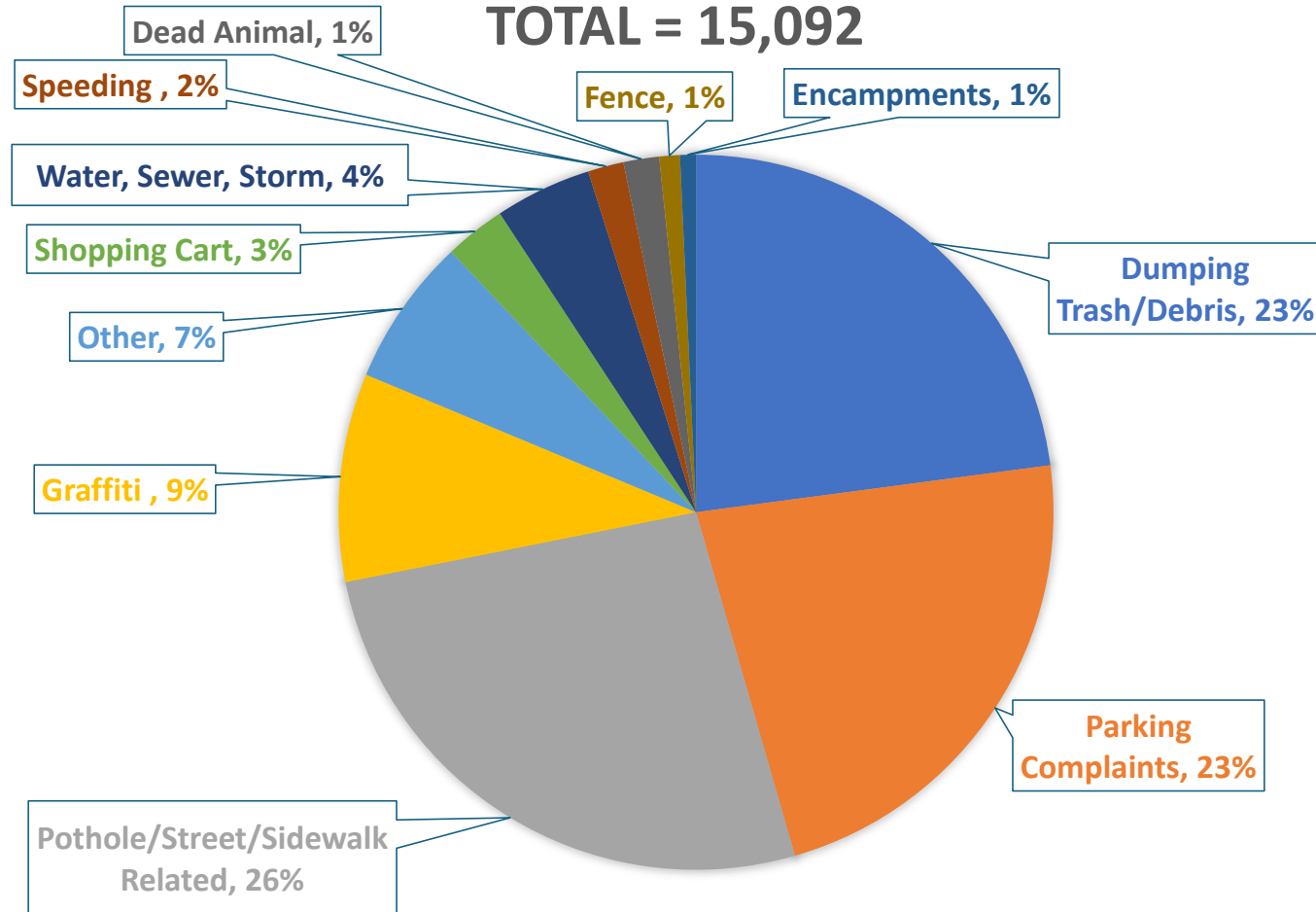


2022-2024 City Accomplishments

4/28/2025

SEE CLICK FIX REQUESTS 2022 - 2024

TOTAL = 15,092



Fiscal Sustainability

The City has a responsibility to ensure delivery of services long-term.

Total Grants Awarded = \$42.3 M

Transportation Infrastructure included*:

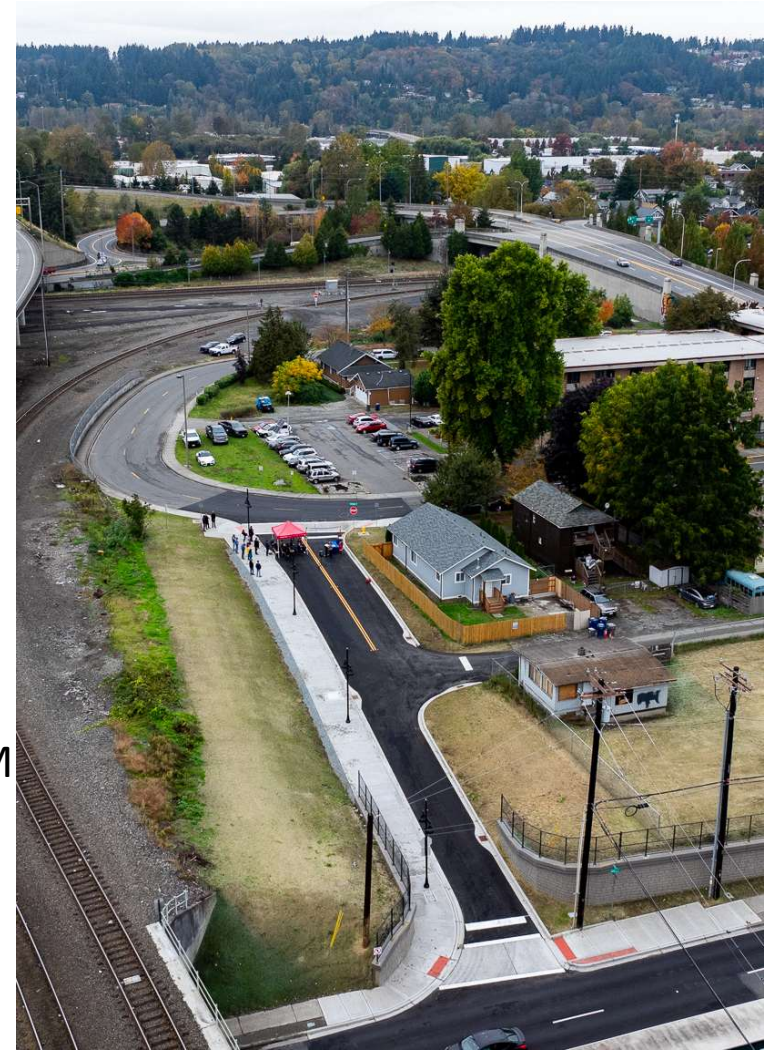
- Airport Runway Safety Area and Other improvements = \$5.4M
- Road Preservation Grants = \$5.3M
- Road Capacity Projects = \$13.1M
- Roundabouts = \$4.3M
- Non-Motorized and Safety = \$3.8M

Utility Infrastructure included*:

- Grants for Seismic Valve Retrofits for Water Reservoirs = \$2.7M
- All Electric Sweeper = \$0.6M

Parks Infrastructure included*:

- Downtown Park & Art Investments = \$3.81M
- Les Gove Spray Park Water System Upgrades = \$100,000





Total Grants Awarded

Program Funding included:

- Auburn Senior Center Resource Navigation* (2021-2026) = \$1.6M
 - 373 clients have been supported
- Biking as Transportation for Youth*: \$212,000
- Various other Parks, Arts & Recreation programming grants* = \$200,000
- Stormwater Operational Grants* = \$205,000
- New website and branding for Auburn Economic Development to highlight the benefits of starting a business in Auburn* = \$120,000
- Support for Public Defense* = \$190,000
- Six different grant awards for various Planning projects regarding comprehensive plan and housing = \$725,000*

New Revenue Received

1. B&O Tax
 - 2022 – 2024: \$25.3M
2. Other Business Tax Enforcement
 - 2023 -2024: \$1.2M
3. Investment Income
 - Earnings over 2022 base: \$2.5M
4. Street Preservation Funding
 - Utility Tax: \$2.2M
 - Transportation Benefit District: \$5.1M
5. Photo Enforcement (net)
 - 2023 – 2024: \$2.3M





Programs Advanced or Completed

- Update of the **System Plans** for Water, Sewer, Storm, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation & Open Space*
- **Utility Rate Study** to set rates for 2023 through 2025*
- Updated **SEPA code** to address regulatory redundancy and administrative efficiency to improve development opportunities
- Completion of the **IRG Development Agreement** for the former GSA property increasing future development and job growth opportunities and securing additional public benefit funding for the theater project*
- Completed **Booth Bridge Mural** project utilizing CPTED principles (graffiti abatement/deterrent)*

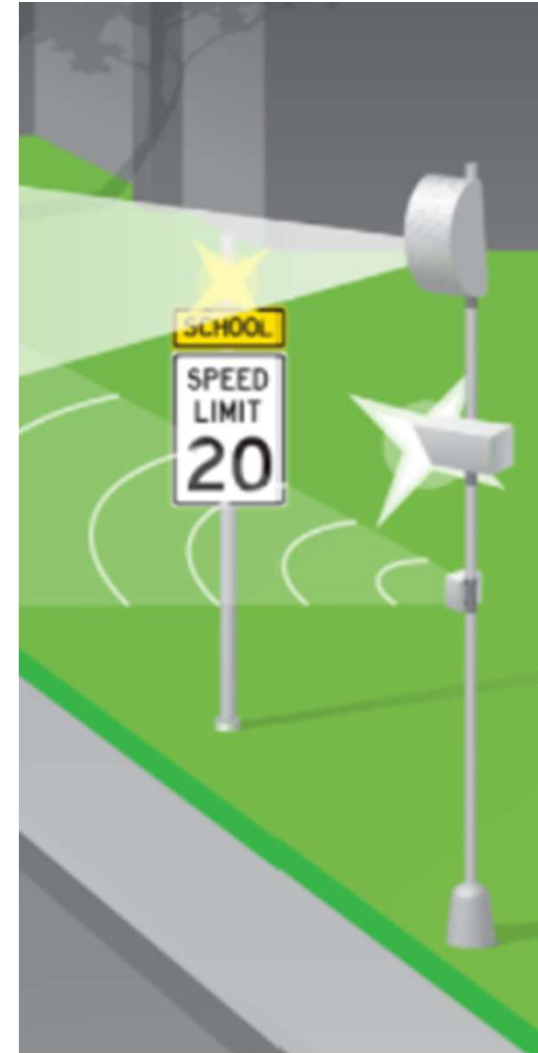
Community Safety

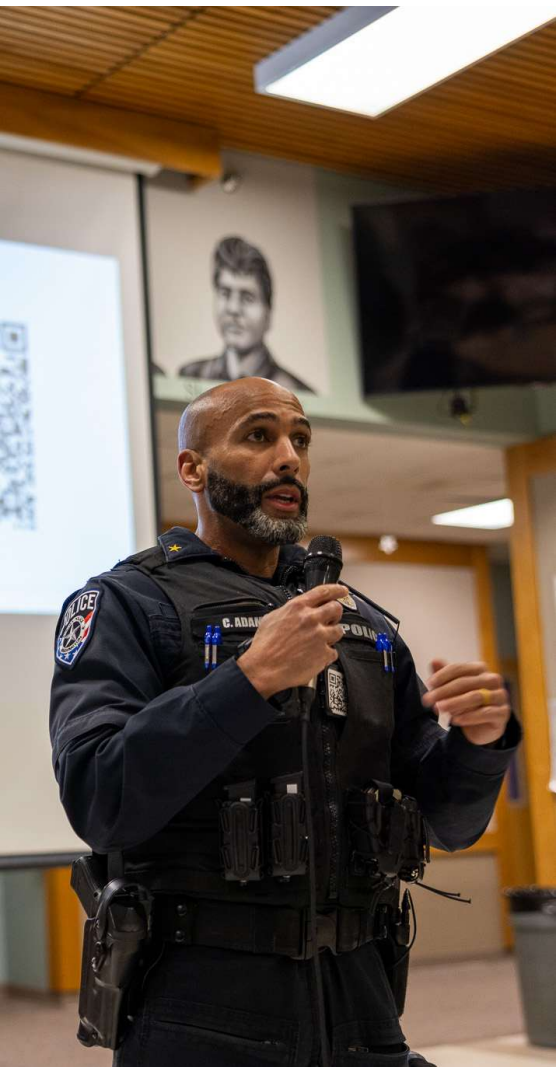
Residents, visitors and employees are entitled to a secure, healthy environment.

Note: Items that were included in the Criminal Justice presentation are not repeated here.

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Implemented the **School Zone Photo Enforcement** Program*
 - Over 42,000 infractions issues to date
 - Non-Compliance reduced from 27% to 2%
- Completed the **Lead Service Line Inventory** for public and private water services in compliance with Federal Regulations*
- Began Implementation of the **Police Assigned Vehicle** program with the purchase of 17 vehicles and 13 were in service by the end of 2024 while putting an additional 121 vehicles in service.
- **Police emphasis patrols** conducted in the downtown core, south end, and Fred Meyer resulting in 1146 contacts, 150 trespass notices, 157 arrest in 2024
- Completed a Phase 1 and Phase 2 **Municipal Court Study***





Programs Advanced or Completed

- **Police Employee wellness** initiative showing excellent results.*
 - Contracted Psychologist to provide peer support training and direct services to staff. Also provided contract fitness advisors to promote staff health.
- Responded to 22 **building emergencies** for the community impacted by incidents such as fire, water damage, and vehicle impact.*
- Began the **implementation of software** for prosecutorial workflow and enhanced the software for Axon Evidence to streamline the discovery process.*
- Prosecution reviews and charges approximately 2500 **criminal misdemeanor cases** annually.*
- Implemented a **Community Service Work Crew** which completed 753.75 hours of service between 2023 and 2024*

Community Wellness

Auburn residents are entitled to a secure, healthy and humane quality of life with equitable access to the services, programs, activities and benefits offered by the City.

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Created the **Office of Equity, Engagement and Outreach** to lead efforts related to diversity, equity and inclusion both internally and externally for a healthier community.
 - DEI Foundational training completed for all employees
 - Creation of a Draft Racial Equity Workplan
 - Annual Juneteenth Celebrations
 - Equity Fluency training modules were created and provided to all employees
- Created a **Racial History of Auburn tour** and program at the White River Valley Museum, over 400 City of Auburn employees, community groups, and public program participants have taken the tour to date.
- **Language Interpreter** Technology Upgrades
- Published 42 Episodes of **“That’s So Auburn!”** podcast
- Retooled and refreshed the **Auburn Magazine** and produced quarterly magazines delivered to all in Auburn





Programs Advanced or Completed

- Created the **Human Services Department** to lead strategy on homelessness, housing, and community well-being.*
 - Over 5 years 443 individuals housed through outreach, navigation, and housing support.
 - Acquired the Auburn Resource Center – now a permanent base for outreach and navigation services.
 - Launched a Clean & Sober Housing Program to promote recovery and long-term stability and have had 72 people in the program from 2022 through 2024.
 - Secured a Health Through Housing site with 65% of units prioritized for Auburn residents experiencing homelessness. (worked with King County to make sure we have a thorough local referral process).

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Established a **Community Court & Resource Center** to offer alternatives to incarceration and connect individuals to services.*
 - Increased Community Court housing capacity with 4 additional beds through AAHAA recovery housing to support participants.
 - Had 68 participants and 39 graduations between 2023 and 2024
- **Housing Repair Program** continued to complete emergency and accessibility related home repair projects for low-income residents to keep people housed: 189
- City of Auburn **building codes** updated through Ordinance 6902 to adopt the 2021 international codes, WA State amendments and associated standards.
- Restarted **CERT Training** and trained 55 new members and over 900 total since the programs inception.*





Programs Advanced or Completed

- Completed **FEMA Community Rating System (CRS)** Audit. The City of Auburn maintained a CRS class of 5.
 - 25% discount on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) premiums for properties within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).
- Completed audit by the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau of the City's building code compliance processes, successfully improving our **Building Code Effectiveness Grading Scale (BCEGS)** rating from Class 3 to a Class 2.
 - putting Auburn in the top 95% of Washington jurisdictions. BCEGS is a factor used in determining insurance rates for property owners
- Organized and facilitated 12 **business spotlight videos** highlighting local small businesses for publication on social media and both City and Economic Development websites

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Completed a citywide update of the **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning maps***
- Completed the **Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update** with updated goals and policies.*
 - Land Use, Housing, Capital Facilities, Utilities, Transportation, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Historic Preservation, Climate
- Updated zoning and subdivision code to be consistent with **middle housing**, unit lot subdivision, and ADU standards from HB 1110 and 1337*





Programs Advanced or Completed

- **Commute Trip Reduction Program** Administration moved from King County to the City*
- Built a 48 ft x 40 ft **Salt Storage Shed** at the City's GSA property to expand our capacity for addressing winter weather events*
- **Auburn Airport Day** Annually with 1000, in attendance each year
 - Young Eagles flew 622 Kids between 8 and 17 for FREE
- Completed 5 **Murals with Aviation Themes** on City Hangars
- **AccessAuburn Public WiFi** Upgrade and Expansion*

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Continued the **REC Teen After School** program during the school year.
- Continued **Rec n' Roll**; out-of-school time options for youth in the summer 10-week period with 15 different locations Monday-Friday serving over 1,000 kids.
- Pickleball continues to grow in popularity; with over 40 **pickleball programs** offered in 2024 with over 450 participants.
- Fitness has nearly 500 **community fitness memberships**.





Programs Advanced or Completed

- New **art programming** at the Postmark working with artists and organizations.
- Hosted **major community-wide events** serving an estimated 75,000 participants per year (Petpalooza, KidsDay, 4th of July, Veterans Parade and Santa Parade) and 20 smaller special events (Peter Cotton Trail, Fun Runs, Kids Summer Stage, Summer Sounds, Friday Night Flicks).
- The **Auburn Farmers Market** hosted 82 unique vendors during the 16-week season, with 28,591 customers and \$509,589 in total vendor sales in 2024. Important resource for food access (\$11,000 in EBT redemption /\$11,500 in Snap Market Match redemption). 2,451 pounds of produce donated to the Auburn Food Bank.

Programs Advanced or Completed

- **Bike programming** - Summer Rides were offered twice a week for six weeks in the summer; servicing over 1,200 participants in 2024.*
 - Continued partnership with Pioneer Elementary for a free, after-school Bike Club that served 80 kids in 2024.
 - 205 kids learned to pedal a bike in Learn-to-Ride programs.
- The **Museum** had an average of 8,700 people a year visit exhibits, participate in a field trip, or attended an event.
- At **Mary Olson Farm** an average of 2,500 students and chaperones learned about history, science, and traditional knowledge on free field trips.



Infrastructure

The City will maintain a robust, sustainable and available infrastructure.



Programs Advanced or Completed

Completed 48 Construction Projects*

Highlights include:

- F Street Non-motorized Improvements
- 11 Lane Miles of Roadway Preservation/ Reconstruction
- Lead Service Line Replacements
- Academy Pump Station
- Riverwalk Drive Non-motorized Improvements
- Auburn Way South Sidewalks
- T-Hangar Upgrades and Enclosure
- Auburn Ave Theater Demo
- Coal Creek Springs Transmission Main Repair and Pedestrian Bridge over the White River
- A Street Loop Connection Road
- Runway and Taxiway Improvement

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Improved the **Airport's Instrument Approach**
 - Removed Night Restrictions
 - Updated to a new Straight In Approach
- Completed design review for several significant **residential development** projects that included public infrastructure components*:
 - Diamond Valley Estates (202 new single-family homes)
 - Tillman Plat (49 new single-family homes)
 - Cedarbrook Plat (26 new single-family homes)
 - Allens Acres Plat (20 new single-family homes)
 - Alicias Divisions I & II (56 new single-family homes)
- Completed the **South Loop C3 Consortium** with Sumner on the City's Fiber Network





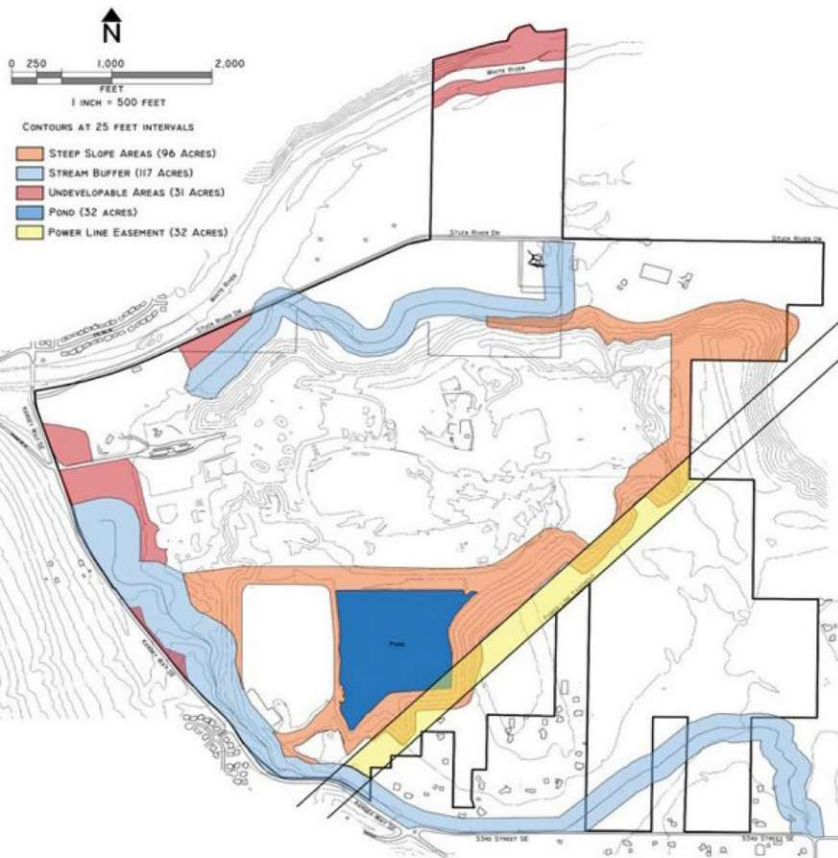
Programs Advanced or Completed

- Created conceptual design and cost estimate for a new **Auburn Avenue Theater** and **new Downtown Park**.*
- Opened the **Postmark Center for the Arts** – Main Floor (2023); Lower-Level Studios (2025)*
- Biking amenities added to **Cedar Lanes Park** – including new asphalt bicycle **pump track**, **dirt skills bike course**, a new restroom, and a storage/shelter building, supporting bike programs.*
- Completed the design and construction of a new downtown park, **Plaza Park**, across from City Hall.*

Programs Advanced or Completed

- Completed ForestWalk Phase III at **Mountain View Cemetery**; a cremation garden with 400 single and double plots.*
- Installed new playgrounds at **Forest Villa Tot Lot**, **Fulmer Park** and **Auburndale Park**, created a new accessible pathway at Auburndale Park.*
- Repaired a major irrigation leak at **Game Farm Park**, completed decking repairs at **Mill Pond Park**.*





Programs Advanced or Completed

- Facilitated execution of 3-party agreement for the **EIS Stuck River Road & Mount Rainier Vista Subarea plans (Segale property)**
- Completed **Annexation of The Bridges** from the City of Kent, a 155-acre area with 379 housing units and an estimated population of 1,280 residents.*
- Continuous collaboration on the design-build of **Sound Transit's 2nd parking garage** located in downtown to support permit approval and start of construction
- Negotiation, coordination, and facilitation of the **Copper Creek Development Agreement** for a middle housing project of between 107 and 134 townhouse dwelling units with fee simple ownership in the newly annexed Bridges area*

By The Numbers

Some statistics of 2022 through 2024



2022-2024 City Accomplishments

4/28/2025

By the Numbers - External

- **Council** = Ordinances & Resolutions = 257, Public Hearings = 30+
- **Development**
 - Plat Actions = 36
 - Residential Occupancy Issued = 151
 - Development Applications = 9,500
 - Development Permits Issued = 7,800
- **ROW Management**
 - Franchises Approved = 9
 - ROW Use Permits Issued = 118
 - Adopt A Street Clean Ups = 46
- **Code Enforcement** = 5,062/5,052 Opened/Closed
- **Public Defense Screenings** = 1,322
- **Public Records Requests Processed** = 17,361
- **Passports** = 2,942
- **Cemetery** = 987 total placements – internments and inurnments
- **Recreation** = 1,041 Athletic Teams & 8,214 Recreation Activities
- **Parks**
 - Maintained and cared for 291 acres of developed parks (33 parks)
 - Maintained and cared for 390.74 acres of open space and miles of trails.
- **Senior Center**
 - 112,091 visits recorded
 - 44,302 lunches served
 - 95,511 Meals on Wheels were delivered
 - 1,132 seniors participated in a newcomers tour
- **Golf Course** = 174,856 rounds of golf played
- **Events & Arts 2022-2024** = 559 art and event activities hosted; serving 365,238 individuals
- **Streets**
 - Replaced Signal LED's at 37 intersections
 - Swept 44,333 Miles of Streets
 - Completed 1,190 sign repair/replacement
 - Paved 935 Tons (62 truck loads) of Asphalt Patches
 - Repaired/replaced 23 street lights knocked down
- **Utilities**
 - Inspected over 1000 public and private storm systems
 - Re-Established 187 Ponds
 - Re-Established 20 segments of ditches
 - Completed 4018 Coliform samples all with Negative Results
 - Flushed 1642 dead end mains
 - Completed Uni-Directional Flushing on 638,583 LF of water Main
 - Produced on Average 2.6 Billion Gallons of Water per year

By the Numbers - Internal

- **Streets**

- Annual Inspections and Preventative Maintenance on 55 School Zone Flashers, 30 RRFB's, 96 signals
- Completed 6513 Tasks for Streets
- Completed 2352 tasks for Traffic Signals
- Completed 2,834 tasks for Vegetation

- **Utilities**

- Inspected 22,887 catch basins
- Cleaned 637,734 LF of Sewer
- Inspected 5,189 Water Valves, Installed 22 new ones
- Inspected 3159 Fire hydrants and repaired 142
- Completed 11,176 utility locate requests
- Completed 14,160 tasks for Sewer
- Completed 21,964 tasks for Water
- Completed 19,678 tasks for Storm

- **Fleet**

- Completed 7289 vehicle and equipment tasks

- **Innovation & Technology**

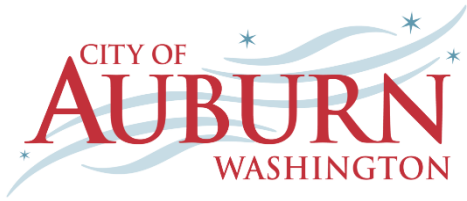
- Requests for service/help: 21,949
- Tasks completed: 15,696
- Projects completed: 39
- Preventative maintenance changes for infrastructure: 373
- End-user devices actively managed (in use and inventory): 2,656
- Emails processed (sent and delivered): 1,177,108
- Potential security events blocked: 7.2M

- **Human Resources**

- Classification & Compensation Analysis: 185
- Employee Complaints/Personnel Issues: 101
- Property Damage Claims/Auto Physical Damage Claims: 14/32
- Workers' Compensation Claims/Follow-up Incidents: 66/181
- In 2023 and 2024 hired 129 new FTE's (including 32 new Police Officers)
- Promotions/Transfers: 52 (5 in the Police Department)
- Trainings Completed: 10,391
- Policy Reviews: 13,611

Questions?





AGENDA BILL APPROVAL FORM

Agenda Subject:
Pre-Visioning - 1:30pm to 2:00pm

Meeting Date:
May 1, 2025

Director Gaub to lead Council in discussion regarding a review of the 2024 Visioning List/Map and New Councilmember Opportunity

Department:
City of Auburn

Attachments:
Draft Vision Map 11x17, Vision
Items Table, Vision Table Key

Budget Impact:

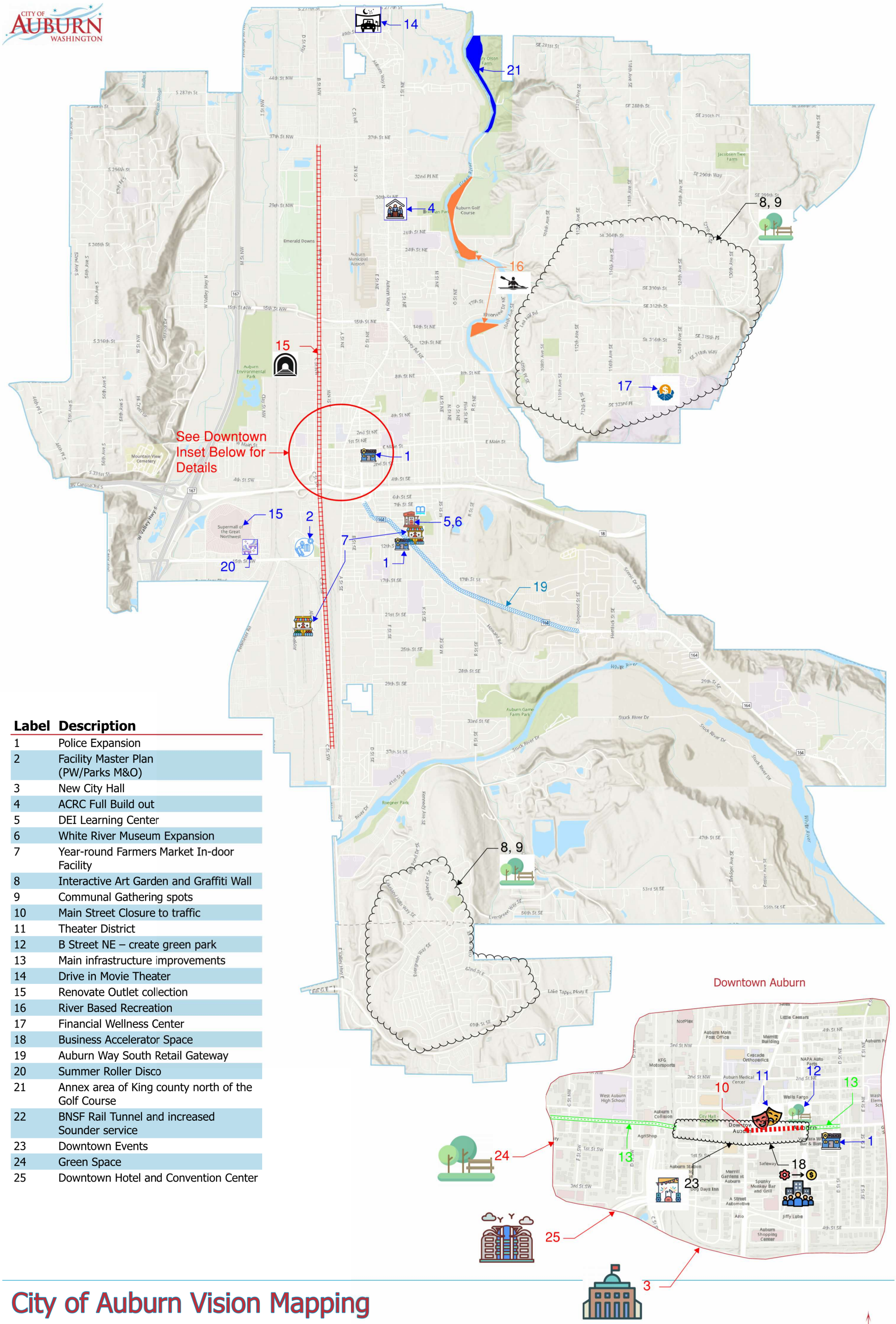
Administrative Recommendation:

Background for Motion:

Background Summary:

Councilmember:

Staff:



Label	Description
1	Police Expansion
2	Facility Master Plan (PW/Parks M&O)
3	New City Hall
4	ACRC Full Build out
5	DEI Learning Center
6	White River Museum Expansion
7	Year-round Farmers Market In-door Facility
8	Interactive Art Garden and Graffiti Wall
9	Communal Gathering spots
10	Main Street Closure to traffic
11	Theater District
12	B Street NE – create green park
13	Main infrastructure improvements
14	Drive in Movie Theater
15	Renovate Outlet collection
16	River Based Recreation
17	Financial Wellness Center
18	Business Accelerator Space
19	Auburn Way South Retail Gateway
20	Summer Roller Disco
21	Annex area of King county north of the Golf Course
22	BNSF Rail Tunnel and increased Sounder service
23	Downtown Events
24	Green Space
25	Downtown Hotel and Convention Center

City of Auburn Vision Mapping

Information shown is for general reference purposes only and does not necessarily represent exact geographic or cartographic data as mapped. The City of Auburn makes no warranty as to its accuracy.

Map ID: 6296

Visioning Items Table

Map ID#	Title	Description	Lead	Potential Cost Indicator	Potential Resources	Time Frame Indicator	Included in 2025/2026 budget
1	Police Expansion	Build the New Police Headquarters - located at either the Justice Center or at the 12th Street Property on Auburn Way South.	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	Portion
2	Facility Master Plan	Facility Master Plan improvements for PW and Parks M&O expansions	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	5 to 10 years	Y
3	New City Hall	Build a New City Hall located with the downtown area	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	N
4	ACRC Full Build Out	Complete the full build out of the ACRC (now ARC) building for the community use	City	\$\$\$\$	!!	1 to 5 years	Portions
5	DEI Learning Center	Create a DEI Learning Center either at 4th and Auburn Ave or in conjunction with the Museum	City	\$\$\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
6	White River Museum Expansion	Build an expansion of the Museum at Les Gove	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!	5 to 10 years	N
7	Year-Round Farmers Market In-door Facility	Build an in-door location to hold the Farmer's Market Year Round. Potential sites include Les Gove and IRG Properties	City	\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
8	Interactive Art Garden and Graffiti Wall	Build a community location that provides an interactive art garden and graffiti wall that changes annually. Can be in an existing park, on west hill, or the green space at AWS and SR 18	City	\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
9	Communal Gathering Spots	Create communal gathering spots outside of our parks in neighborhoods that include fire pits and chairs	City	\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
10	Main Street Closure to Traffic	Close Main Street between Auburn Ave and Auburn Way permanently and create outdoor seating and food truck areas, enhance pedestrian experience	City	\$\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
11	Theater District	Create a theater district in the downtown around the planned Auburn Ave theater site	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	Portions
12	B Street NE Park	Create Park Space in Downtown (Originally thought to vacate B Street but building a park at the comic Book Store site instead)	City	\$\$\$	!!	<1 year	Y
13	Main Infrastructure Improvements	Do additional Main Street Improvements from Auburn Way to the Justice Center and from the Sounder Station to the West.	City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	5 to 10 years	N
14	Drive In Movie Theater	Create a Drive In Movie Theater location	Developer	\$	!	5 to 10 years	N
15	Renovate Outlet Collection	Renovate the outlet collection	Developer	\$	!	1 to 5 years	N
16	River Based Recreation	Create opportunities for tourism along the Green River for water/river based activities	Private Partners	\$	!!!	5 to 10 years	N
17	Financial Wellness Center	Create a Financial Wellness Center through GRC partnership with SBA	GRC	\$	!	1 to 5 years	N
18	Business Accelerator Space	Create a Business Accelerator Space along Main Street	Others	\$	!	1 to 5 years	N
19	Auburn Way South Retail Gateway	In corporation with Muckleshoot Tribe create a retail gateway between SR18 and the Casino	City/Tribe	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	N
20	Summer Roller Disco	Partner to provide a summer roller disco in a local parking lot	Chamber/Others	\$	!	1 to 5 years	N
21	Annex Area of King County North of the Golf Course	Annex the portion of Green River Road that is within King County located north of the Gold course and along Mary Olsen Farm.	City	\$\$\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
22	BNSF Rail Tunnel and increased Sounder Service	Build a Rail Tunnel through the Downtown for train traffic and modify the Auburn Station to be underground. Increase the Sounder Service to operate 24 hours	Sound Transit	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	> 20 years	N
23	Downtown Events	Partner with Others to get more people downtown and bring back events downtown	City/DAC/Chamber	\$	!	<1 year	Y
24	Green Space	Build more Green Space/Park Space in Downtown	City	\$	!!	<1 year	Y
25	Downtown Hotel and Convention Center	Support development of a downtown hotel/convention center with lively night life	Developers	\$\$\$\$\$	!	10 to 20 years	N

Visioning Items Table

Not Mappable Items

ID #	Title	Description	Lead	Potential Cost Indicator	Potential Resources	Time Frame Indicator	Included in 2025/2026 budget
26	CO2 Reduction	More planting. Less Transportation. <i>Incentivize green infrastructure through development code updates and sustainability ordinances (e.g., green roofs, tree canopy requirements).</i>	Developers/City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	> 20 years	Portions
27	Dress Up Main Street	Encourage Bistros along Main Street. <i>Amend Zoning, Land Use, and Street Use Regulations to support pedestrian-only areas on Main street and remove barriers for sidewalk cafes and pop-up retail.</i>	Private businesses or property owners/City	\$	!!	<1 year	N
28	Continue Revitalization of Downtown	Continue to invest in the downtown to create a vibrant and active downtown core.	Developers/City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!	10 to 20 years	Portions
29	Circulator Bus	Advocate with Transit partners to create a local circulator bus that serves the City.	Transit Agencies	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	N
	Neighborhood Transit Hub	Advocate for more Transit in the City to have a hub and spoke service of Auburn	Transit Agencies	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	N
30	Make the City a 15-min City	Advocate with Transit Partners to provide more transit such that anyone can access transit within a 15 min walk. Create more Bike Facilities and more Pedestrian Facilities	Transit Agencies/City	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	> 20 years	N
31	Housing for Homeless	Support development of housing for homeless populations.	Partner Agencies	\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
	More Affordable Housing	Support development of more affordable housing options.	Developers	\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
	Housing Ladder	Support a mixture of housing types, opportunities for partnerships with GRC for dorms (foster care aging out), temp housing for work force development partnership with Orion, Veteran's village.	Developers/ Partner Agencies/ City	\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
32	Cottage/Smaller Home Developments	Allow for more cottage and smaller home developments with shared green space and small business accelerator spaces	Developers	\$	!!!	5 to 10 years	N
33	Community Care Sites	Support child care and elder care in neighborhoods or within local businesses	Business Owners/ Developers/ City	\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
34	Cooling Campaign	Support development of vertical gardens, street trees and green roofs.	Developers/ City	\$\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
35	Alternative Response Programs	Support alternative response programs to supplement community safety and Police.	Partner Agencies/ Legislature/ City	\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
36	Leverage Community Partnerships	Leverage partnerships with community based programs.	Community organizations/ City	\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
37	Make Blue Ribbon Bite Larger	Support the expansion of the Blue Ribbon Bite to a larger community.	City	\$	!	<1 year	N
38	Partner more with Multi-cultural citizen groups	Support partnerships with move multi-cultural citizen groups.	Citizen Groups/City	\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
39	More Youth Programs	Support the creation of more youth programs for sports and activities with a low cost barrier.	Private Organizations/ City	\$\$\$	!!!	1 to 5 years	N
40	Auburn Sports Team	Support the development of an Auburn sports team.	Sponsor Organization	\$\$\$\$\$	!!!!	10 to 20 years	N
41	Partner with ASD for Teacher/Staff Recognition	Hold an event/celebration to support teachers and staff at ASD.	ASD/City	\$	!!	1 to 5 years	N
42	Support Regional Aquatic Center	Support the development of a regional aquatic center in South King county.	Regional Coalition	\$\$\$	!!	5 to 10 years	N

Visioning List Table Key

Potential Cost Indicator		Potential Resources Indicator	
\$	< \$100,000		< 500 hours
\$\$	\$100,000 to 500,000		500 to 1000 hours
\$\$\$	500,000 to 2M		1000 to 2000 hours
\$\$\$\$	2M to 5M		>2000 hours
\$\$\$\$\$	> 5M		