



# CITY OF MEDINA

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**Date:** December 9, 2024

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

**Subject:** City Manager Report

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- The City of Medina, along with the Points Communities of Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, and Yarrow Point, is currently engaged in mediation with WSDOT regarding the maintenance of the SR 520 lids. Discussions between the Points Communities and WSDOT have been ongoing since before the bridge reopened in 2016, focusing on clarifying maintenance responsibilities.

On November 21, 2024, representatives from the Points Communities met with WSDOT to address the financial and staffing impacts associated with maintaining WSDOT's rights-of-way. The meeting concluded without reaching a resolution. However, both parties agreed to meet again but have not decided on a date.

- Additionally, the City of Medina has been actively engaging with WSDOT and the state legislature to find solutions for reducing noise from the SR 520 expansion joints. This has been a persistent issue for Medina residents since the new bridge opened in 2016.

The City of Medina has been working with Sound View Strategies to get legislature to approve funding for the improvement. Sound View Strategies has provided a workplan for the upcoming legislative session – see **Attachment 1**.

- At the March 25 Council Meeting, the Council approved the 2024/2025 Council Work Plan. The plan lays out Council priorities and projects through 2025 and provides staff direction to ensure these get met. See **Attachment 2** for current project status.
- On Saturday, December 14th, at 5:00 pm, Medina's Park Board will host the annual Christmas Ships event at Medina Beach Park. The Christmas Ships, featuring the Argosy Choir and a festive boat parade, are scheduled to arrive at 5:35 pm, creating a fun holiday evening for family, friends, and neighbors. A big thank you to the Medina Park Board members for organizing this wonderful community gathering!
- 2025 City Council Calendar – see **Attachment 3**.
- Bellevue Fire Report – see **Attachment 4**.