



CITY OF MEDINA

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Date: March 14, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Stephen R. Burns, Interim City Manager

Subject: Interim City Manager Report

1. City Management Transition – On January 4th, I started my role as interim city manager and have continued to work with department directors and staff to make an efficient transition. I continue to meet routinely with directors to ensure projects and programs stay on track. In addition, I have met with individual staff to gain better understanding of their roles, responsibilities, perspective, and address any concerns. The transition is moving in a positive direction.
2. Medina Finance Director – we continue to recruit for the Finance Director position. Medina Assistant Finance Director Anna Zhu continues to serve as the Interim Finance Director. We have hired a temporary finance person to assist Zhu until a permanent person is hired.
3. State Route 520 Expansion Joint – University of Washington is doing a high-speed test at the PACCAR technical center track in Mount Vernon on March 11. Once they get the results from the test, they will provide us an update.

In addition, the Legislature released its compromise transportation budget on Wednesday, March 9 and it increases the noise mitigation funding for the remainder of this biennium. One change was the due date for the final report was pushed back to December 31, 2022. Although this is later than originally requested, it will be helpful to ensure there is a full analysis of the pilot project. The Legislature is expected to pass the compromise budget as presented so there won't be any anticipated changes.

4. Mask Mandate – The City of Medina will be following the King County COVID mask mandate guidance. Starting March 12 masks will not be required when in city facilities. This does not prevent people from wearing a mask if they desire.

Taken from King County Public Health – “Based on current downward hospitalization and case rates, the review of CDC’s guidance, and state’s action, King County’s local indoor mask order will end concurrently with the state’s order–after March 11, 2022. In addition, King County will not be extending a local mask order for schools and childcares beyond the state’s order.”

5. Medina Days – I met with a potential organizer a second time to continue planning for Medina Days 2022. It is anticipated that Medina Days events will occur during the week of August 8th, 2022.