

Date: April 14, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Subject: City Manager Report

- The Medina City Council is planning a strategic retreat in 2025, bringing together council members and key staff for focused discussions on city priorities, goals, and initiatives. To ensure a productive and engaging session, the council and staff are in the process of selecting an experienced facilitator to guide the retreat. Details regarding the date and location are still being finalized.
- The City of Medina has been actively working with WSDOT and the state legislature to address ongoing noise concerns caused by the SR 520 expansion joints—an issue that has affected residents since the new bridge opened in 2016.

To secure funding for noise reduction improvements, the City has partnered with Sound View Strategies to advocate for legislative approval. Sound View has been working to get the next phase of testing funded. See **Attachment 1** - Sound View Strategies Work Plan

- At the March 25, 2024 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. Council was provided with an update at January 27, 2025, Council Meeting. See **Attachment 2** for current project status.
- > 2025 City Council Calendar see Attachment 3.
- Bellevue Fire Report see Attachment 4.