



The Highline Forum  
City of Federal Way Update  
Wednesday March 27, 2024

**Welcome to the  
City of Federal Way**

## Highline Forum City of Federal Way Update



We consider the flagpole you see while driving on 320<sup>th</sup>, our state-of-the-art PAEC, Town Square Park, Dumas Bay Centre, Steel Lake and the Town Center Steps outside, this is Federal Way's front yard.



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We recognized some very special people including Kristin Speakman, the owner of Bella Red Salon in Federal Way, who collaborated with over 60 volunteer hair stylists to give over 220 Federal Way Public School students free haircuts at Town Square Park.



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We are actively working on graffiti abatement, code compliance, and new housing projects. The Federal Way Graffiti Technicians are the unsung heroes who work hard to combat graffiti and preserve the community's charm. We appreciate our Graffiti Technicians and our dedicated Police Department working together to keep our community looking its best!

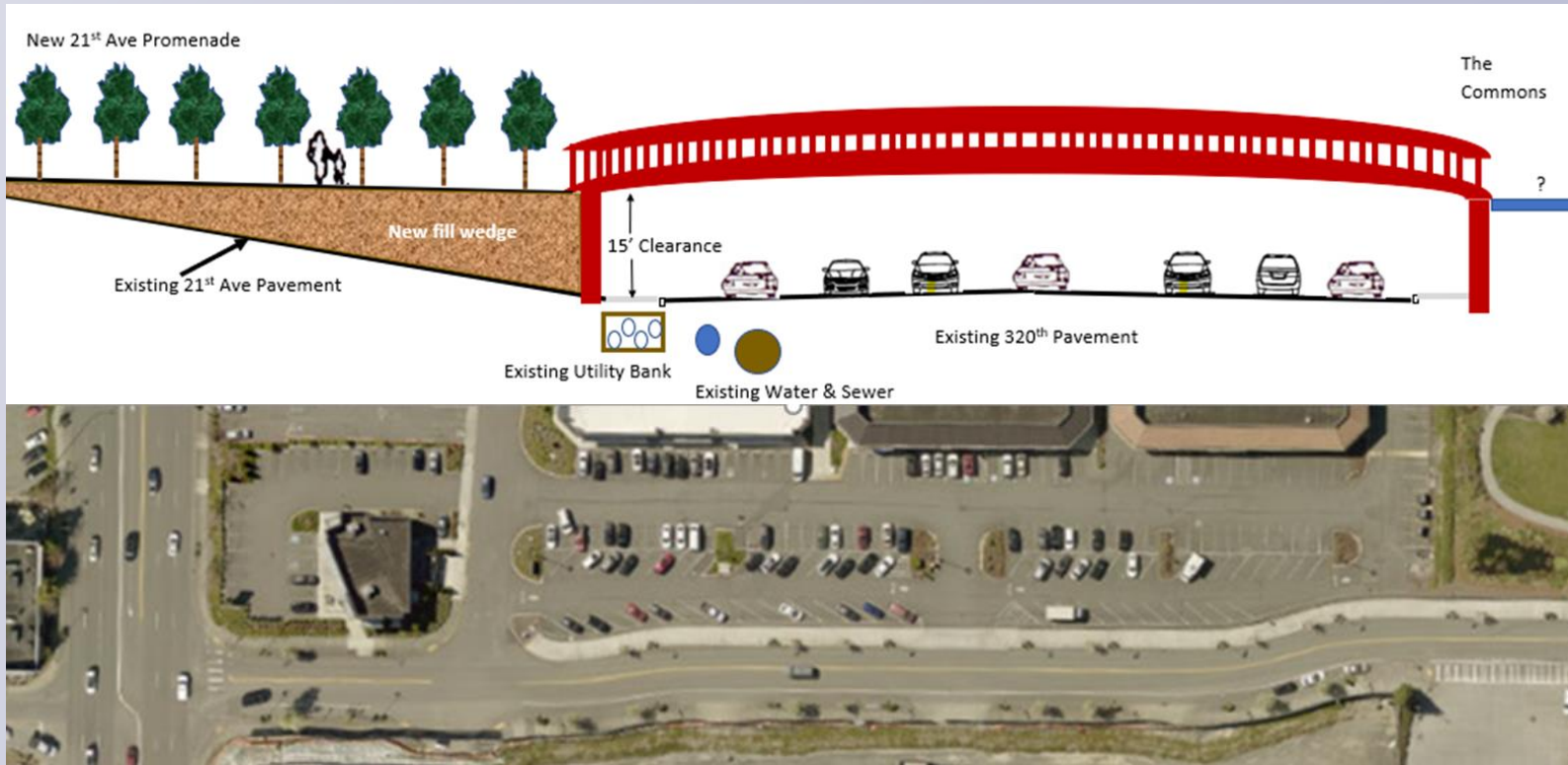


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We are nearing completion of our comprehensive plan update, which will guide decision-making and allocation of resources for the next 20 years. Last year, the City announced a partnership with Trent Development, a real estate development company based in Seattle, to develop our city-owned Town Center 3 property.

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Our focus is to ensure people can easily access our City's downtown neighborhood. The DIP will connect Downtown to the Commons Mall area. Also known as the "Pedestrian Overpass," the DIP provides easier access to both sides of 320th St. Pedestrians and bicyclists no longer have to worry about 320th being a barrier, using the City's natural topography.



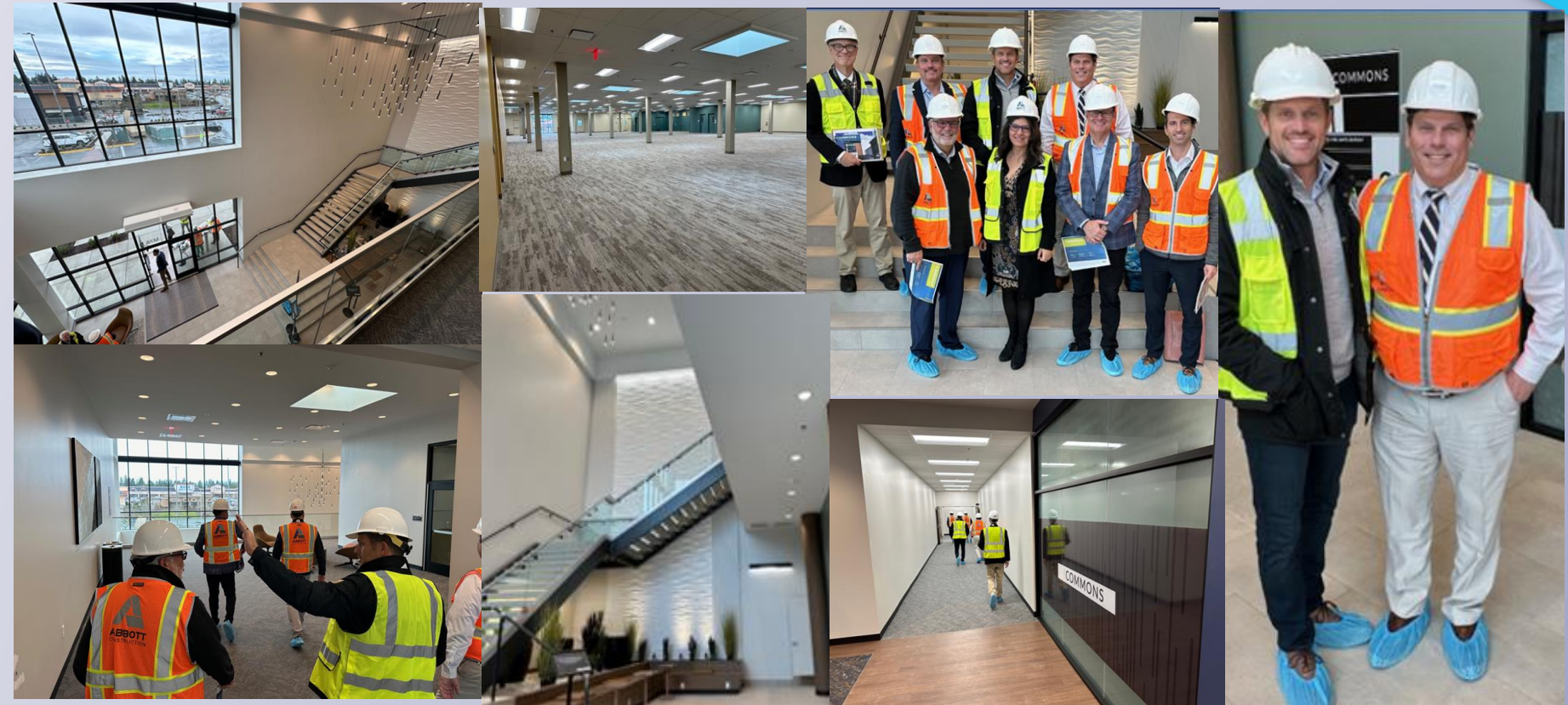
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The future plans for the Commons Mall has become key to our success. The Commons Mall is the Central Business District in our community. Plans by the Commons would include 650 residential units wrapped around a parking structure known as a Texas Donut with some new retail space included. The parking would be hidden.



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We recently took a tour of the remodeled office space property at The Commons Mall. The trip was organized by Jamas Gwilliam, the Managing Director at Merlone Geier Partners. The General Services Administration – known as GSA – will soon move into the Commons office space with their 300 employees.



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The TC 3 (Town Center) Redevelopment Plan is exciting because it's the last piece of the Town Center puzzle in Federal Way. TC-1 and TC-2 paved the way for the TC-3 Redevelopment Plan. In 2014, the City Council approved the construction of the Performing Arts and Events Center (PAEC) which has become a beloved addition to our community.



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Town Center 2 plays a major role in our community. The Town Square Park symbolizes the unity and strength of our diverse community. Since its grand opening in 2016, it has become a cherished location for community events such as the Tree Lighting Ceremony and water activities for families in the summer. It is “the City’s Beating Heart.”



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We are anticipating the arrival of light rail in 2026, where we expect thousands more visitors daily. Once operational, Sea-Tac from Federal Way will only take 15 minutes and downtown Seattle in just over 40 minutes--a game-changer. We led the change, with the help of King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, to have the alignment of the Light Rail pathway along Interstate 5 and not the original which was to run it from 240th down Pacific Highway. That would have been like a wrecking ball through our city.

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We're working hard to build a strong foundation for generational development with a clear intention to make our community flourish. As we move forward, we're making a conscious effort to work with our local business owners, who are the backbone of our community. We are constructing a foundation and adding logs to the economic fire in Federal Way. I'm excited to announce that numerous new businesses have made Federal Way their home.



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Last year, the top three industry business license renewals were in Healthcare, Finance and Insurance, and other Services/Retail.

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## 2023 Construction Permit Data

86 > \$500K Permit Valuation	<b>\$106,788,944.89</b>
375 > \$500K Permit Valuation	<b>\$38,416,386.18</b>

2023 Total Valuation

**\$145,205,331.07**

commercial, multifamily, & single family permits totaled

### 2023 Permit Data

Q1	<b>\$18,233,372.99</b>
Q2	<b>\$35,156,166.44</b>
Q3	<b>\$73,490,987.25</b>
Q4	<b>\$18,324,804.39</b>

**\$203,279,375.56**

All permits totaled: Commercial, multifamily, single family, demolition, electrical, fire protection, mechanical, plumbing, & sign

Last year, we issued approximately 3,651 construction permits worth over 200 million dollars. Out of those over 500 permits were for commercial, multifamily, or single-family construction, worth roughly 145 million dollars.



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Not all Economic Development business is serious – we also like to have fun whenever possible! Millions of viewers saw Federal Way branding all over the race track during the nationally televised race on Fox Sports. And, yes, Economic Development helped make that happen. We are happy to partner with our friends at Pacific Raceways this summer again!

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Also, we look forward to tenants moving into the historic Weyerhaeuser site where the Woodbridge Corporate Park is nearing completion, owned by the Industrial Realty Group. IRG is prioritizing responsible development and recognizes the importance of maintaining the natural beauty of this site as it holds historical value for so many in our community.



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Our friends at FUSION have done a great job of working with us to provide housing for those in need, especially during the cold months of the year. In 2023, the City launched new programs for food access, youth services, and eviction prevention with the assistance of American Rescue Plan Act Grants. These programs will continue to run until 2026!

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Public safety is our top priority at the City. We have invested federal funds to install Mobile Surveillance Trailers. Our Special Operations Unit has significantly reduced illegal active camps on private and public property and we increased staffing to 150 officers and will seek to add more. We have been conducting drug sting operations, reduced the number of stolen shopping carts and we are deploying extra patrols. We recently held our annual Safety Summit with the business community.



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The graphic features a dark blue background with a stylized city skyline on the right and construction elements on the left. At the top center is the City of Federal Way logo. Below it, the text 'Public Works' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The main title '2024 OVERLAY PROJECT' is in a large, white, distressed font. A bulleted list of project locations is centered below the title. The bottom of the graphic shows a road with a yellow roller, a worker, 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION' signs, and buildings.

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### Public Works

# 2024 OVERLAY PROJECT

- 21st Ave SW from SW 348th St to SW 356th St
- 19th Way S/S 376th St from Enchanted South
- S 333rd St from 1st Ave S to our Community Center
- 38th Ave S from S 334th St North
- S 328th St to Military

Another group that deserves recognition is our Public Works department as they secured a 30-million-dollar City Center Access project grant last year. Another project that received a grant is the 2024 Overlay Project, focusing on improving the roads throughout the City. This development will help improve the condition and lifespan of the road, enhancing safety.

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We plan to construct a new Operations and Maintenance Facility to improve our services. This should be completed by 2026! The City is fully committed to making the best use of that space. Our maintenance staff is currently housed in the former fire station, which is city property.





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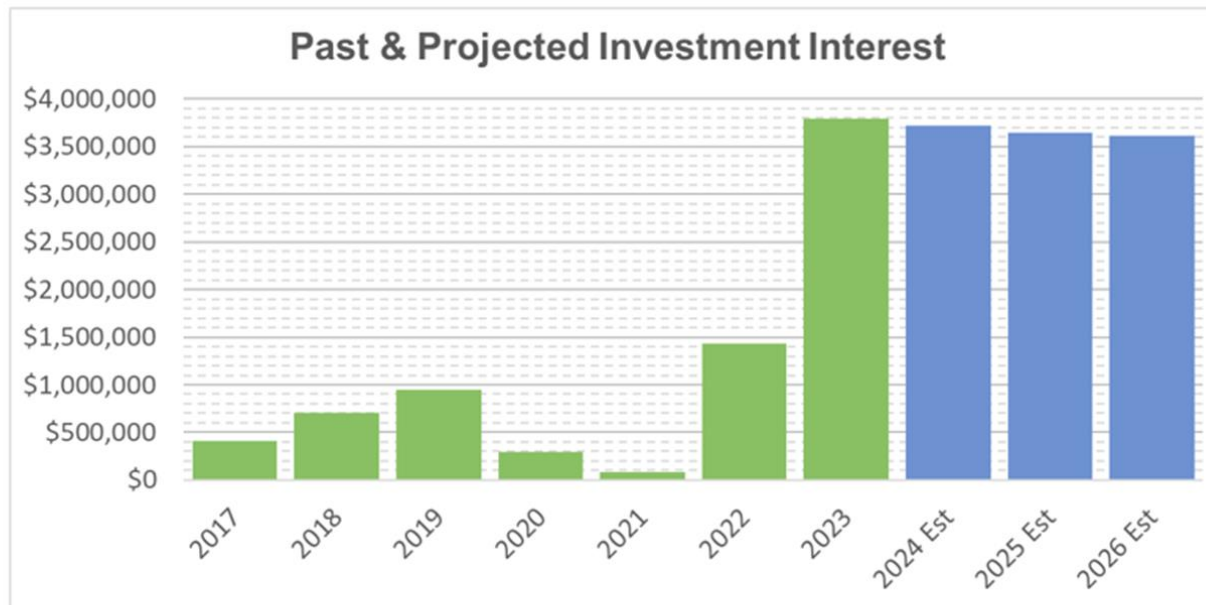
# State of City of Federal Way's Finances

**Funding our priorities  
Common-sense Investing  
Strong Local Economy  
Budget and Audit Best Practices**

The City of Federal Way Finance Department's strategic planning has allowed us to fund 13 new police officers without raising taxes.

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# Common-sense Investing of City Cash



Source:  
City of Federal  
Way Finance  
Department

It has maintained a balanced budget in the 2023/2024 biennium by raising 7.4 million dollars. Our Finance Department has invested in treasury and agency notes and is locking in revenue investment interest through 2028.



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Our Emergency Management Department has selected “Two Weeks Ready” as the theme for 2024. Our Community Response Team are proactively performing outreach to our community about the Greater Federal Way Community Emergency Management Programs. The main focus will be to educate residents on preparing for emergencies and disasters by following Washington State’s “Two Weeks Ready” program.

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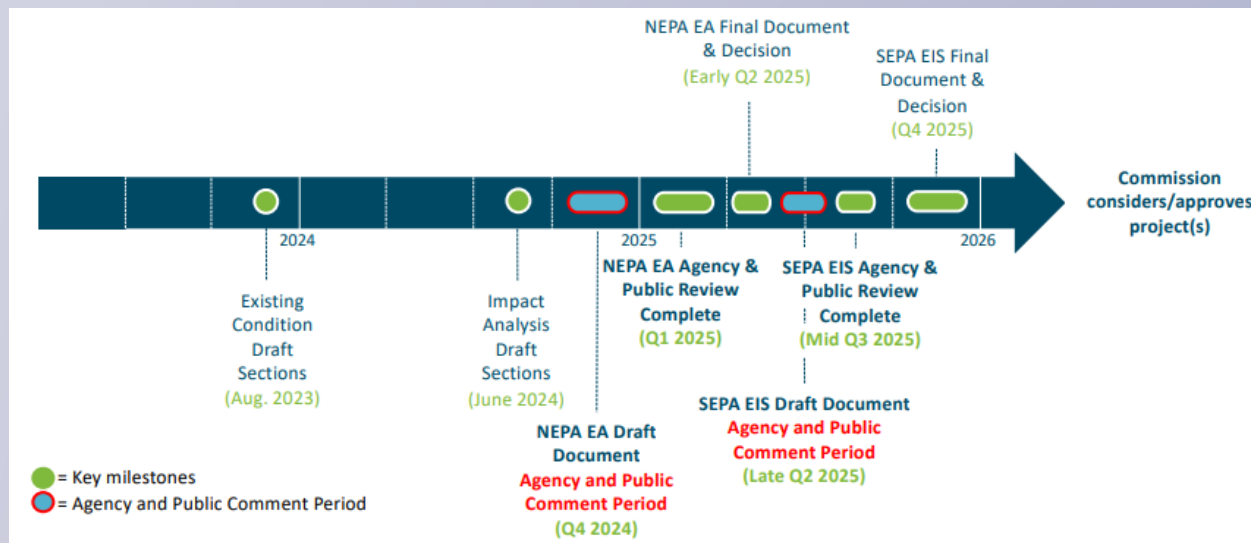
With over 30 beautiful parks in our community, our Parks and Recreation team is fully committed to providing exceptional community services and organizing events for you! We're excited that the Community Center Leisure Pool is now open, and we thank our Federal Way residents for their patience during the reopening process.



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# Airport Issues and StART

- We will be involving our entire community's involvement in the Sustainable Airport Master Plan process in 2024-25.



- This includes our continued focus on noise abatement for homes and businesses and action on emissions, including Ultrafine particles.

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**Questions?**

**Thank you for visiting Federal Way!**