

City Manager's Office

April 13, 2006

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Re: Monthly Report

Legal Update

To-date, the Legal Department has opened 87 files for civil matters, primarily advisory work to assist the City's operating departments.

The City Attorney, along with Legal Department staff, spent the majority of March preparing answers to interrogatories and answers to requests for production in the *Wasson v. Des Moines* litigation. Numerous hours were spent preparing for the March 23, 2006 arbitration and for the scheduled depositions of the City Attorney and the City Manager. Settlement of the attorney fee issue was achieved through a conflict attorney hired to represent the City. The settlement was later presented to the City Council for approval. This civil matter has been dismissed, with prejudice, and our Legal file has been closed.

The City Attorney and staff spent considerable time in the preparation of a response to a public disclosure request for documents and information involving a previous Des Moines police officer. This request required careful review of documents, including personnel information, prior to release.

The public disclosure request submitted by the ACLU late last year for documents related to drug-related seizures was withdrawn.

In the appeal of an administration decision denying a building permit, the City Attorney advised staff and appeared on the City's behalf before the Des Moines Hearing Examiner at the March 14, 2006 hearing. On March 24, 2006, the Hearing Examiner denied the Appellant's appeal as the Appellant had not offered sufficient legal basis to conclude that the City was "clearly erroneous" in its decision to deny a building permit application until roadway improvements were completed. The Hearing Examiner further ruled that the Appellant must complete road improvements prior to issuance of a building permit, or forfeit his performance security bond to the City for failure to do as promised.

In March, the Assistant City Attorney represented the City in Municipal Court in numerous cases in the prosecution of rental property business license violations. He was successful in disposing of cases where rental property owners had paid their delinquent fees and penalties. Other cases were continued to mitigation or contested hearings.

King County Consortium Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) -
Recommended Priorities and Policies for Human Services Funding

In response to changes in the structure of the King County Consortium and a likely significant reduction in CDBG funds, a number of changes are proposed for Human Services Funding in 2007. These proposed priorities and policies are the result of three months of collaborative work done by staff of the cities and the county, who have been struggling with how to best utilize these dwindling federal resources to serve the residents of our communities.

These proposed changes will impact the City's ability to apply directly for Human Services funding to support our Senior Services and Human Services programs. However, staff is working with the Des Moines Area Food Bank to support their efforts to apply for Emergency Assistance funding (as identified below). If successful, the share of CDBG Human Services funds that previously supported City of Des Moines programs will be allocated to our community Food Bank.

2007 Proposed Funding Priorities:

Emergency Shelter-

Facility-based emergency shelter programs that provide temporary, short term stays for up to 90 days.

1. Slightly longer stays are not prohibited, depending on the specific circumstances of a particular household.
2. Rental assistance, motel voucher and transitional housing programs are not included under this priority.

Emergency Assistance-

1. Programs that provide vouchers or other payments for one-time emergency assistance to help clients with utilities, food, clothing, rent, transportation and medical prescriptions.
 - This service can be provided by means of a voucher or by some other mechanism that provides direct payment for services. Cash cannot be given directly to the client.
 - Funds can be used for the direct assistance and/or for the operational costs of the program.
2. Programs that obtain and distribute food directly to individual households for preparation and/or consumption at home or off-site.
 - Funds can be used for food purchase, distribution and/or other operational costs of the program.
 - This priority excludes meal programs where food is prepared or consumed on site and/or catered.

Some general information and timeline:

- The RFP process for these funds will be run by King County, and will include both CDBG services and ESG funds. All selected contractors will contract directly with King County.
- There will be two "sub-regional" pots of funds - one for North and East King County and one for South King County. The amounts will be determined by formula relating to the number of low and moderate income households.
- There will be fewer priorities for funding. This means that there are current contractors whose projects or services such as Senior Services may no longer be eligible to apply for funding.
- There will be less money. Assuming a 25% reduction to CDBG (which at this point looks like the best case scenario), and assuming no reduction to the ESG fund, the following is an estimate of available funding for 2007:

Funding Estimate for 2007			
	South King County	North and East KC	Total
CDBG	\$233,857	\$176,418	\$410,275
ESG	\$99,750	\$75,250	\$175,000

By comparison, in 2006 there is a total of \$547,035 available in CDBG funds for services. So the best case scenario involves a reduction of \$136,758 in CDBG funds available for services.

- On April 27, 2006 the Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) will vote on these policies and priorities.

Mt. Rainier Pool

Maintenance:

Mt Rainier Pool Manager Ken Spencer reported that pool operations were closed Friday, March 17 at 8:00 a.m. to Wednesday March 22 at 3:00 p.m. (5 business days) due to the grounding out of wiring connecting the pool's pump motor to the starter which tripped the main breaker shutting down the pump.

After days of trouble shooting, the problem was corrected by running new conduit and 3 phase wiring bypassing the bad wiring. The estimated cost to the work between consultant costs, the pump manufacturer visits and electrical work is \$2,000 to \$5,000. There is additional monetary impact to the operator Aquatic Management Group due to loss of revenue during the closure.

Des Moines Creek Trail Architect Interviews

Due to changes with Federal Highway LAG manual regarding professional services, staff will re-advertise the Request for Qualifications for the Des Moines Creek Trail architectural and engineering services in late April.

Des Moines Beach Park Historic Auditorium

The Des Moines Beach Park Auditorium Rehabilitation Project is the first of seven proposed historic building rehabilitation projects identified in the City's 2005-2011 Capital Improvement Plan. BOLA Architecture + Planning was hired in late July 2005 to provide design and engineering work to be ready for permitting and construction in 2006.

Scope of Work: Electrical Updates, Technology/Communications Updates, Structural Improvements (walls, windows, doorways, ADA access), ADA Restrooms, HVAC System, and Fire Suppression System. Extra services are construction administration services such as: technical submittal review, response to technical questions, and site observations.

Council reviewed four Auditorium conceptual design options at their meeting on April 6. Council selected Option 2 with amendments as the preferred option. Staff will work with the Architect to revise the conceptual design to include requested features and update cost estimates. Permits will be submitted for review by Planning and Building staff in April. The plans have been reviewed by the King County Historic Preservation Commission Design Review Committee and will be submitted for final review and for a Certificate of Appropriateness in May. The project will be put out to bid in summer 2006.

Dining Hall

A Request for Qualifications will be issued in May for design services, specifications, plans, and project cost estimates to elevate building above flood plain, stabilize and reconstruct building foundation, remove utilities from beneath building, Structural Improvements (framing, sheathing, windows) as well as Construction administration services.

A grant to Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Funds will be submitted May 11, 2006 to request additional state funding for this project.

Picnic Shelter

Request for Qualifications will be issued in May for design services, specifications, plans, and project cost estimates for picnic shelter structural rehabilitation.

Staff submitted a Starbucks Neighborhood Parks Grant on April 3rd to secure additional funding for this project.

Activity Center:

Street Frontage Improvement Project, including the construction of public curb, gutter and sidewalks along the south side of 216th was completed on schedule. Planning, Building and Public Works staff Scott Romano served as Project Manager on this project.

Field House Renovation:

An assessment and recommendations for the Field House Historic building log restoration and chinking (sealing) project scheduled in 2006, confirmed that the west end of the building was in the worst condition and will require the most extensive repair work. The rest of the building was in good shape structurally; the wood was in good condition, and once the repairs are completed on west end, the entire facility is in urgent need of re-

chinking. The renovation will be completed in a phased approach beginning with the west building face.

Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

On February 23rd, City Council approved the proposal by Farming & the Environment a 501c3 non profit organization, to partner with the City of Des Moines related to the creation of a Farmers Market in downtown Des Moines. The Farmers Market will be located at South Marina Park on Saturdays between June 17 and October 28, 2006. The hours of operation will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information on Farming & the Environment visit their web site at: www.farmingandtheenvironment.org.

Recreation Program Update

March revenue	Year-to-Date	2005 YTD
\$43,446.76	\$148,833.84	\$145,306.27
	(Includes 2005 budget carryover)	(Includes 2004 budget carryover)

Before and After School Program

During the month of March we had a total of 134 registered Before and After School participants at Des Moines, North Hill, Midway, Marvista and Parkside Elementary Schools in the Highline School District and Woodmont Elementary School in the Federal Way School District. We had another 247 children participate on a drop-in basis or on an early release day. The Before School program begins at 6:30am and goes until the start of school and the After School programs runs from the conclusion of school until 6pm.

Field Usage/Scheduling

March was a busy month of field use as we kicked off the 2006 spring season. Renovations to the Des Moines Field House grandstand field have been extremely well received as we now host both MRHS Varsity and JV baseball games, Evergreen Lutheran High School baseball games as well as Pony and Little League practices and games. Base lengths were stretched to 90 feet, bullpens added down the foul lines, Mount Rainier High School's batting cage was relocated to Field House Park and a new, full distance mound was added.

Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park is busy as well with heavy usage coming from Mount Rainier and Evergreen Lutheran High School fastpitch programs. Other users include Senior Softball, South Highline National Little League, Clean and Sober Softball Leagues and many individual teams and other user groups. We've hosted a couple of early season softball tournaments and a Youth Baseball tournament to date. We are also in the process of elongating the infield on all three fields at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park to accommodate 70 foot bases which allows different affiliations of Little League baseball to use the fields for league and tournament play. Fields currently accommodate 60 and 65 foot bases.

Student Interns

Two student interns from Western Washington University are working with the Recreation Department for the next few months. Sergio Haberman and Antonia Gray will be involved in many of our spring and summer activities.

Senior Center Division Statistics – March 2006

	2005	2006
Number of Meals Served	1,354	1,213
Fee Program Participants	397	468
Drop In Participants	3,183	1,375
Volunteer Hours	2,153.5	2,752.25
Total Revenue for March	\$10,432	\$5,338.97

Nutrition

There was a packed house for the senior center’s annual St. Patrick’s Day lunch on March 16th. The special event committee had decorated the lunch room in green and planned several activities. Door prizes were given, thanks to Councilmember Dave Kaplan, who donated his Bayside Brunch Pot of Gold prizes to the senior center!

Senior Services of Seattle King County, which provides our congregate meal program, now has two other options for reducing meal costs and bringing the program into the black. Three caterers responded to their catering bid and a majority of the senior centers support a distribution model for the program. This model will deliver bulk foods to the center twice a week, saving on gas and allowing for more freedom to “taste up” the meals. Nutrition Coordinator, Barbara Gladding, made a plea to our program participants in late March to increase their meal donation if they possibly can.

Live Music

Des Moines Activity Center Sunday senior dances have been around since 1996. As other senior centers are seeing a decline in their regularly scheduled senior dances, Des Moines’ turnout has remained strong with over 100 dancers every month. Staff believes it is because of the Dance Committee, which oversees the monthly events, and their adherence to strict standards for the dance bands they invite to play each month. An added day for live music to enjoy and dance to is on the fourth Tuesday of every month with the Hanky Panky Dance Band which plays from 11am to 12noon.

Police Personnel Issues

March 1st, the patrol teams switched from a 4-on/4-off schedule to a 3-on/3-off schedule. Previously on the 4 day rotation, patrol teams worked 2 day shifts and then 2 night shifts. With the 3 day rotation, the patrol teams are now working all day shifts or all night shifts. On

this new schedule, they will rotate from days to nights and vice versa, every four months. The last patrol schedule change was in January, 1994.

Effective March 1st, Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson was awarded the title of Master Animal Control Officer.

Also effective March 1st Commander Kevin Tucker and Commander John O’Leary exchanged duties. Commander Tucker is now the Operations Commander and Commander O’Leary is now the Support Services Commander.

Sergeant Doug Jenkins has been assigned to the detective sergeant position, former Detective Sergeant Bob Collins has been assigned a professional standards sergeant position, former Administrative Sergeant Steve Wieland has been assigned to patrol, Sergeant Bob Bohl has been cleared to return to full duty and will be leading a patrol team, and MPO Dave Mohr who has been an acting sergeant for a patrol team has been assigned to detectives.

Officer Dave Shields has been rehired after a one year voluntary separation of employment.

Statistical Data on Reported Crimes

The following is a comparison between March 2005 and March 2006. Included are a year-end total for 2005 and a running total for 2006.

Offense Type	March 05	March 06	% Difference	2005 Total	2006 YTD
Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0
Rape	2	0	-200%	19	2
Robbery	5	0	-500%	45	11
Assaults	26	31	+19%	296	76
Burglary	21	26	+24%	242	65
Larceny	64	61	-5%	732	146
Arson	0	0	0%	4	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	29	17	-41%	428	64
Officers Assaulted	0	0	0%	4	0
Clearances Adult Arrest	31	31	0%	353	76
Clearances Juvenile Arrest	3	9	+200%	3	16
Calls for Service	1,999	1,972	-1%	23,521	5,281

Finance Personnel

Sharon Hadsall, the City's Accounting Assistant – Accounts Payable, retired after six years of service with the City. A recruitment process was initiated to replace this critical position. Staff screened approximately 35 applicants and selected five applicants for oral interviews and skills test. An offer was extended and accepted by the new Accounting Assistant – Accounts Payable, Lorraine Cottrell, who started April 10.

Marina Electrical Systems Upgrades Project.

Staff is working with the consultant, Wood/Harbinger Engineers, Inc. to develop the plans, specifications and bid documents for the power project on M Dock. This project will also include installing the fire standpipes on K and L Docks.

Marina Events

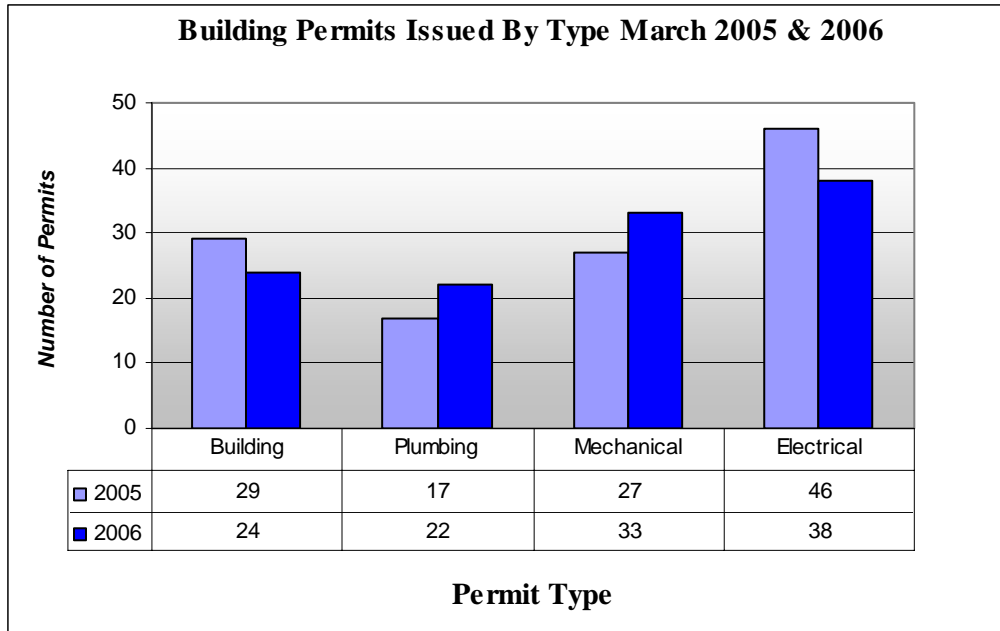
The Marina hosted two yacht clubs during March and provided the parking facility for the annual Rotary Wine Festival. On March 12 & 13th, the same weekend as the Wine Festival, six boats from the Seattle Singles Yacht Club stayed in the guest moorage area. On March 17, 18, and 19, the Olympia Yacht Club visited Des Moines. They brought over 50 people on 22 boats, ranging in length from 36 to 55 feet. They were in town for two nights and had several group activities, including a dinner at the Founders Lodge. The extra fuel sales and moorage fees increased revenues by about \$11,000 over comparable March weekends. For this event, the Marina staff provided a van to take yacht club members to the stores up on Marine View Drive. This was the first time this service was provided and it was well received by both the yacht club members and the downtown merchants.

Marina Guest Moorage

As of the end of March, the following events and reservations have been logged for the 2006 season:

- April 21, 22, 23 - Seattle Sail Squadron, in the guest moorage area.
- May 12, 13, 14 – Fox Island Yacht Club in the guest moorage area.
- June 9, 10, 11 – Totem Yacht Club in the guest moorage area.
- June 23, 24, 25 – Sea Ray Cruising Club in the guest moorage area.
- June 30, July 1 – Dagnars Yacht Club in the guest moorage area.
- July 4 – Fireworks Over Des Moines – North Parking Lot.
- July 8, 9 – Wheels & Waves Car and Boat Show, (old cars, old boats), in the guest moorage area and north parking lot.
- August 12, National Marina Day, in the guest moorage area.
- August 19, 20 – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in the guest moorage area.

Building Permit Activity



117 permits were issued in March 2006 with overall revenue of \$95,793 including \$76,379 for building permits as shown above. The City Hall/Building Division front counter processed \$285,600 worth of total receipts in March.

There were 461 Building Division inspections in March 2006 as compared to 478 in 2005.

Mount Rainier High School footings, foundations, concrete masonry unit walls and steel erection have begun.

The Des Moines Theater remains closed as the tenant and owner have not yet complied with the Fire Department’s correction list. A follow up letter was sent by the Fire Marshal on February 17, 2006. The tenant has begun work on the southwest exit stairway. The Theater has removed a few of the vehicles from in back of the building but three are remaining.

Code Enforcement

There were 13 new cases opened and 98 cases closed during March. For the year, 108 cases were opened and 165 closed; 145 are currently open and 71 cases are pending. A community volunteer is assisting with filing.

Subdivisions and Related Activity

Projects pending review an approval

- Safeway Fueling Station #3540 LLA, South 216th and Pacific Highway South. The applicant re-submitted a revised lot line adjustment on March 27, 2006 and has been requested to submit the final Mylar.

- Gethers 3 lot Short Plat 8xx South 280th Street. The applicant is currently working on the wetland delineation report to determine the location of all wetlands that affect the property. A boundary line adjustment is needed to resolve issues surrounding the historic property lines and the existing homes that were built across the original property boundaries.
- Maslow 5 lot Subdivision, 18xx South 222nd Street. The DNS will be issued by the City on April 14, 2006; the appeal period will end on April 24, 2006. The preliminary subdivision will be presented to the Planning Agency on May 1st.
- Blueberry Lane 66 unit PUD, 199xx Des Moines Memorial Drive. Staff met on April 3, 2006 to discuss the two remaining issues with the road layout. The applicant has decided to make a cash contribution to a local water quality project in lieu of on site wetland mitigation. Additionally, issues surrounding the Port's possible buy out of the ATZ area have been resolved; the Port has informed the City that at this time the area of the development within the ATZ is not included the Port's buy out program. Finally, WSDOT has started the condemnation proceedings for the portion of the property within the future SR509 ROW. The development has been designed to work regardless of the outcome of the condemnation hearing. Once the issues around the road layout are resolved, staff will work to finalize the SEPA determination and finish the review of the slope disturbance and wetlands development exceptions.
- Grandville Southern 52 lot PUD, 15xx South 279th Place. Staff has not heard any new information regarding the re-submittal of this PUD.

Projects Monitored under Construction

- Yoder 4 lot Short Plat, 23222 Marine View Drive. The Mylar was sent to King County for recording; however, the dedication statement regarding the new public right-of-way was incorrect. The County has returned the Mylar for revisions. Information regarding the covenant on Lots 2-4 of the original short plat was sent to the Legal Department to determine how the dedication on the Mylar should be worded.
- Graceview 27 unit PUD, South 234th & Kent-Des Moines Road. The owner met with the contractor last week to discuss re-starting the excavation work at the site. According to the owner the contractor feels that work at the site will begin in the next 60 days if the weather pattern continues to improve.
- Cedarbrook 29 unit PUD, 24xx S. 240th St. Work on the remaining 13 units should be complete in the next couple of months.
- Sunset Gardens 12 lot Plat, 25416 22nd Avenue South. The contractor has completed all but 60 feet of the sewer extension; the final run of sewer line and the final manhole should be completed approximately by March 31, 2006. Work on the water line extension is expected to begin by April 4, 2006. After the water line is installed, work will resume on the surface water detention pond during the week of April 10th. Work on the new roadway will begin in approximately six weeks.
- Cameron's Crossing 7 lot PUD, 253xx 16th Ave. S. Scheduling for the final plat has been set for April 27 City Council.

- Mediterranean Heights 12-lot subdivision, 1211 S 272nd St. A new application has been filed to revise the preliminary plat from an 11 lot proposal to a 12 lot proposal. The new application has been circulated for comments. SWM has requested updating TIR and additional information.

Commercial Scale Projects

- Patel Medical Arts Building 22613 Pacific Highway South. The applicant expects to submit a revised building design and site plan in April. The review phase of design review and civil plan review will start again then.
- Grace Lutheran Church Memorial Garden 22975 24th Avenue South. The City has not received any additional information to date.
- Zenith Viewpointe, 239xx Marine View Drive South. This project consists of 2 single family residences and a mixed used building with 2 residential units. During this last reporting period, three attempts to resubmit for design review were made to respond to earlier comments by staff. The last submittal was reviewed and approved by Development Services, and the applicant was directed to submit civil plan information for right-of-way permit and to apply for a building permit.
- Stegin, 22607 Marine View Drive. This is a mixed use proposal consisting of 37 residential units and 8400 square feet of commercial. Staff is waiting for applicant design review re-submittal. Staff recently contacted the applicant and, despite a lapse in time since the last submittal, he indicated that he has strong interest in moving forward with the project but is busy with other projects and making adjustments to the plans to accommodate a restaurant for the site.
- Sunway Services, 22325 7th Avenue South. This is a mixed use proposal consisting of 22 residential units and 7,000 square feet of commercial. Design review and SEPA are complete. Staff was informed that the project has been purchased by a residential developer. Staff is awaiting building permit submittal.
- Landmark on the Sound (Masonic Home), 23660 Marine View Drive South. The applicant met with City staff on April 4, 2006 to discuss a revised scope of work and revised development schedule for the project.
- Judson Park, 236xx Marine View Drive South. The DEIS was issued on April 5, 2006 with a 30 day comment period.

Land Use Approvals Granted

- Three Bears Motel Remodel 2717 S. 216th Street. Development Services approved the design and building permit application on March 3, 2006. It is currently under review by the Building Division.
- Stafford Healthcare 2800 South 224th Street. Development Services approved both the grading permit and the building permit for the parking, circulation and building entrance. It is currently under review by the Building Division.
- Oh Casino 258xx Pacific Highway South, 14,000 square foot Casino and Restaurant. Awaiting applicant to pick up their approved permit.

- Wesley Home's Office Building, 816 S. 216th St. Construction is continuing, but the applicant must still submit a revised landscaping plan prior to approval of the new parking lot configuration.
- Andrews Building (Butler Garage), 22341 Marine View Drive South. Development Services has informed the applicant that an application for a lot line adjustment must be submitted prior to building permit issuance since a portion of the existing building is located across the property line.
- Des Moines Professional Center, 22506 Marine View Drive. Permit has been issued and grading work at the site is underway.

Shorelines/ESA'S

- Redondo Waste Water Treatment Plant Outfall Repair and Replacement. Staff is finalizing the text for the SEPA mitigation agreement. Notification of the MDNS is planned to start on April 14, 2006 with end of the appeal period on May 9, 2006. Once the determination has been made and the appeal period has closed, staff will submit the Shoreline Permit to the Department of Ecology for approval by the agency.
- HCC Marine Science Center, 28203 Redondo Beach Dr. S. The City is working on revising the Findings of Fact to reflect the correct activity level at the facility and the language for the conditions of approval.
- Working on Highway 99 landscape project closeout. One year warranty started in February 2005. Some issues remain to be resolved. The walk through will be done in April or May, depending on weather and schedules.

Marine View Drive Bridge

Work in March consisted of constructing the western retaining walls, relocating the utilities to the underside of the new bridge deck, and preparing the bridge approaches before transferring the traffic to the west side. In addition, new curb and gutter and sidewalk have been constructed. In early April, the road was patched with temporary asphalt and the traffic diverted to the west side so that Stage 3 work could start on the east half of the road. The completion time on the construction scheduled signs have been marked out (it reads 6/01/06) and staff will be assessing the project's schedule once Stage 3 is underway before placing a new completion date on the signs. **August 1st** is the new tentative completion date (depending on Stage 3 progress).

Des Moines Creek Basin Projects

The Committee has completed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for funding of the Bypass Project. In order for construction of the Bypass to begin in summer 2006, the MOU will need to be signed by all of the parties by early May. Within this MOU, the Committee will need to address the funding shortfall for the Marine View Drive Bridge, Regional Detention Facility, and the Bypass. The shortfall is approximately \$3.9M.

A separate agreement is being drafted between Des Moines and WSDOT to address funding shortfalls for the Marine View Drive Bridge and the shotcrete.

The Des Moines Creek Basin Committee is still working on easements between the parties for the various projects. Des Moines will be granting an easement for the bypass pipeline within the City limits and will be granted easements from at least three other jurisdictions.

The Committee is also working on an agreement with the Midway Sewer District for use of the existing sewer outfall and trunk line as the stream pipeline. The agreement is anticipated before the end of the year granting use of the pipe and allowing the District to use the pipe for their emergency overflows.

The Committee is also negotiating an amendment to the construction Interlocal agreement (ILA#4). This amendment will address funding to complete the full suite of projects, which includes the three projects listed above as well as several habitat projects and the flow augmentation facility. To help fill the funding gap for the last two projects, the Committee is applying for several grants, including a \$150,000 habitat grant from the Port, and a \$160,000 contribution from King County. The ILA amendment is expected before the end of the year.

Woodmont Drive Culvert

Project design is complete. King County Road Services Division has provided a bid to do the project under the maintenance service agreement. Authorization to proceed with the services is scheduled for the April 27 Council meeting with work starting in May/June when the weather is more favorable.

Wesley Homes Pedestrian Signal Project

The signal is functioning properly and we are in the process of project close-out.

South 216th Street/24th Avenue South Signalization Project

The traffic signal was activated on March 16th. The majority of construction is complete. There are a few punch list items outstanding and when completed we will begin the project closeout process.

Due to unforeseen pavement and sub-base conditions, a scope change was necessary for the project. Given the inadequate condition of the pavement, it was necessary to eliminate the in-pavement vehicle detection system (loop detectors) and replace that system with an overhead video detection system. Given the alternatives, this option was chosen for cost savings and ease of future use without further cost.

Saltwater Bridge Repairs

King County began work on March 20th to repair damage to the shoulder and roadway on the west side of the south bridge approach of the Saltwater Park Bridge. This damage occurred as the result of a landslide in that area. The cost for the repair is estimated at approximately \$40,000. Council approved the emergency repairs on March 9, 2006. The work is approximately 95% complete, with only a few minor drainage elements to complete.

North Twin Bridge

Expansion joints are going to be installed on both approaches of the North Twin Bridge. This work was originally scheduled for the fall of 2005, but work was suspended due to poor weather conditions. King County will be installing the expansion joints sometime this spring.

16th Avenue South Improvement Project (Phase I): S. 272nd St. to S. 260th St.

This project is funded through the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). At the request of the TIB executive director, staff directed KPG to prepare an analysis of the alignment of Woodmont and S. 260th St. The analysis demonstrated that the proposed signal and left turn channelization improvements were cost-effective in safely improving the level of service at this intersection.

In March, staff and KPG, design consultant, continued coordination meetings with private utilities to relocate facilities. PSE finalized plans for relocation of electrical overhead and is proceeding with securing necessary ROW to relocate power poles. Highline Water District and the Midway Sewer District submitted 95% plans for City review. The City's consultant will be incorporating these improvements into the design contract. Staff will be preparing the necessary agreements, subject to City Council approval, integrating this work into one contract in an effort to minimize multiple contractors, optimize construction coordination and possibly save public funds.

The right of way was marked at all drainage crossings to allow AT&T to pothole a fiber optic duct in order to verify depths and minimize unforeseen conflicts. Staff requested KPG to modify its scope of work to have its surveyor mark the ROW in order to assist the City's ROW agent in property negotiations.

Administrative offers were reviewed and approved for most private property interests the City intends to acquire. Forms for offer letters, easements, warranty deeds, construction licenses and other forms were reviewed by the City attorney's office. Universal Field Services, the City's ROW negotiator, will begin contacts with affected property owners in April. A project update will be sent to all property owners along the corridor requesting approval of construction licenses so that the City may match roadway and sidewalk improvements to each property. It is anticipated that the update will generate interest in the project beyond that from the January 31 open house.

Staff prepared a ROW deed which will be sent as a dedication request to the Federal Way School District. This deed will enable the City to construct, own and maintain the sidewalk and drainage improvements adjacent to the Woodmont Elementary School.

2006 Arterial Maintenance Overlay Project

Staff has started work on a scope of work for the 2006 Overlay Project. Council awarded the design contract to KPG, Inc. on February 23rd. KPG is currently preparing the design construction plans, and we anticipate the first submittal from KPG for our review in late April or early May.

Transit and HOV

Staff met several times in March with representatives from Sound Transit on the proposed Sound Transit 2 (ST2) rail link through the City. Sound Transit is preparing for a 2007 public vote on the extension of the rail system south of the airport, and prepared a

general cost estimate for the proposal. Sound Transit is currently looking for input from agencies on the general costing of the proposal, and recognizes the actual alignment options will need to be explored as part of the overall design process. Staff prepared a response letter for Council review.

Grant & Loan Applications

Staff is currently preparing an application for a Public Works Trust Fund loan for the 16th Avenue South Project, which is due on May 8th. Staff is also preparing to submit a Pre-Application, due on April 14th, to the King County community development block grant (CDBG) consortium, for the South 216th Street Sidewalk project, between 11th Avenue South to 7th Avenue South. Staff has also been conducting research on the PSRC regional and countywide process for Federal STP and CMAQ funds. We are planning to submit a grant application to the countywide process in May. Staff has also been researching other funding sources such as the Transportation Improvement Board, and Highways and Local Programs. Applications for grants from these sources will be prepared in early summer.

Contracts, Bids, RFP's and RFQ's Signed in March

King County to perform emergency repairs on Salt Water Bridge

Contracts, Bids, RFP's and RFQ's to be Signed in April

KPG Supplement for 16th Avenue South to be signed by City Manager

Bids, RFP's and RFQ's to be issued in the following month (April).

Engineering firm to design the Marina Security Camera System in April.