



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



The City of Sequim Receives a \$3.1 Million Grant for West Fir Street

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) selected the West Fir Street Rehabilitation project to receive a \$3.1 million grant.

The grant award covers approximately 80% of the estimated cost to construct the proposed street and surface rehabilitation on Fir Street between Sequim Avenue and 5th Avenue, including travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, landscaping, stormwater facilities, pedestrian scale lighting, a traffic signal at 5th Avenue, and a pedestrian signal at Sequim Avenue.

The remaining 20% of the funding necessary will come from a combination of City funds, the Transportation Benefit District revenue, and other grants.

Statewide there were 95 projects totaling \$253 million submitted for the TIB grants. Twenty-six projects were selected for a total of \$87.8 million.

Police Department Earns Accreditation



The Sequim Police Department earned accreditation from the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC), making it one of 63 State-accredited police departments out of more than 300 law enforcement agencies in Washington.

The purpose of law enforcement agency accreditation is to

professionalize the law enforcement industry by providing a review process for agencies to be certified as operating under industry best practices and standards. The Sequim Police Department began the accreditation process once it moved into the new Police Station in the Civic Center in 2015. The Department was not eligible for accreditation previously, because the old Police Station facility could not meet the requirements.

Emergency Operations Center Activated

The City Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at the Sequim Transit Center, was tested for the first time as City Council members and City staff participated with community partners in the statewide Cascadia Rising exercise in June.



The facility was officially activated in October in anticipation of two powerful stormfronts expected to pass through western Washington. City staff, representatives from Fire District 3 and the Sequim School District, and other emergency management partners staffed the EOC for approximately five hours before the storm passed without incident.

The City has since formed an Emergency Management Committee with regional partners to improve preparation for large-scale events.

The Sequim Civic Center Receives LEED Gold Certification



The US Green Building Council awarded the Sequim Civic Center LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification.

To obtain the Gold certification, the building was evaluated and scored in the areas of sustainable site design, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design, and regional priorities.

The City of Sequim worked with Lydig Construction and Integrus Architecture to incorporate "green" features into the building, including:

- A high percentage of recycled content in building materials
- Wood products are certified as having been sustainably grown
- Permeable pavements for low stormwater runoff
- Roofing material that reflects sunlight
- Easy public transit access
- Low water volume plumbing fixtures
- Landscaping designed with low water needs
- Low energy LED (light emitting diodes) throughout the building
- Automatic light shut off when there is sufficient daylight
- Plenty of natural light
- Good outdoor air ventilation
- Multi-zoned thermal comfort controls

Public Works Focuses on Pavement Preservation and ADA Compliance

Public Works projects in 2016 included: subgrade and pavement repair work on North 7th Avenue between Spruce and Fir Streets, pavement overlay work on West Fir Street between North 5th and 9th Avenues and Klahn Place.

The pedestrian ramps on West Fir between North 7th and 9th Avenues were brought into Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance.

25 Years with No Audit Findings

The Washington State Auditor's Office completed a financial audit for the City of Sequim and the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for 2015. There have been no findings in the City of Sequim audits for about 25 years. The TBD has received clean audits since its inception in 2010.

Water Reclamation Facility Receives 5th Award

The Sequim Water Reclamation Facility received a "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award for 2015 by the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE). This is the fifth year in a row that the Sequim facility has received the award for achieving full compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Only 119 systems out of approximately 300 received the award.

New Driveway and Parking at Carrie Blake Community Park



The City worked in partnership with the Sequim Family Advocates and the Haller Foundation to complete a new driveway rerouting traffic through Carrie Blake Community Park and adding 63 new parking spaces.

Visitors now enter the north side of the park through Blake Avenue and exit through Rhodefer Road. The changes increase the safety of visitors who utilize the park and better

support the numerous events at the park including the use of the Albert Haller Playfields and the James Center for the Performing Arts.

The Department of Community Development Embarks on the Lean Process

In late August the Department of Community Development closed for a week to participate in the Lean Academy, offered by the Local Government Performance Center as part of the Washington State Auditors Office. Staff mapped the development review and approval processes for residential building permits and land use changes within the Sequim city limits to identify steps that can be eliminated and processes that can be streamlined to improve customers' experience. Fifteen improvements were identified and staff is now working on implementation.



First Arbor Day Celebration



City staff planted five fruit trees along the Gebhart Zwicker trail in the City's first Arbor Day celebration. The event was planned in anticipation of the City being named a Tree City USA.



Volunteers Donate Over 11,000 Hours of Service



City Manager Charlie Bush presents volunteer Mark Caughey the Westcott award for his contribution to the Public Works and Community Development Departments.

Volunteers with the City of Sequim donated 11,192.49 trackable hours of service in 2016, donating their time and talent to beautify City planting areas, maintain trails and park amenities, assist with scanning records, and support the Police Department through the Volunteers in Police Service program (VIPS).

City Arts Advisory Commission Concludes a Year of Successful Programs

The City Arts Advisory Commission, charged with advising the Sequim City Council on matters related to art and culture, concluded a full year of events. The commission curated four rotating art exhibits in the lobby of the Sequim Civic Center, introduced the “Keying Around” program, and organized the creation of ornaments by local 4th graders for the Civic Center holiday tree. They installed Centennial tiles at the Civic Center, a metal sculpture of the City of Sequim logo in the Council Chambers, and the historic bell at the Civic Center Plaza. They were also successful in the procurement of a stained glass window to be incorporated into the remodeled Guy Cole Center, which is expected to be complete Spring 2017.



Sequim Police Department Develops Partnerships to Help Those in Need

The Sequim Police Department partnered with local faith-based and service organizations to develop a new program to help low-income persons and those in need during an emergency. Donations received by non-government agencies go into the new Human Services Emergency Fund, overseen by the City of Sequim. The fund allows Sequim Police, who often have first contact with those in need, to provide emergency cash cards or vouchers for food, shelter, clothing and transportation.



Police Officer Mark Poole accepts a donation of all-weather ponchos, for distribution to the local homeless as needed, from Jean Patschner representing the Outreach Committee at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.



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