

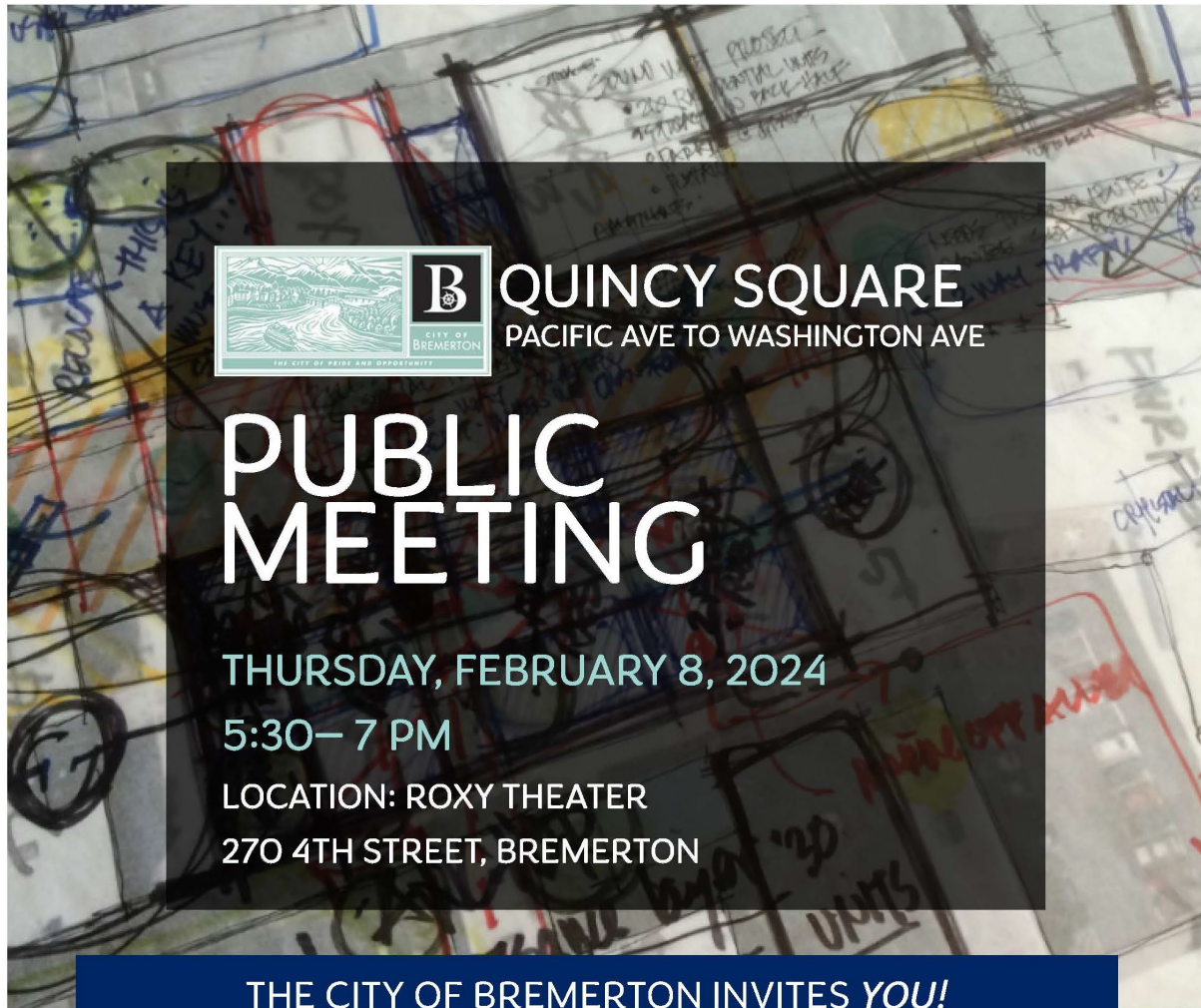


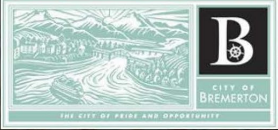
MAYOR'S REPORT  
*February 7, 2024*

**BREMERTON**  
WASHINGTON



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 **QUINCY SQUARE**  
PACIFIC AVE TO WASHINGTON AVE

**PUBLIC MEETING**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
5:30– 7 PM  
LOCATION: ROXY THEATER  
270 4TH STREET, BREMERTON

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**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ◆ *Project schedule*
- ◆ *Historical signage*
- ◆ *Event programming*
- ◆ *Review the design*
- ◆ *Interact with the team*
- ◆ *Economic opportunities*

# City of Bremerton Frozen Water Main Updates

Freezing weather from January 12 – January 16 caused main breaks and froze water meters:

We typically have an average of 12 water main breaks per year. However, the recent extreme cold caused 6 main breaks between January 12 and January 16.

In addition to the main breaks, more than 35 water meters also froze and broke; all have been replaced.

Tips to prevent frozen water meters from our Public Works crew:

- Leave an inside sink dripping (not running) during deep freezes (below 25 degrees Fahrenheit)

Thank you to our Public Works & Utilities Team!



# Washington Avenue & 11th Street Improvements

Reminder about upcoming closure. Closure scheduled to go into effect on Saturday, February 10. Check out info on the project at the weblink below:

**WASHINGTON AVE & 11<sup>TH</sup> ST IMPROVEMENTS**

**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ROAD CLOSURE**

Pacific Ave to the Manette Bridge

FEBRUARY – MAY \*  
2024

**STAY INFORMED**  
Visit the Project Website

- THRU TRAFFIC DETOUR VIA PACIFIC AVE & 6<sup>TH</sup> ST
- LOCAL ACCESS TO BE PROVIDED
- ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTED IN CLOSURE
- MANETTE BRIDGE ACCESS MAINTAINED
- EXPECT MINOR DELAYS

\* Duration of temporary closure estimated and subject to change

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# Increasing Safety Near West Hills STEM Academy

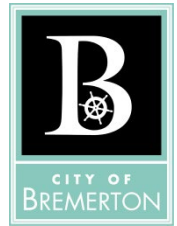
## National Ave and Loxie Eagans Blvd Project

*Collaboration with Kitsap County*

- **Teaming up:** In 2018, City and Kitsap County met on teaming up to address bicycle and pedestrian safety near West Hills STEM Academy
- **Teaming Agreement:** 1) City would develop safety improvements concept, and 2) County would apply for grant funding/deliver project
- **Safety Improvements:** City developed concept for improvements included adding sidewalk/bike lane on west side of National Ave. from the school to Arsenal Way, upgrading curb ramps, and addressing certain traffic issues
- **Approved!** Kitsap County approved the concept and applied for grant funding
- **Project Cost/Contributions:** Total project cost estimated at \$3.04 million; City paid about 0.2% of total investment (\$6,000)
- We appreciate the partnership with Kitsap County on this project!



# Bremerton Ferry Route Update



Efforts are continuing to fully restore Washington State Ferry service in impacted communities, including for the Bremerton-Seattle route. Mayor Wheeler, local legislators and elected officials have signed on to a letter to Gov. Inslee and state legislators. Some excerpts from the letter:

- “We are local elected officials from ferry communities across all corners of Puget Sound joining together to call upon state lawmakers to make robust investments in Washington State Ferries (WSF) to urgently restore full ferry system service.
- We recommend the following priorities to build and preserve vessels, ensure full staffing, and provide short-term solutions to address service gaps: Vessel Construction, Preservation, and Electrification; Workforce Development; Actions to Address Immediate Community Needs
- Action must be taken to preserve our marine highway system for our residents, businesses, and visitors. Please ensure ferries and ferry communities are a priority in the Transportation Budget.”

## Local Elected Official Fund our Ferries Support Letter

Dear Governor Inslee, Chair Lias, Chair Fey, Ranking Member King and Ranking Member Barkis:

The Washington State Ferry system is in crisis. We are local elected officials from ferry communities across all corners of Puget Sound joining together to call upon state lawmakers to make robust investments in Washington State Ferries (WSF) to urgently restore full ferry system service.

Ferries are an essential part of our local communities. They bring tourists to our homegrown small businesses, hotels and restaurants. They transport our residents to life-saving medical appointments. They provide access to family and cultural connections. They get people to and from their jobs.

Right now, the Service Contingency Plan has the fleet operating at only 15 vessels, while WSF relays that 26 vessels are needed to operate at full service and allow for necessary planned maintenance. This drastic reduction in service is resulting in significant impacts on our residents and businesses who rely on ferry service.

We thank the Washington State Legislature for making investments in the ferry system in recent years to stabilize the ferry workforce and to preserve and maintain vessels. We thank Governor Inslee for his leadership in continuing and enhancing these investments to address both long and short-term issues facing the WSF ferry system in the proposed supplemental transportation budget. We fully support the investments in the Governor's budget, and we urge additional investments to address the immediate needs our communities are facing because of reduced service.

We recommend the following priorities to build and preserve vessels, ensure full staffing, and provide short-term solutions to address service gaps.

Vessel Construction, Preservation, and Electrification Five new hybrid-electric ferries must be built as quickly as possible to restore ferry fleet capacity and full system service. Adequate funding for preservation and maintenance of aging vessels must also be a budget priority to ensure existing vessels continue to operate to avoid further service interruptions. We also support resources to ensure vessel electric conversion and charging facilities to meet our state climate goals.

Workforce Development Retaining existing ferry crew, recruiting new staff and addressing upcoming retirements are vital to restoring and enhancing ferry service. We support the following workforce development initiatives:

# Congratulations!

Gary Hersey, Prosecutor,  
City of Bremerton

