

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
September 19, 2022

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

Barbara de Michele  
Zach Hall  
Victoria Hunt  
Russell Joe  
Tola Marts  
Chris Reh (*Excused Absence*)  
Lindsey Walsh

*Administration/Staff:*

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor  
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator  
Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director  
Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney  
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1151 - IT Professionals Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Chief Information Officer Gus Tiwana and Senior Network Analysts Andrew Griffin and Tim Shaffer.

b) **ID 1261 - Fishaquah Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair Nathan Bosseler and Chamber Staff Diana Lum, Pete Norby and Sammy the Salmon.

c) **ID 1262 - Recovery Month Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Naveen Shetty with the King County Dept. of Community and Human Services Behavioral Health & Recovery Division.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

Ann Fletcher, resident and member of People for Climate Action, encouraged the City Council to think about climate change as they embark on the budget process.

Council President Walsh summarized email comments received on tonight's agenda items.

## COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

### *Councilmember Joe:*

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Made report.

Cascade Water Alliance Finance Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

### *Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report. Announced upcoming event.

Regional Transit Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

### *Councilmember Hunt:*

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

King Conservation District Advisory Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Regional Water Quality Committee - Made report.

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

### *Councilmember Marts:*

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

### *Deputy Council President Hall:*

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming event.

### *Council President Walsh:*

Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There is an Executive Session scheduled for this evening to discuss security of computer and telecommunications networks per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). These items are expected to take a total of 45 minutes. No action is anticipated in open session.
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Week Proclamation
- Newport Pedestrian Bridge Project Update
- Issaquah Farmer's Market Update
- Human Services Commission Grant Review
- Business Leadership Forum Follow Up
- Upcoming Community Events

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Items listed were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.*

**IT WAS MOVED BY WALSH, SECONDED BY HALL; MOTION CARRIED (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **ID 1202 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Sept. 19, 2022, \$ 4,407,147.40;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, July 18, 2022;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, July 18, 2022;** Approved.
- d) **ID 1102 - Informational Update: Wayfinding/Entry Signage;** Received Report.
- e) **AB 8386 - 2023 School Impact Fee Update;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2987, amending Subsection 3.63.100(A) of the Issaquah Municipal Code to revise the amount of the school impact fee imposed by the City effective January 1, 2023.
- f) **AB 8405 - Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant;** Authorized acceptance of the climate planning grant funds in the amount of \$55,000 and execution of the grant agreement with Department of Commerce for the climate vulnerability assessment; and directed the Chief Financial Officer to include the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2022 budget amendment, if needed.
- g) **AB 8426 - 2023 ARCH Budget and Work Program;** Approved the 2023 Administrative Budget and Work Program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) as presented.
- h) **AB 8441 - State Administrative Office of the Courts Grant (Upgrade Chambers Audio Equipment);** Accepted a maximum reimbursement of \$50,000.00 for audio hybrid upgrades in the council chambers/courtroom and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts; and direct the Chief Financial Officer to include both the grant revenue and related expenses in a future budget amendment to the Cable TV fund.
- i) **AB 8443 - Memorandums of Understanding (AFSCME and Teamsters 763) for fully insured Medical Benefits with AWC;** Ratified the Memorandums of Understanding between the City and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Teamsters Local Union No. 763 regarding the transition from self-insured benefits to fully insured benefits with the Association of Washington Cities, and authorized the Mayor to execute the Memorandums of Understanding.
- j) **AB 8455 - Donation Acceptance: Renton School District Swim Scoreboard;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2988, accepting the donation of an aquatic scoreboard from the Renton School District for use at the Julius Boehm Pool.
- k) **AB 8456 - Issaquah Police Officers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement;** Approved the terms of the 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and

the Issaquah Police Officers' Association and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Agreement.

- l) **AB 8459 - Mid-Term Board & Commission Appointments;** Confirmed Mayor's appointments as presented in Agenda Bill 8459; terms effective immediately.
  
- m) **AB 8460 - Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with The State of Arizona Department of Administration, Procurement Office;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with The Arizona State Department of Administration, Procurement Office.
  
- n) **AB 8461 - Amendment to Personnel Policies;** Approved Resolution No. 2022-12, amending the City's Personnel Policies for the efficient and consistent administration of the personnel affairs of the City; providing for superseding provisions, severability, and establishing an immediate effective date.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **AB 8463 - 2023-24 Budget: Mayor's Presentation**

Mayor Pauly provided her proposed 2023-24 budget message.

An overview of the proposed budget will be provided at the Sept. 28 City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

- b) **AB 8221 - Amendments to Title 13 and 16 re: Stormwater Manual & Floodplain Code**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Environmental & Regulatory Program Administrator Evan Brumfield.

Councilmember Hunt, Chair of the Planning, Development & Environment Committee, provided a summary of the Committee's recommendation on this item.

Following Council discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY WALSH, TO:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 2989, adopting amendments to the Issaquah Municipal Code Chapter 13.28 Stormwater Management Policy; Chapter 16.26 Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater Management; and Chapter 16.36, Areas of Special Flood Hazard, regarding provisions to support compliance with the Department of Ecology's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Permit and Community Rating System (CRS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Program.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

- c) **AB 8351 - Newport Way Maple to Sunset Improvements, Corridor Concept**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager, and Shuo Wang, Senior Transportation Engineer.

Councilmember Joe, Chair of the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee, provided a summary of the Committee's recommendation on this item.

Following Council discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED BY JOE, SECONDED BY WALSH, TO:**

Approve the corridor concept for the Newport Way NW Maple Street to W. Sunset Way Improvement Project contained in the Summary of the Final Design Concept.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- a) *Council President Walsh:*  
Issaquah Business Leadership Forum - Provided an overview of the forum discussions, which included the Title 18, Land Use Code update and permitting process, hiring and employee retention, affordable housing and commute times, WSDOT road maintenance, and returning to office.
- b) *Councilmember Joe:*  
Village Theater - On Oct. 14 at 5pm, there will be an unveiling of the Hunt Family Theatre at the First Stage.  
Association of Washington Cities - "Cities on Tap" event will be held in Everett.
- c) *Mayor Pauly:*  
Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:05 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing security of computer and telecommunications networks per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). These items were expected to take a total of 45 minutes.

The City Council took a 10 minute break and convened the Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Councilmember Joe left the Chambers at 9:30 PM due to a conflict of interest with the second Executive Session item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:01 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk





# Informational Update

## ID # 1113 – Bridge Inspection Update

**Meeting Date** November 21, 2022  
**Department** PW - Public Works  
**Staff Lead** John Mortenson, Transportation Engineering Manager

### Attachments

- A. Bridge locations Map 2022
- B. Bridge Summary

### Purpose

To provide an update on the City's bridge inspections<sup>1</sup>.

### Background

The City of Issaquah owns and maintains 24 vehicular and 8 pedestrian bridges. These bridges range from less than 5 years to over 80 years in age and the average bridge age is 27 years. They are an integral part of the City's transportation system. The City contracts with King County to inspect the City's bridges. They are inspected every other year with approximately half the bridges inspected in odd years and the other half are inspected in even years. In addition to the biennial inspections, the City hired a structural engineering consultant to calculate the load rating for emergency vehicles and to complete a detailed analysis of the NW Gilman Bridge over Issaquah Creek.

### Update

As of 2022, the Gilman Blvd bridge is the only bridge beyond its expected useful life. All of the City's vehicular bridges are concrete, and concrete bridges have a typical useful life of 75 years. As bridges continue to age and deteriorate, they will need to be replaced or rehabilitated. Since 1996, the City has been actively replacing older bridges primarily with the Federal Bridge Replacement Grant. The detailed analysis of the NW Gilman Bridge over Issaquah Creek identified a concern about the sufficiency of the columns, column-beam connection, and the foundations to resist seismic loads.

The Administration applied and was awarded a \$3.6M federal grant to rehabilitate the Gilman Blvd bridge. The design phase will begin between 2023-2024 and construction will follow in 2025.

Public Works continues to evaluate bridge conditions, prioritizing subsequent work based on the directive from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Following a decision to allow heavier trucks on roadways, the FHWA developed calculations for determining the weight that a bridge can safely carry. Federal, state, and local governments are evaluating publicly owned vehicular bridges using these criteria and formulas to determine whether weight restrictions must be placed on bridges under these requirements.

There are 24 vehicular bridges in the inventory and, as mandated, the city has completed evaluating each of them using current bridge condition information and federal criteria to calculate bridge weight-carrying capacity. As the result of this evaluation, the Gilman Blvd bridge now includes signage for weight limitations and aligns with FHWA requirements. In addition, the Newport Way bridge at Tibbetts Creek and Rainier Blvd bridge were retrofitted to meet the load requirements.

Immediate impacts of the load restrictions on bridges include trucks detouring onto roads less appropriate for heavier truck traffic. Specifically, the emergency responders that may exceed the weight-capacity due to their fire apparatuses. As a result, there is an increased risk for response delays as they are not allowed or unable to utilize the most direct route. With Gilman Blvd being a critical arterial and response route for emergency services, the City's planned capital improvement will enable the weight restriction to be removed from this bridge and more optimal routing to resume.

Overall, the City's bridges are in good condition. Apart from the issues noted above, some of the bridges require more routine repairs and maintenance to address issues such as scouring.

### **Next Steps**

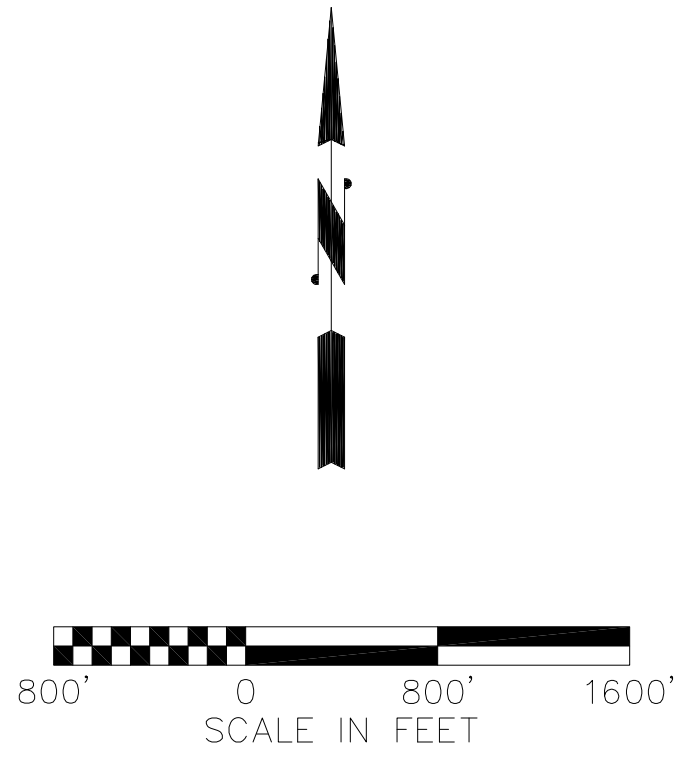
The bridge inventory assessment was received after the 2023-2024 budget had been proposed. Annual bridge inspection and maintenance funding will be needed to continue to monitor and maintain the condition of the City's bridges. The adopted biennial budget includes funds for ongoing assessments but likely does not provide sufficient funding for permitting, routine maintenance and scour remediation activities. Permitting for many of the maintenance activities will require permits that can take over a year to secure. As such, the Public Works Department is currently reviewing whether it has suitable funds to initiate permitting next year so that repair activities could commence the following year and continue over a period of approximately four years to complete.

Staff will request additional funds, if necessary. In addition, the department will continue to apply for grant funding to help supplement the expense for replacement/rehabilitation of the City of Issaquah's aging bridge infrastructure.

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<sup>i</sup> BRIDGE INSPECTION

The National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), in conformance with the code of federal regulations (CFR) 23 Part 650 Subpart C, mandate that public agencies routinely inspect and report on all publicly owned bridges at least once every two years. Under these standards, the city is required to document condition codes for bridge elements and report the current condition of each bridge to FHWA. Bridges with deficient conditions may require inspection more frequently than the standard 24-month cycle.



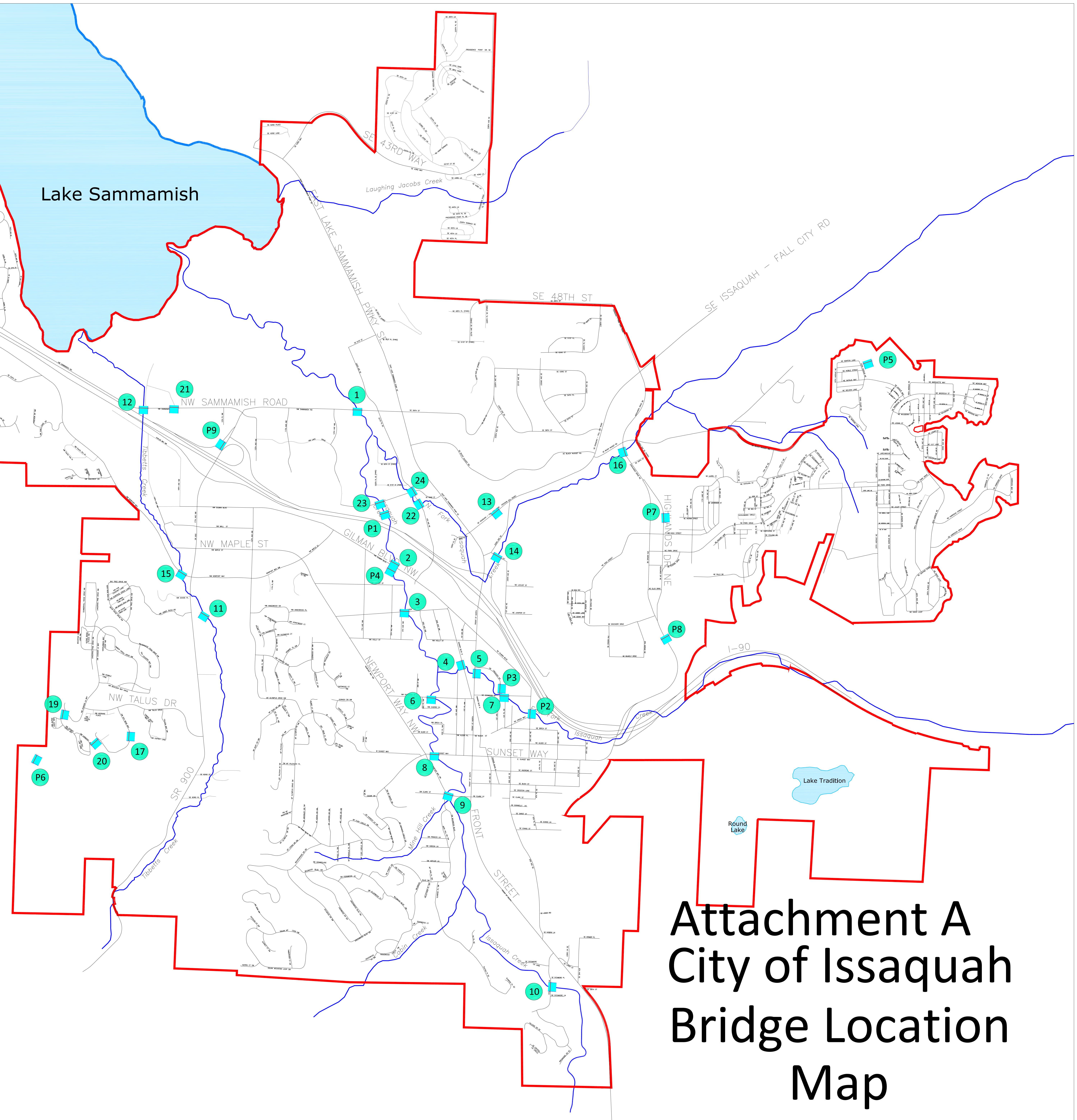
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**BRIDGE LIST**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 NW SAMMAMISH                 | 13 VAUGHN HILL                |
| 2 GILMAN                       | 14 66TH STREET                |
| 3 JUNIPER                      | 15 NEWPORT WAY TIBBETTS CREEK |
| 4 RAINIER                      | 16 HIGHLANDS DRIVE            |
| 5 FRONT                        | 17 SHY BEAR                   |
| 6 NW DOGWOOD                   | 18 GNG SOUTH                  |
| 7 NE DOGWOOD                   | 19 STONEY CREEK               |
| 8 SUNSET                       | 20 TIBBETTS CREEK LANE        |
| 9 NEWPORT WAY                  | 21 KERRY'S CULVERT            |
| 10 SYCAMORE                    | 22 4TH AVE NW                 |
| 11 TIBBETTS CREEK              | 23 SE 62ND ST                 |
| 12 NW SAMMAMISH TIBBETTS CREEK | 24 SE 62ND ST PED TUNNEL      |

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| P1 PICKERING PEDESTRIAN         |
| P2 3RD AVENUE PEDESTRIAN        |
| P3 DOGWOOD PEDESTRIAN           |
| P4 GILMAN PEDESTRIAN            |
| P5 HIGHLANDS PEDESTRIAN         |
| P6 WEST FOR TIBBETTS PEDESTRIAN |
| P7 YWCA PEDESTRIAN              |
| P8 C DRIVE PEDESTRIAN           |
| P9 PED CROSSING OVER I-90 RAMP  |

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| BRIDGES    |
| CITY LIMIT |



**Attachment A  
City of Issaquah  
Bridge Location  
Map**

Attachment B. Bridge Summary

Bridge #	Bridge Name	Year Built	Structure Type	Length (FT)	Curb - Curb (FT)	Expected Life Span	2022 Age of Structure	Years remaining of	Structural Concern
ISSAQU 02	N.W. GILMAN BRIDGE	1940	Concrete	106	52	75	82	-7	Yes
ISSAQU 10	SYCAMORE BRIDGE	1968	Concrete	62	22	75	54	21	No
ISSAQU 05	FRONT STREET BRIDGE	1970	Concrete	41	44	75	52	23	No
ISSAQU 14	SE 66TH STREET BRIDGE	1973	Concrete	25	34	75	49	26	No
ISSAQU 11	TIBBETTS MANOR BRIDGE	1975	Concrete	22	10	75	47	28	No
ISSAQU 13	VAUGHN HILL	1985	Concrete	37	44	75	37	38	No
ISSAQU 18	185th PL SE	1986	Concrete	43	28	75	36	39	No
ISSAQU 01	N.W. SAMMAMISH BRIDGE	1996	Concrete	150	77	75	26	49	No
ISSAQU 07	N.E. DOGWOOD BRIDGE	1996	Concrete	61	24	75	26	49	No
ISSAQU 08	SUNSET BRIDGE	1996	Concrete	80	26	75	26	49	No
ISSAQU 09	NEWPORT WAY BRIDGE	2000	Concrete	242	44	75	22	53	No
ISSAQU 17	SHYBEAR BRIDGE	2000	Concrete	57	30	75	22	53	No
ISSAQU 12	NW SAMMAMISH TIBBETTS CR	2001	Concrete	40	43	75	21	54	No
ISSAQU 15	NEWPORT WAY TIBBETTS CR	2001	Concrete	31	47	75	21	54	No
ISSAQU 16	HIGHLAND DR BRIDGE	2002	Concrete	110	57.5	75	20	55	No
ISSAQU 04	RAINIER BRIDGE	2004	Concrete	56	30	75	18	57	No
ISSAQU 03	N.W. JUNIPER BRIDGE	2005	Concrete	102	33	75	17	58	No
ISSAQU 19	STONE CREEK	2007	Concrete	44	20	75	15	60	No
ISSAQU 20	TIBBETTS CRK LN BRIDGE	2008	Concrete	63	11	75	14	61	No
ISSAQU 21	KERRYS CULVERT	2008	Concrete	24	43	75	14	61	No
ISSAQU 22	4TH AVE NW BRIDGE	2011	Concrete	43	47	75	11	64	No
ISSAQU 06	N.W. DOGWOOD BRIDGE	2015	Concrete	94	31	75	7	68	No
ISSAQU 23	SE 62ND STREET BRIDGE	2019	Concrete	782	24	75	3	72	No
ISSAQU 24	SE 62ND ST PED TUNNEL	2019	Concrete	18	36	75	3	72	No