



## LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Monday, April 11, 2022

7:00 P.M.

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- (3) 1. Pierce Transit Stream System Expansion Study Update.  
– *Mike Griffus, CEO and Ryan Wheaton, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development*
- 2. Municipal Court Update.
- (13) 3. Review of interlocal agreement between the City of Lakewood and Pierce County Library System for library needs to serve the Lakewood and Tillicum communities. – (Memorandum)
- (23) 4. Review Resolution designating the Oregon White Oak as the official tree of the City of Lakewood. – (Memorandum)

### ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 18, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1. Proclamation declaring April 23, 2022 as Parks Appreciation Day.  
– *Jason Gerwen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*
- 2. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Lakewood and Pierce County Library System for library needs to serve the Lakewood and Tillicum communities. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

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3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer and septic system improvements at the Karwan Mobile Home Park located at 2621 84<sup>th</sup> Street SW. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the demolition of dangerous structures at the Karwan Mobile Home Park located at 2621 84<sup>th</sup> Street SW. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for housing repairs for property located at 12522 Nyanza Road SW. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Declaring certain real property located in Puyallup, Washington as surplus property and authorizing the sale of real property. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a public hearing on the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Resolution designating the Oregon White Oak as the official tree of the City of Lakewood. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
9. State Legislative Session Update. – (Reports by the City Manager – Regular Agenda)
10. Review of Cluster Mailbox Code Update. – (Reports by the City Manager – Regular Agenda)
11. Review of Ordinance approving and authorizing amendments to the City of Lakewood Appointment and Removal Process to City Committees, Boards and Commissions. – (Reports by the City Manager – Regular Agenda)

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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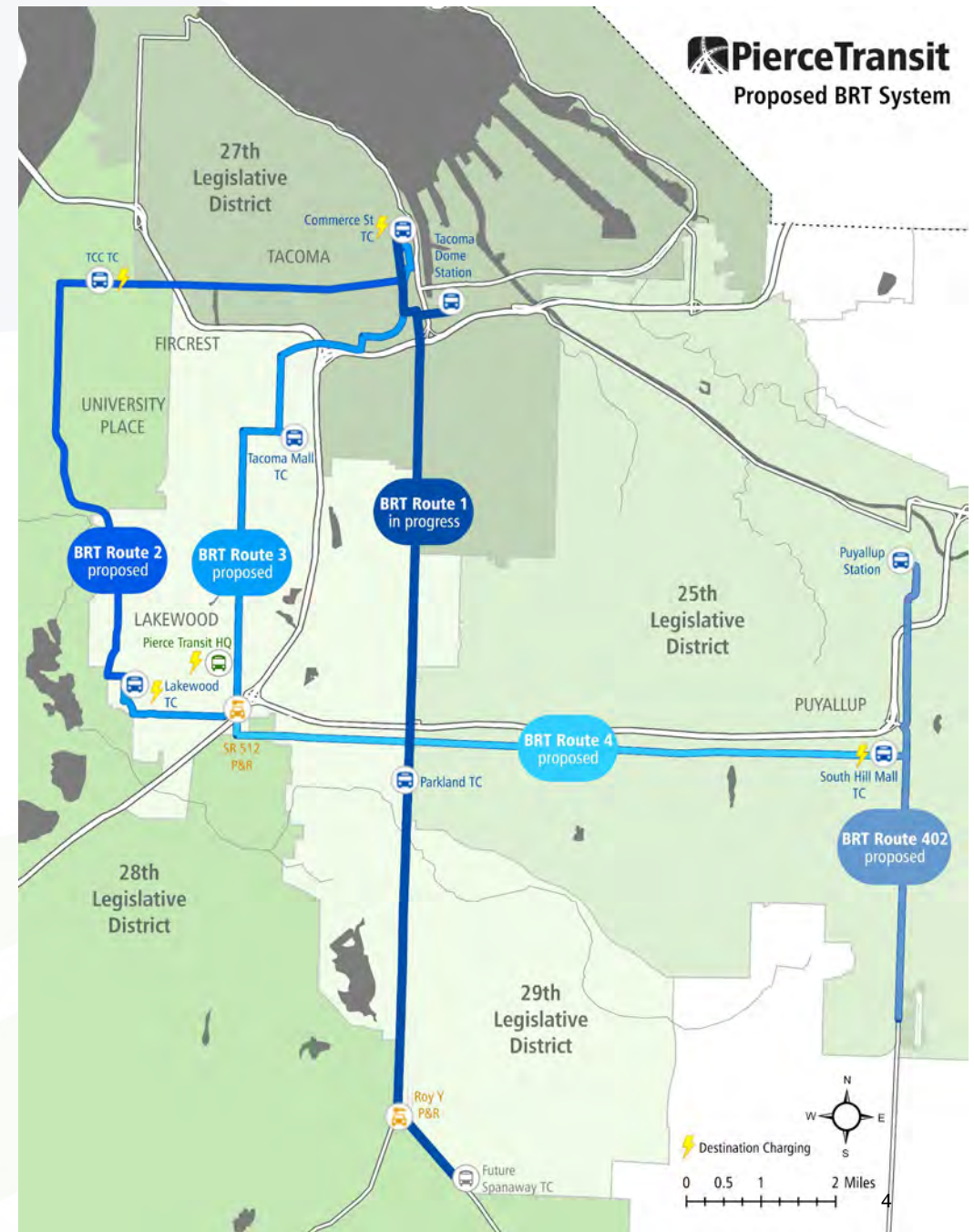
# PierceTransit *Stream*

BRT System Expansion Study Update  
City of Lakewood  
April 11, 2022



# System Expansion

- Pierce Transit is investing \$800K for Stream BRT System Expansion Study (underway)
- Will inform build-out of remaining four BRT lines and identify electrification needs for a zero-emissions bus network
- State identified \$10M for Stream BRT 2 Expansion in the *Move Ahead Washington* transportation package



# Prioritization Approach

The following are key steps in the approach to prioritizing the candidate Stream BRT corridors.








This document

## PRIORITIZATION APPROACH

# Prioritization Key Steps

This table provides more detail on the key steps that will be used to prioritize the 4 candidate BRT corridors.

	Prioritization Methods	Develop prioritization criteria, methods for each criterion, and identify data assumptions.
	Corridor Definition	Develop planning level assumptions for each of four candidate BRT corridors to underpin evaluation. This includes running way treatments, station locations, etc.
	Corridor Evaluation	Conduct technical work to evaluate four candidate corridors based on identified prioritization criteria. Includes evaluation potential ridership, cost, etc.
	Weighted Decision Making	Test and determine weighting of prioritization criteria. Determine preferred weighting based on community and Technical Advisory Committee input.
	Prioritization & Action Plan	Finalize prioritization results and develop next steps, actions for corridor project development, including concept designs for the top priority corridor.



# Prioritization Approach

- SSES will use both *quantitative* criteria and *qualitative* criteria to evaluate the potential performance of the four candidate corridors.
- SSES prioritization criteria are organized in five “accounts” or related groups of measures. These attempt to reflect goals and priorities identified in Pierce Transit and local community plans.

## ENHANCE

Provide BRT service to the highest demand, highest need corridors in the Pierce Transit service area.

## CONNECT

Connect residents with jobs, services, and other daily activities.

## GROW & PROSPER

Provide BRT services to areas with transit supportive land use, areas of growth, and locations that support local businesses.

## SUSTAIN

Reduce emissions and promote sustainable travel.

## DELIVER

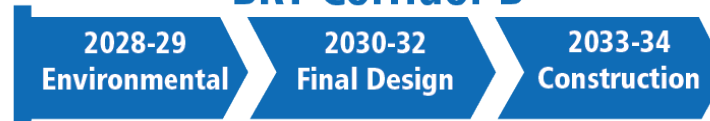
Develop BRT projects that are fundable, effective, and implementable.

# Estimated Expansion Schedule

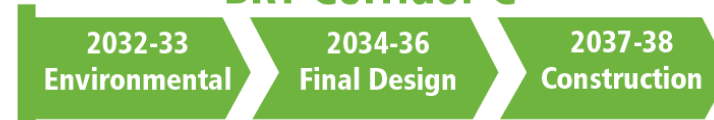
## BRT Corridor A



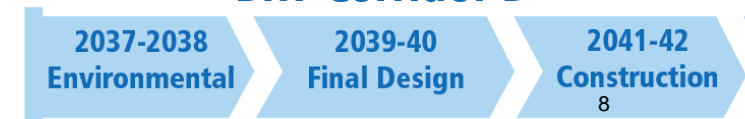
## BRT Corridor B



## BRT Corridor C



## BRT Corridor D

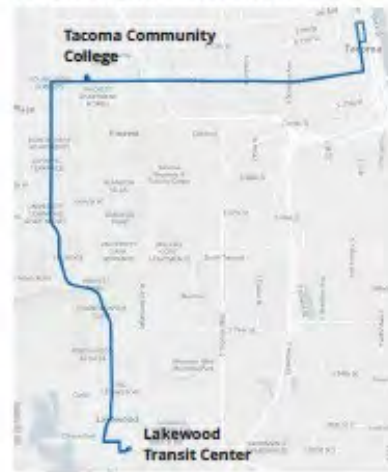




# CORRIDOR A

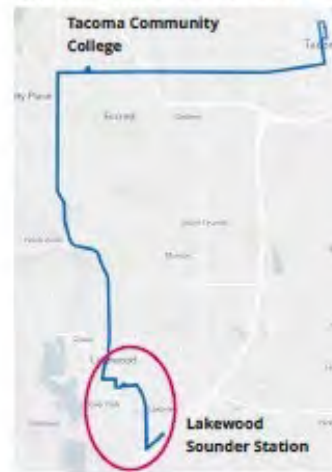
## Primary alignments (all criteria)

A: To Lakewood Transit Center

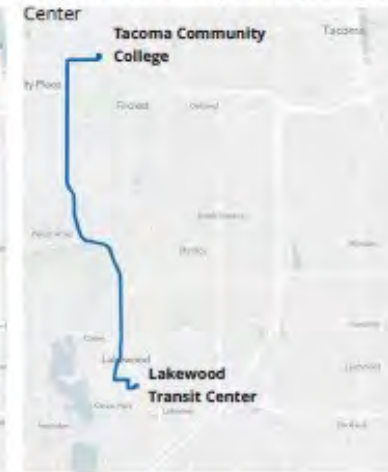


## Alternative alignments (Core criteria only)

A1: To Lakewood Sounder Station



A2: Tacoma Community College to Lakewood Transit Center



# CORRIDOR B

B: Via S. Tacoma Way & Pine Street



B1: Via 38th Street



B2: Via 48th Street



### 1 Lakewood TC with extension to Lakewood Sounder Station



### 2 Springbrook



### 3 Tillicum



#### CORRIDOR A

## Segment C

Numeric  
Data

	1 – Sounder	2 – Springbrook	3 - Tillicum
Households (2019 2040)	1,900   3,100	2,300   3,700	3,400   5,700
Household density per acre (2019 2040)	3.0   4.9	3.0   4.7	2.0   3.4
Jobs (2019 2040)	3,000   4,400	3,100   4,600	3,700   5,300
Job density per acre (2019 2040)	4.7   6.9	4.0   5.8	2.2   3.2
Peak bus needs	1.8	2.1	6.0
Weekday service hours	23.5	27.8	78.8
Assumed daily ridership	300	300	400
Assumed productivity per service hour	11.7	11.5	5.3
Number of major destinations per mile	1.7	1.0	0.5
Population in high equity zones	3,100	4,100	4,600
People per acre	4.8	5.3	2.7
Low-income households in high equity zones	1,800	2,600	2,800
Low-income households per acre	2.9	3.3	1.7





## A GROWING PROBLEM

Our area's traffic is increasing due to rapid population growth.



## A LASTING SOLUTION

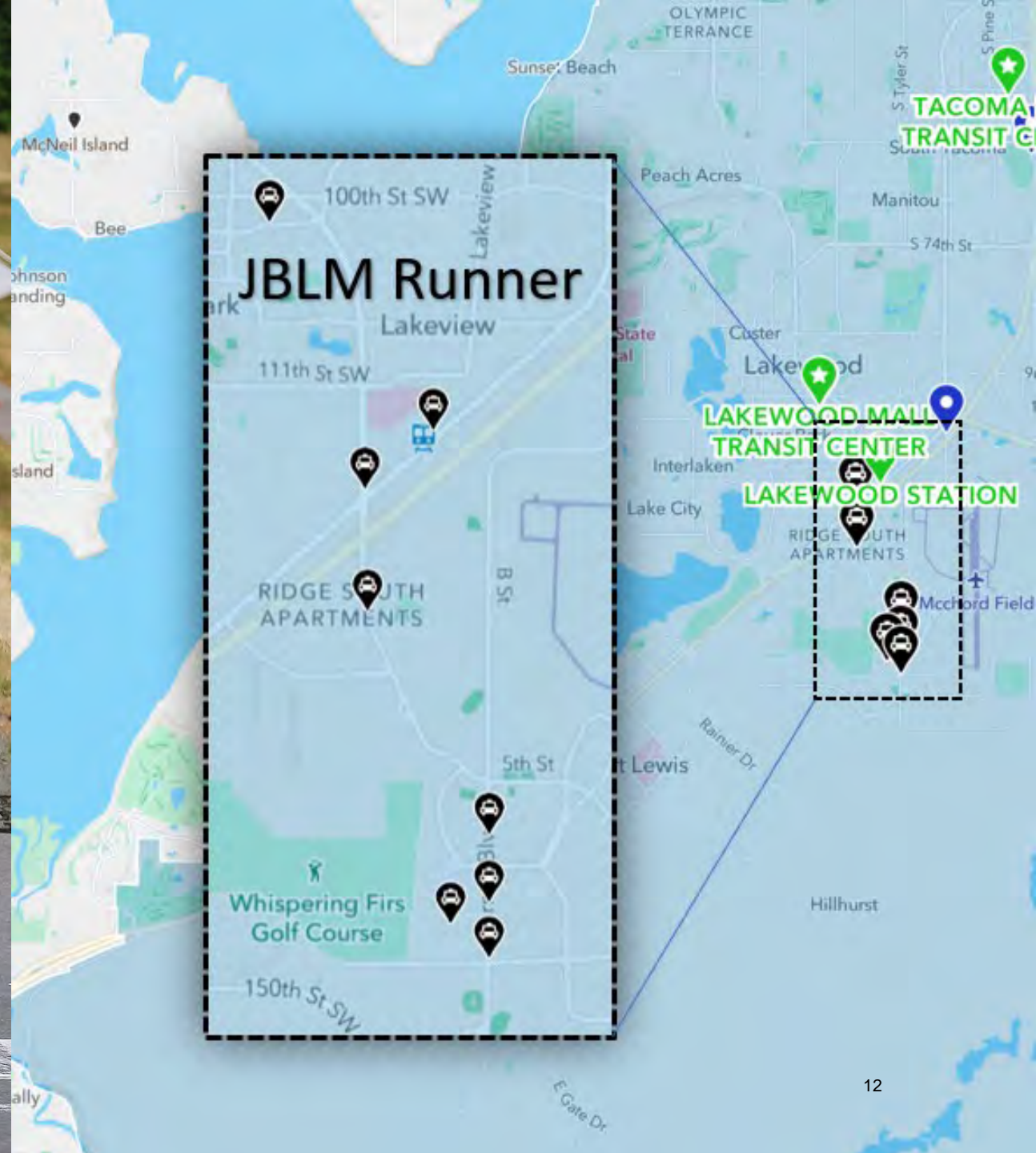
BRT helps us adapt to the growing demand being placed on our roads.



## AN ENRICHED COMMUNITY

Our community thrives with BRT providing the support our area needs.










To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Becky Newton, Economic Development Manager

Through: John J. Caulfield, City Manager 

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022

Subject: Pierce County Library System and City of Lakewood Interlocal Agreement, Facility Facilitation, and Advisory Committee

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In 2008, Pierce County Library Systems (PCLS) launched a 20-year facilities master plan, Pierce County Library 2030. The project evaluated library buildings and services in order for PCLS to understand the needs of the communities they serve. The Lakewood Library (Lakewood), located in the Downtown, was identified as a key branch in need of expansion and relocation.

PCLS has two branches in Lakewood: Lakewood, and Tillicum. Of these two only the Lakewood branch represents an asset for PCLS. The Tillicum Branch, located at 14916 Washington Avenue SW, is hosted in a building not owned by PCLS.

The City and PCLS have invested a considerable amount of time and resources in evaluating reinvestment in library services for the community. This included the purchase of real property in Tillicum at 14702 Union Avenue, for a potential new library. The City has worked with PCLS to review financing options for a Lakewood Library, consideration of co-location partners, and managing broker services to select other locations within the Downtown.

Due to the pandemic, this work was paused. As a result, deferred maintenance has presented some immediate challenges for Lakewood. PCLS has been looking at temporary space, and the City and PCLS have re-engaged to evaluate current facilities, and community needs.

This discussion includes a review of an Interlocal agreement between the City and PCLS for facility facilitation consulting services, an appraisal of the current PCLS property, and formation of an advisory committee to help guide us in this work.

Attachments:

- Interlocal agreement between the City and PCLS
- Consulting contract with BERK Consulting
- Property Appraisal
- Advisory Committee Overview



**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD**

**THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (Agreement)** is made and entered into between the Pierce County Library System, its official designees, and other governing bodies acting on its behalf to manage public engagement for the Lakewood and Tillicum libraries, hereinafter referred to as “PCLS” and the City of Lakewood and other entities brought in as part of the Project, hereinafter referred to as “City” pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. PCLS and City are hereinafter referred to as “Parties”.

**THE PURPOSE** of this agreement is to set terms and conditions for which the Parties will conduct and pay for library needs to serve the Lakewood and Tillicum communities.

1. **Consultant.** The City has conducted and continues to conduct extensive work with the assistance of BERK Consulting, a firm operating out of Seattle, Washington, hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”, to provide long-term community planning and engagement services in the City’s communities. The Parties desire to share the services and costs of BERK Consulting to engage the Lakewood and Tillicum communities for their needs in library services.
2. **Statement of Work.** The Parties shall develop a statement of work and project schedule to include Consultant’s services, with an estimated consultant budget of \$60,000, the cost of which will be shared in equal portions between the Parties.
3. **Cost Sharing.** The City shall administer all Consultant invoices under its full authority and processes. The City shall record all work that Consultant performed apropos to this Agreement and issue invoices due the City, to include an equal share of all service rates, fees, taxes, and other costs incurred by BERK Consulting. Upon receipt of a verifiable invoice by the City, PCLS shall remit payment within thirty (30) days.

Should the Parties desire further work from BERK, an additional allowance is authorized by mutually written agreement of the Parties, but in no case shall exceed \$30,000 in total. All additional costs from the allowance will be split equally by the Parties.

4. **Property Appraisal.** The City shall contract with a Washington Licensed commercial property appraiser for a Narrative Appraisal of the current PCLS property (parcel no. 503000-2991), located at 6302 Wildaire Road SW, Lakewood, WA 98499 for a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The City will bill PCLS and be reimbursed for the full cost of this Narrative Appraisal.
5. **Advisory Committee.** The City and PCLS shall form a Library Advisory Committee, jointly appointed by our legislative bodies.

6. **Contacts and Agency Representatives.** The following individuals are authorized to represent the interest of each party to this memorandum, and may delegate authority as deemed necessary and appropriate within their respective agencies.

For PCLS: Executive Director Georgia Lomax and her successors.

For City: City Manager John Caulfield and his successors.

7. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties to this Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect for not longer than twelve (12) months. This Agreement may be terminated, with or without cause, by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice, and none of the Parties shall have any further obligation.

8. **Amendment.** The Parties agree that they may only amend this Agreement by written agreement.

9. **Venue/Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed according to the laws of the state of Washington; venue shall be in Pierce County, Washington.

10. **Indemnification.** Each Party shall defend indemnify and hold harmless the other Party, including each of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, representatives, agents, successors and assigns from and against all claims and all associated losses, to the extent arising out of (a) a Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct in performing any of its obligations under this Agreement, or (b) a material breach by a Party of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under this Agreement.

**PCLS**

**CITY**

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**CONCURRENCE:**

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 1, 2022

**TO:** John Caulfield, City of Lakewood  
Georgia Lomax, Pierce County Library System

**FROM:** Brian Murphy, Rebecca Fornaby, and Jason Hennessy

**RE:** Proposed scope of work: PCLS Lakewood Library Facility Facilitation

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## Project Understanding

Reinvestment in Lakewood's Downtown and Tillicum libraries has long been considered, including a City senior activity/community center. Significant community engagement has been conducted and building assessments demonstrate that not only are existing buildings dated and suboptimal from a service and community experience perspective, but both buildings are also in poor physical condition. The City of Lakewood and PCLS would like to convene a community-based Advisory Committee to review what is known, evaluate different options, and make recommendations for next steps. The City and Library System desire consulting support to facilitate the Committee's learning and deliberative process.

## Scope of Work

### *Task 1: Project Kick-off and Management*

**Kick-off Call.** BERK will prepare for and facilitate a project kick-off meeting to review project schedule, key tasks, roles and responsibilities, and immediate next steps, including Advisory Committee formation.

**Advisory Committee Formation.** BERK will provide guidance and logistical support to forming the project Advisory Committee, including guidelines for Committee composition and draft invitation materials.

**Project Management.** BERK's Project Manager will remain in regular and as-needed contact with the City and Library project leads for the remainder of the project.

### *Task 2: Meeting Design and Facilitation*

We anticipate up to five online meetings of the Advisory Committee over the meeting arc described below. For each meeting, the BERK team will support City and Library staff in compiling and presenting information in a meeting packet to be distributed in advance and in a presentation format during the meeting itself. BERK's role during meetings will be primarily to facilitate productive discussion by Committee members.



### **Meeting 1.**

- Introductions, project purpose, and Committee charge.
- Presentation of project context (part 1), including building conditions and relevant City of Lakewood plans and initiatives, as well as a synopsis of community input gathered through prior planning efforts conducted by the City and PCLS.
- A facilitated discussion of what level and type(s) of additional community engagement is desired by the Committee in this planning process.

### **Meeting 2.**

- Presentation of project context (part 2), focusing on a summary of contemporary library best practices in service delivery and facilities featuring the role they can play in facilitating access to information, learning, placemaking, community building, and partner service delivery.
- Discussion of the evaluative framework the Committee will use later in the process to evaluate options identified for the Downtown and Tillicum libraries.

### **Meeting 3.**

- Review of additional community input (if relevant based on the Committee's decision in meeting 1).
- Consideration of facility options presented by Library staff. In the case of the Downtown Lakewood Library, options may include renovating the existing space, repurposing other existing space, or construction of a new facility in various alternatives. Each option will be presented with cost estimates and pros and cons according to the evaluative framework established by the Committee in Meeting 1. Non-binding Committee input will be gathered on each Option.

### **Meeting 4.**

- Determination of Committee recommendations, including specific recommendations for Downtown Lakewood and Tillicum.

### **Meeting 5.**

- Review of draft report and presentation summarizing Committee process and recommendations.

### *Task 3: Financial Scenarios*

BERK will develop cost estimates for each capital option being considered. Specifically, BERK will estimate capital costs, potential capital savings, ongoing operating costs, and start-up costs. The analysis will not include funding recommendations. The project team anticipates six scenarios, four for Downtown and two for Tillicum:

#### **Downtown**

- Status Quo
- Teardown/Build
- Buy and Renovate
- Relocate and Build

#### **Tillicum**

- Status Quo
- Relocate and Build

BERK will work City and PCLS staff to gather information on:

- Any needed updates to deferred maintenance cost estimates for the two existing buildings.
- Prior construction/remodel costs efforts for recently completed and proposed projects of a similar scale.
- Staffing and non-labor costs based on anticipated programming.

The results from the financial scenarios will be used for the Advisory Committee to make recommendations and be accurate enough for decision-makers from both jurisdictions to use when communicating with voters and stakeholders.

*Assumptions:* City of Lakewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department will provide expected operating costs for a senior center and City Building Engineer will provide input on needs to bring existing buildings to meet current building code. PCLS will provide costing estimates for staffing, operating, and constructing new, renovated, or remodeled building options. Both jurisdictions will provide expected revenues from potential sales of one or both properties.

#### *Task 4. Community Engagement and Report Development*

**Community Outreach.** BERK staff will help promote these community engagement opportunities to the public via digital and print media; flyering; and other means.

**Community Engagement.** Engagement options may include online or in-person discussion groups; an online survey; and/or targeted stakeholder engagement. Our base proposed budget would support a moderate level of effort, requiring selection of targeted engagement effort.

**Draft and Final Report.** The BERK team will summarize Committee recommendations and any community engagement efforts that occur during this process in a brief technical report.

**Presentation of Recommendations.** BERK staff will support Committee members and City and Library staff in presenting the Committee's recommendations to City and Library System policymakers.

## Timeline and Budget

The expected timeline for the project is as follows:

- **April/May 2022.** Advisory Committee formation and background data collection and synthesis.
- **June-September/October 2022.** Meetings of the Advisory Committee once per month, with the goal of compressing the timeline by one month if feasible.
- **September/October 2022.** Finalization of report and recommendations.

The table on the following page estimates our anticipated level of effort by task and by person. It includes some specific examples of how outreach and engagement funds could be deployed towards specific workproducts.

	2022 Hourly Rate	Brian Murphy Project Manager \$260	Rebecca Fornaby Co-Facilitator and Analyst \$150	Jason Hennessy Fiscal Analyst \$175	Total Hours and Estimated Cost by Task
<b>Task 1: Project Kick-off and Management</b>					
Kick-off Call		2	2	2	
Advisory Committee Formation		2	2		
Project Management (assumes 3 months)		6			
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b> <b>\$3,550</b>
<b>Task 2: Meeting Design and Facilitation</b>					
Meeting 1		6	10		
Meeting 2		6	10		
Meeting 3		6	10	4	
Meeting 4		6	10		
Meeting 5		6	10	2	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>86</b> <b>\$16,350</b>
<b>Task 3: Financial Scenarios</b>					
Data Gathering and Model Building		2		16	
Scenario Evaluation		2		20	
Meetings with City and PCLS Staff (3)		2		6	
Integration of Staff Feedback and Material Creation				6	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b> <b>\$9,960</b>
<b>Task 4: Community Engagement and Report Development</b>					
Community Outreach (with example activities below)					\$5,000
Community Engagement (with example activities below)					\$10,000
Draft Report		10	20	6	
Final Report		5	10	4	
Presentation of Recommendations		5	10	2	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>72</b> <b>\$28,300</b>
<b>Total Estimated Hours</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Cost (Hours*Rate)</b>		<b>\$17,160</b>	<b>\$14,100</b>	<b>\$11,900</b>	<b>\$58,160</b>
<b>Subtotal Consultant Cost</b>		<b>\$58,160</b>			
<b>Project Expenses at ~2% of Project Budget</b>		<b>\$1,160</b>			
<b>Estimated Project Total</b>		<b>\$59,320</b>			

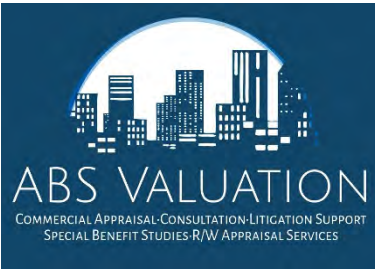
#### Sample Outreach and Engagement Activities that Could be Implemented Using \$15,000 Reserved Above

##### Outreach

Write copy for and design Flyer  
Write copy for and design Mailer  
Develop public-facing Fact Sheet or FAQ  
Manage translation of up to three documents

##### Engagement

Stakeholder Interview  
Discussion Group  
Online Survey (would require outreach effort to promote)  
Engagement Summary



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March 30, 2022

Ms. Becky Newton  
Economic Development Manager  
**City of Lakewood**  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

**RE: NARRATIVE APPRAISAL OF THE PIERCE COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY  
DISTRICT PROPERTY (PARCEL NO. 503000-2991), LOCATED AT 6302  
WILDAIRE ROAD SW, LAKEWOOD, WA 98499**

Dear Ms. Newton,

Pursuant to your request, I have reviewed information relating to the above referenced property for purposes of estimating a fee and timing of a *Narrative Appraisal Report*. The purpose of the appraisal is for internal evaluation purposes by the City of Lakewood with separate land and improvement allocations. My report will conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP).

Briefly, the subject consists of a single 2.04-acre parcel located along the west side of Gravelly Lake Drive SW, the south side of Wildaire Road SW, northwest of Clover Park High School. The parcel is improved with a 1963-era 23,774-square-foot library building. The site is zoned Central Business District by the City of Lakewood.

My report can be completed within 45 days of authorization for a fee of \$8,750.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call if you need additional clarification or have any questions.

Sincerely,

**ABS VALUATION**

Appraiser

Darin A. Shedd, MAI  
Washington License #27011-1100566





# Lakewood Libraries Assessment

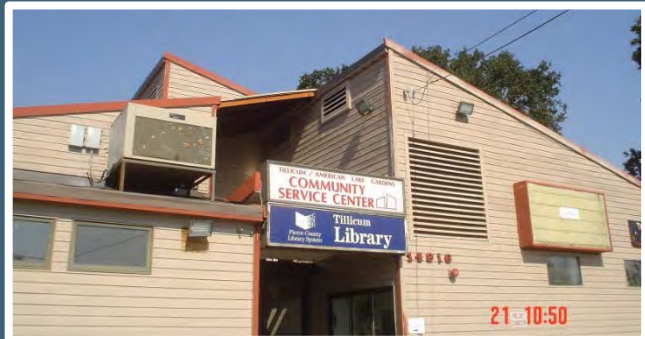
## Study Overview and Role of the Advisory Committee

The City of Lakewood and Pierce County Library System (PCLS) have long considered reinvesting in Lakewood's Downtown and Tillicum libraries, potentially adding a community center for seniors in the downtown. This study will assess the benefits, challenges, and costs of different options and recommend a path forward. In addition to working with an Advisory Committee, we will engage the broader community to ensure the study reflects the full range of interests and preferences.

Downtown Lakewood Library



Tillicum Library



Should we...

- Retain the current facility?
- Build a new library on a different site?
- Build a new library on the current site?
- Purchase an existing building elsewhere and renovate it?

Should we...

- Retain the current facility?
- Build a new library on a different site?

## Advisory Committee

**What:** We are convening a community-based Advisory Committee to review what we know, evaluate options, and make recommendations to Lakewood City Council and PCLS Board of Trustees.

**Who:** Up to 12 persons of diverse backgrounds (six appointed by each entity, PCLS and the City) with an interest in the Downtown and Tillicum neighborhoods.

**When:** The Advisory Committee will meet five times between June and October 2022. Once assembled, we will poll members to find the best dates and times to meet.

*Staff from the City of Lakewood, PCLS, and BERK Consulting will support meetings to ensure a smooth and productive process.*


**For more information, please contact: Becky Newton at 253-983-7738.**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Dave Bugher, Assistant City Manager, Community & Economic Development Director

**FROM:** John Caulfield, City Manager 

**DATE:** April 11, 2022 (Study Session)

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution Designating the Oregon White Oak, also Known as the Garry Oak, the City of Lakewood Official Tree

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Draft Resolution

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**Recommendation:** Defer. Prior to taking City Council action, seek comments from the Ad Hoc Tree Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). (Moreover, within two months, the proposed tree preservation code amendments will be before the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.)

**Background:** At a City Council Study Session, February 22, 2022, Councilmember Brandstetter requested that City Council consider a resolution designating the Oregon White Oak as the official City Tree. Based on the meeting minutes, Councilmember Brandstetter wanted to bring this forward for City Council review/approval at a future meeting.

**What other cities do:** It varies from community to community, but it has proven challenging to find official city tree designations in other Washington communities. It does not mean that they do not exist, but that we could not locate such information.

### What did we find?

1. Washington State has an Official Tree, the Western Hemlock.
2. The City of Spokane designates the Ponderosa Pine as the City's Official Tree.

3. The City of Oak Harbor has a Centennial Oak Grove which was part of an initiative to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Oak Harbor.
4. Rather than an official City Tree, some cities designate a list of landmark trees. The City of Bainbridge Island, for example, has a current list of 27 landmark trees. Landmark trees must be of a certain age and size.
5. Another approach, rather than designating an Official City Tree, become a City Tree USA member. There are currently 93 Tree Cities in Washington State. To become a member, a city must meet four criteria:
  - Establish a tree board;
  - Establish a public tree care ordinance; qualifying ordinances must provide clear guidance for planting, maintaining and/or removing trees from streets, parks and other public spaces as well as activities that are required or prohibited.
  - Document at least \$2 per capita ( $63,612 \times \$2 = \$127,224$ ) toward the planting, care and removal of City trees—and the planning efforts to make those things happen.
  - Arbor Day observance.

Tree Cities in Pierce County include Bonney Lake, DuPont, Fife, Steilacoom, Tacoma, and University Place. This option requires additional study and capital. It is recommended that the City focus on updating its tree preservation code, and if there is an interest, revisit this subject at a later date.

In the event the City Council wants to move forward, a draft resolution has been prepared and attached.

Should the City Council seek outside comments from advisory boards and the planning commission regarding an Official City Tree designation, it may receive other recommendations as well.

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XX

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, adopting and designating the Oregon White Oak (Garry oak) as the Official Tree of the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood's official city flower is the camellia and there exists no official city tree; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak's scientific name, *Quercus garryana*, was chosen to honor Nicholas Garry, who served as Deputy Governor of the Hudson Bay Company; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak has several common names including Garry oak, Oregon oak, Oregon white oak, and white oak; and.

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak is the only native oak in Washington and British Columbia, and the principle native oak of Oregon; and.

WHEREAS, Oregon White Oak is a hardy tree, able to withstand both lengthy flooding and drought, can sprout from cut stumps and root collars, and their roots go deeper than many other tree types; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak can grow to be hundreds of years old; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak provides much-needed and favorable habitat for wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak provides numerous environmental, economic, health and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the tree offers ornamental value throughout the city of Lakewood with its green foliage, and magnificent crowns; and

WHEREAS, other communities have honored the Oregon White Oak including Tacoma, Washington, where an Oak Tree Park has been established; Oak Bay, British Columbia, which is named after the tree; and Corvallis, Oregon, which has chosen to protect oak savannah remnants; and Oak Harbor, Washington, named after the tree; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak makes a fitting selection as the official tree for the City of Lakewood because it has adapted favorably to the Lakewood climate and geography.



NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD,  
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lakewood City Council hereby adopts and designates the Oregon White Oak as the Official Tree of the City of Lakewood and supports the protection of Oregon White Oak trees and the ecosystem in which they are located, consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act, the Growth Management Act, and locally adopted regulations.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Jason Whalen, Mayor

Attest:

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Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney