

Capital Projects Updates

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Purpose

- Final status update of 2018 Levy Projects
- Present status of the 2022 Levy projects
- Update on larger General Fund projects
- Outline the status of active grant efforts
- Share the latest updates on the New High School project
- Preview of the upcoming Capital Projects Oversight Committee meeting

2018 Levy Projects Status (final update)

- All 2018 Levy projects are Complete or Substantially Complete with the exception of the Challenger Elementary School and Newcastle Elementary School HVAC Recommissioning projects which were delayed by the Board in the June 2023 Board meeting.
- A reserve is setup to complete these two projects when/should the need arise.

2022 Levy Projects Status

- Work related to all of the 2022 Levy projects continues on an as-needed basis and will help cover critical repairs needs that arise between now and the end of the current 4-year levy cycle in 2026.

Active Existing Grant Opportunities

Dept of Commerce Energy Efficiency Grant – Issaquah High School

- The wrap-up of the Retro-commissioning work has been delayed until mid-February 2026 due to a delay in the receiving a required system component. This delay does not have any negative effect related to funding only pushes the completion of the project out to mid-February 2026.

Dept of Ecology Electric Bus & Related Infrastructure Grant

- Charging infrastructure is installed and in use.

New High School Update

- The City of Issaquah Development Commission unanimously approved the Major Amendment at the first meeting which was held on Wednesday November 19th.
- There was an appeal filed by a community member. We are currently working through the appeal process.
- A decision by the hearings examiner as to whether the appeal is allowed to move forward is expected on Friday February 6th 2026.
- Target construction start date remains March 1, 2026
- Expected opening date of the school remains August 2027

New High School Update

Comments on revisions to the previous schedule:

- The initial 61 days associated with the Major Amendment appeal does not effect the overall project schedule. The Hearing Examiner decision on February 6th will determine if the appeal is dismissed or moves forward. If the appeal moves forward **the overall project schedule could be effected.**

New High School						Revised: 1/29/2026
Anticipated/Proposed Land Use Revisions Schedule	Start Date	Finish Date	Duration Days	Activity Status	Comments	
Land Use - Major Amendment Process	06/16/25	11/24/25	162			
Preview Meeting with City Staff	06/16/25	06/16/25	1	Complete	ISD Team met with City Staff to review upcoming resubmittal	
Submit to City of Issaquah	07/01/25	07/01/25	1	Complete	Formal submission of revisions to the city	
City Determination of Complete Submittal	07/02/25	07/25/25	24	Complete	City process for determining submittal is complete	
City Review - Round 1	07/28/25	08/29/25	33	Complete	State law requires 8 week turnaround by the city for 1st submittal	
Owner Response to City Review Round 1	09/02/25	09/07/25	6	Complete	Allowing 2 weeks for ISD team response	
City Review - Round 2	09/08/25	10/03/25	26	Complete	Expectation is there will be 2 rounds of comments from the city	
Owner Response to City Review Round 2	10/04/25	10/14/25	11	Complete	Allowing 11 days for ISD team response	
Staff Report to Development Commission	10/08/25	11/04/25	28	Complete	Allowing 4 weeks for city staff to prepare the Staff Report	
Development Commission Meeting #1	11/19/25	11/19/25	1	Complete	DC meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month	
Development Commission Written Decision	11/24/25	11/24/25	1	Complete	DC voted unanimously to approve the Major Amendment	
Development Commission Decision Appeal Period	11/25/25	12/08/25	14	Complete	14-day Appeal Period ends at 4:30 pm December 8th	
Land Use - Major Amendment Appeal Process	12/08/25	02/06/26	61			
Appeal filed by community member	12/08/25	12/08/25	1	Complete	Appeal classified as a "process appeal"	
Pre-hearing Conference w/ Hearings Examiner	12/19/25	12/19/25	1	Complete	Dates were set for the initial appeal process moving forward	
Decision by Hearings Examiner	02/06/26	02/06/26	1	Future	Decision as to whether the appeal moves forward or not	
Construction Schedule	03/02/26	08/13/27	530			
Construction	03/02/26	06/18/27	474	Future	Assumes a March 2, 2026 construction start	
Substantial Completion - Building (occupancy)	06/21/27	06/21/27	1	Future	Assumes getting building occupancy in June 2027	
Substantial Completion - Site	08/13/27	08/13/27	1	Future	Sitework to wrap-up in August 2027	

Notes: 1. The schedule was formulated using some city input as well as best information available and past experience
 2. The schedule assumes relatively conservative time periods for city reviews
 3. An appeal to the DC decision is expected but not necessarily a foregone conclusion

Capital Projects Oversight Committee (CPOC)

- The next meeting of the CPOC is scheduled for February 11th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
- This meeting will include a presentation by the Design-Build team for the New High School.
- Presented information will include an overview of the Design-Build process, how estimates are arrived at, an overview of the actual project estimate, a construction market update as well as other general project updates.

Questions