



**LACEY CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021
4:00 – 6:10 P.M.
REMOTE ATTENDANCE**

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AGENDA

4:00 CAPITOL LAKE EIS

Mike Strub, Executive Director, LOTT

Matt Kennelly, Assistant Executive Director, LOTT

(Discussion)

4:30 GREG CUOIO PARK & GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN

JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE, & RECREATION DIRECTOR

JULIET VONG, HBB LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

(PRESENTATION)

5:15 LACEY CARES UPDATE

SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

JASON ROBERTSON, J. ROBERTSON & COMPANY

(PRESENTATION)

6:00 CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW

SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

(DISCUSSION)

6:10 ADJOURN



LACEY CARES

A City of Lacey Community Engagement Initiative

Lacey City Council Update – August 26, 2021

Community-Input Summary

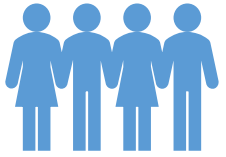
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TODAY:

- **Preliminary Summary of All Comments**
- More Nuances to Process in All Subtopic Areas
- Deep-dive into Parks, Culture and Recreation - Underway with Next Steps



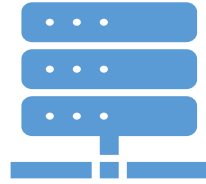
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SURVEY BASICS

- **1,300 Participants**
- **6,000 Individual Ideas** (and Growing)
- Offered in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese
- 5 Gift Cards Offered as Incentive
- Went Live During Pandemic
- Open to All, but Striated for Insights

Survey Respondents

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Do you Live in Lacey?	80.7%	19.3%
Work/Own a Business in Lacey?	42.3%	57.7%
Attend School in Lacey?	15.6%	84.4%
Frequent Visitor?	64.4%	35.6%



SURVEY QUESTIONS



- What do you **VALUE** most about Lacey today?
- **SUBTOPIC QUESTIONS** (see next slide)
- **#1 PRIORITY** for Lacey's future?
- How to **RECEIVE INFO** about events, issues, and news
- **FINAL ADVICE OR INSIGHTS**

SUBTOPICS:

What would you like to see over the next decade, with respect to Lacey's....

1. Parks + Recreation Programs
2. Arts + Culture Offerings
3. Information + Communications
4. Shopping + Entertainment Options
5. Economy + Job Opportunities
6. Health + Wellness Services
7. Housing + Homelessness
8. Public Safety + Social Equity
9. Education + Learning Systems
10. Transportation Network
11. Infrastructure
12. Natural Resources Stewardship
13. Built Environment
14. Other



WHAT PEOPLE **VALUE** MOST

- Parks, Trails, Trees, and Open Space
- Clean, Safe, Quiet
- Right Mix of Urban and Rural
- Infrastructure, Design, and Maintenance
- Family-friendly
- Local, Small, and Independent Businesses
- Responsive Government
- Schools and Library



SUBTOPICS

PARKS & RECREATION PRIORITIES

- Trails and Open Space
- More Parks, Fields, Amenities
- Indoor Recreation Options
- Water/Swimming Access (Pools, Lakes)
- Expanded Programming (Infant, Youth, Teen, Adult, Senior)
- Events and “Coming Together” in General
- Maintenance, Safety, Funding



SUBTOPICS

ARTS & CULTURE PRIORITIES

- More Arts, Art Displays, Arts Venues
- Cultural Events, Events in General
- Performing Arts Space and Performances
- Arts Education and Classes
- Street Fairs, Food, Entertainment = FUN!



SUBTOPICS

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS PRIORITIES

LACEY Life AUGUST 2021
Shaping our Community Together | We're celebrating 30 years as a Tree City USA!

UPCOMING EVENTS
To see the complete list of events and get registration details, visit clacey.wa.us/Events or scan:



Aug 3/10 Children's Entertainment*
Tuesdays, Aug. 3 & 10, 6:30 p.m.
Huntmar Park

Aug 4/11 Noon Tunes*
Wednesdays, Aug. 4 & 11, Noon
Huntmar Park

Aug 5/12 Thursday Play in the Parks*
Thursdays, Aug. 5 & 12, 2 p.m.
Vaucluse Lacey Park

Aug 6 Friday Flicks*
Fridays, Aug. 6 & 13, 8 p.m.
Huntmar Park

Sep 8 History Talks! Captain Cook Rediscovered
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.
Library City Hall Council Chamber (3) & Online via Zoom

*Note: With the recent lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions, advance ticket reservations are no longer required to attend these free events. We still encourage you to register if you would like to receive email notifications about future guideline changes. You can also watch for updates on our website and Facebook page.

2021 LACEY CITY COUNCIL
Mayor Andy Ryder
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Ed Kunkel
Councilmember Malcolm Miller

CONNECT   

LET'S CELEBRATE 30 YEARS AS A TREE CITY USA!



Did you know Lacey was one of the first cities in Washington to receive the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA award? Even more exciting — 2021 marks the 30th consecutive year the City has earned this national recognition! To acknowledge this accomplishment, the City Council will proclaim August as Arbor Month during their August 19 meeting and we also invite you to learn more about the trees in Lacey!

TREEsearch Passport Activity

Since we have not been able to hold our annual Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway for two years, we want to engage our community in a fun, educational activity to discover some of the different types of trees in our City and learn some fun facts along the way! Watch our Facebook page for more information on a fun, self-guided tour through our beautiful parks in August.



Tree Protection: Urban Forest Management Plan

Our urban forest affects our health and well-being, and provides many important benefits, including a healthy environment for our residents, fish, and wildlife. It also provides economic benefits by reducing the need for power and water treatment.

In 2006, we developed an Urban Forest Management Plan to guide our urban forestry vision and efforts. We updated the Plan in 2013, and our staff is in the process of completing another update following a community-engagement process earlier this year.

Want to learn more? Visit clacey.wa.us/Trees, scan the QR code, or contact our Community & Economic Development Department at (360) 491-5642.



UTILITY RATES SUPPORT OUR WATER SYSTEM



Proper maintenance, repairs, and necessary expansion of our utility system — which includes water, stormwater, and sewer — is critical to protecting our clean water supply and maintaining the service levels necessary to serve our growing City. To make best use of City resources, we routinely update our utility system comprehensive plans to ensure we follow a strategic maintenance schedule and comply with safety and environmental regulations for these systems. An important part of the update includes a review of the rate structure to make

sure we are able to fund the necessary maintenance and improvement projects that ensure our utility system provides safe drinking water, and sewer and stormwater services to our community.

The City Council typically approves utility rate increases with the annual budget. However, during the 2021 budget development process, the City Council delayed consideration of a utility rate increase until mid-year to provide financial relief to customers during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

At the June 17, 2021, meeting, the City Council elected to adopt a mid-year utility rate increase to:

- Keep utility rates consistent and predictable by supporting steady increases rather than large, infrequent increases. Delaying utility rate increases ultimately leads to significantly larger utility rate increases in the future.
- Fund necessary capital improvements related to regulation compliance, necessary utility system expansion, and needed repairs and rehabilitation. Preventative maintenance and timely system expansion reduces long-term utility system costs.
- Reduce the amount of debt needed for utility construction improvement projects.

The average residential utility customer will experience a \$3.04 per month (\$36.48 per year) increase to support these critical utility system improvements. To learn more, watch the June 17 City Council meeting presentation by visiting bit.ly/06-17-21LCM or scanning the QR code.



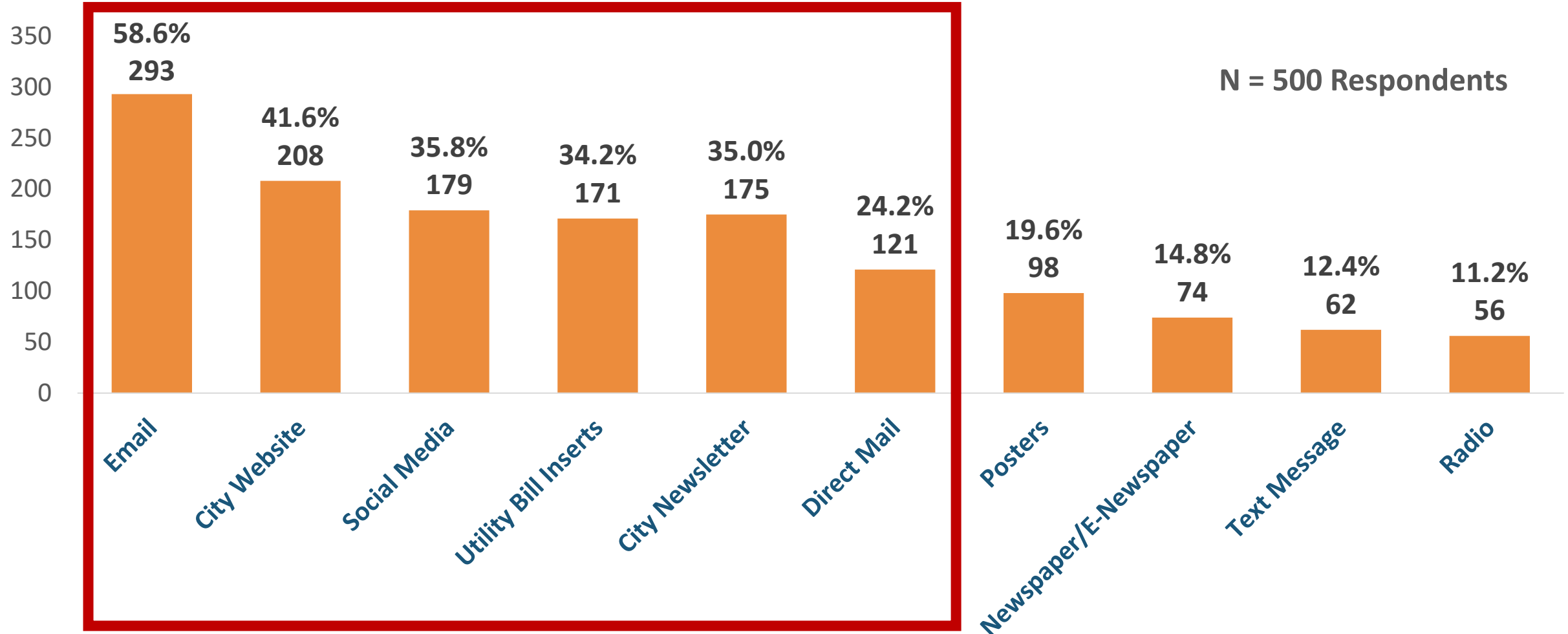
LACEYLIFE NEWSLETTER



- Appreciate Newsletter/Utility Bill Inserts, Banners
- More Information on Construction, Events, Budget
- Easier to Use, Expanded Website
- Access to Council via “Other Than” In-person Meetings
- More Information Shared via Social Media, Email, Text
- Less Expensive, Faster Internet



QUESTION: How would you like to receive information about Lacey events, issues, and news?



SUBTOPICS

SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT PRIORITIES

A word cloud graphic enclosed in an orange speech bubble. The words are of various sizes and colors, representing shopping and entertainment priorities. The most prominent words are 'stores', 'shopping', 'area', 'lacey', 'options', 'grocery', 'or', 'nice', 'businesses', 'restaurants', 'shops', 'areas', 'store', 'business', 'city', 'food', 'entertainment', 'local', 'good', 'great', 'market', 'olympia', 'small', 'north', 'trader', and 'business'.

trader local good great market olympia
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options areas store shops
business

- More Independent Retailers and Options (Especially Clothing)
- More Restaurant Options (Pizza Slices to Fine Dining)
- More Grocery Options (Trader Joe's, Whole Foods)
- Less Strip Malls, more "Downtown" Walkable Shopping Areas
- More Entertainment (Farmers Market, Mini-golf, Music, Ice Rink, etc.)
- Nightlife

SUBTOPICS

ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT PRIORITIES

- More Tech and Professional Services Employment
- Incentives, Support for Small Business Operators
- Expand Access to and Equity in Employment
- Part-time Employment for Seniors
- Internships, Accessible Employment for Teens
- Employment for Homeless, Formerly Incarcerated
- Green Jobs, Small Manufacturers
- Concerns about Warehouses/Trucks vs Trees/Traffic



SUBTOPICS

HEALTH & WELLNESS PRIORITIES



- Better Access to General Practitioners, Specialists (Recruiting and Retention Support)
- Expanded Hospital Capacity
- More Behavioral and Mental Health Providers and Access
- Free or Subsidized Access for Those who Cannot Afford
- Wellness Promotions, Campaigns
- Expanded Exercise and Activity Options



SUBTOPICS

HOUSING PRIORITIES

- More Affordable, Entry-level Housing
- More Affordable Rental Options
- ADU, Other Creative Solutions
- Maintain Diversity of Housing
- Less Housing, Density, Apartments



SUBTOPICS

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- More Housing Options (Hotel, Designated Apartments, Shelters)
- Clean-up Programs and Enforcement
- Wrap-around and Transition Services
- More Regional Coordination
- Some Asking for Total Prohibition



SUBTOPICS

PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITIES

- Police Support and Training Resources
- Partner with Social Service Entities
- Inclusion and Diversity Training
- Increase Engagement in Community
- Stricter Enforcement, Stronger Presence in Key Locations
- Some Feeling Less Safe at Parks, Trails, Shopping Centers, etc.



SUBTOPICS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION PRIORITIES

- Be/Show We are a Welcoming Community
- Expand Cultural Events, Festivals, Exchanges
- Increase Staff Diversity
- Resources, Education for Immigrants
- Work with Educational, Community Partners to Build Bridges
- Consider People of Different Abilities when Designing Infrastructure
- Treat all People the Same





SUBTOPICS

EDUCATION & LEARNING PRIORITIES

- Help More People Access Programs through SPSCC
- Continue and Expand City-NTPS Partnerships, Student Opportunities
- Extended Early-Learning Options, Support
- More Libraries, Library Programming, and Life-Long Learning Classes
- Life Classes for Kids Outside High School (Finance, Job Seeking, etc.)



SUBTOPICS

NATURAL RESOURCES & STEWARDSHIP PRIORITIES

- Stop Cutting Down the Trees
- Preserve Green Space
- Community Stewardship Involvement and Education
- Expanded Use, Installation of Solar
- Support Energy-Efficiency Programs
- Continue Water-Conservation Efforts
- Protect and Restore Lakes
- Increase Pollinators/Pollinator Habitat





SUBTOPICS

ROADS & AUTO NETWORK PRIORITIES

- More Traffic Circles! (mostly)
- Ensure Road Capacity Keeps Up with Growth
- Specific Requests for College, Martin, Carpenter, Marvin, Pacific
- Appreciation for High-Quality Design, Landscaping
- I-5 Access from Carpenter Road
- More EV Infrastructure (Charging Stations)
- Continue Maintenance, Safety Enhancements



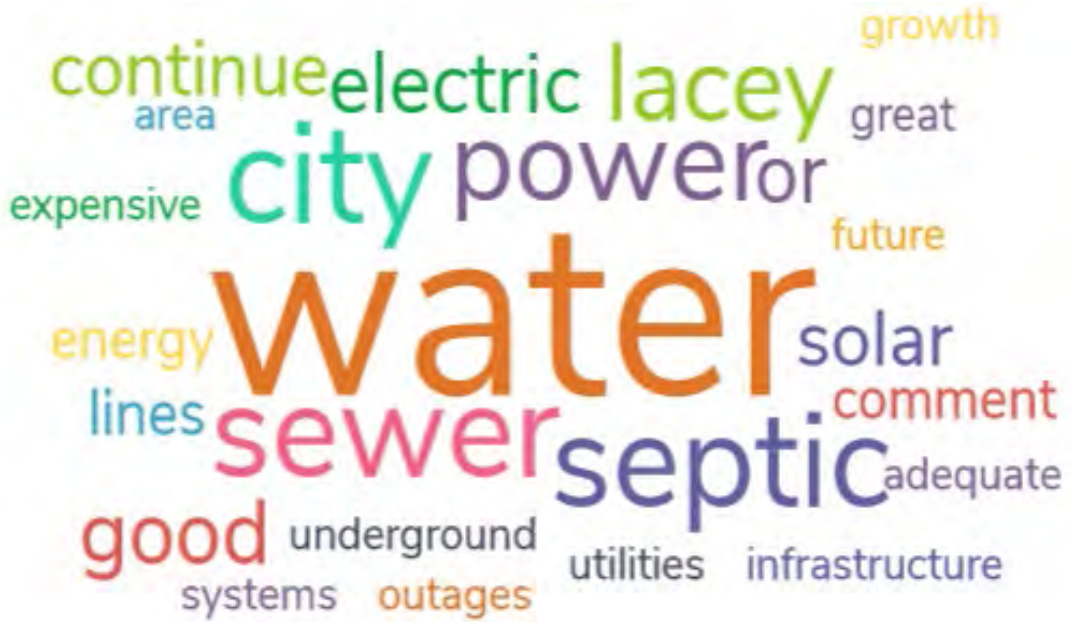
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WALKING, BIKING, & MOBILITY PRIORITIES

- More Bike Lanes (Marked/Separated) and Safety Measures
- More Trails and Paths (Interconnected) and Keep Them Safe and Clean
- Expand Zero-Fare Transit Routes and Use (Mostly)
- Plan for Sounder Extension to Lacey



INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES



- Ensure Long-term Water Supply
- Some Concern about Drinking Water Quality, Cost
- Water Conservation, Education
- Continue Septic Conversions, Protect Groundwater
- Reduce Power Outages and Increase Renewables
- Internet: More Places, Faster, Cheaper

SUBTOPICS

BUILT ENVIRONMENT PRIORITIES

- Preserve/Add Trees and Landscaping
- Pursue “Fresh and Modern” (But Keep History)
- More Public Gathering Spaces
- Safer, Expanded Walkable Areas + Destinations
- A Real Downtown or Multiple “Downtown-like” Areas (Less Commercial)
- Limit Truck Traffic Near Neighborhoods
- Design Measures to Reduce Sense of Sprawl
- Add More “Personality”



TOP OVERALL PRIORITIES

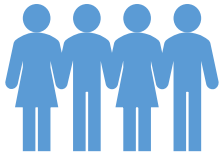
- Address Homelessness
- Clean, Safe, Affordable Community
- Manage Growth and Sustainability
- More Small Businesses and Entertainment
- Welcoming, Respectful, Inclusive Culture
- Parks, Pools, and Programming to Meet Evolving Demand
- Be Known as a Destination, Not “Anytown USA”
- Strong Governance...Keep it Up

A word cloud graphic is presented within an orange speech bubble. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'lacey' being the largest and most central word. Other prominent words include 'homeless', 'safe', 'city', 'people', 'growth', 'housing', 'work', 'parks', 'areas', 'place', 'development', 'affordable', 'businesses', 'feel', 'homelessness', 'community', 'or', 'live', 'great', 'clean', 'environment', and 'safety'. The words are in various colors including blue, red, yellow, green, and purple.

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NEXT STEPS

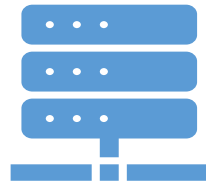
- **On-going:** Parks, Culture and Recreation Focus Area Engagement
- **Next:**
 - Outreach to staff and stakeholders to explore data and nexus with existing City efforts.
 - Engage and update City Council on process, direction, findings, etc.
 - Culminating with a **Community Visioning / Strategic Plan** with clear priorities and measurable goals.



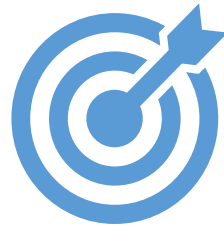
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Lacey City Council Update / Summer 2021

Questions?