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The Honorable Shari Winstead
Mayor of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Dear Mayor Winstead,

On behalf of the Sound Transit Board, I want to thank you for your input and continued engagement on the development of Sound Transit 3 (ST3), the next set of regional high-capacity transit investments that we plan to present to voters next November. To reach that goal, we expect to have a draft system plan out for public comment and review next spring, with final adoption by the Board at our meeting in June. Input from jurisdictions, the citizens we serve, our partners, and stakeholders across the region will continue to inform and shape our work in the months ahead.

The purpose of my letter is to ask for feedback as we begin to evaluate the ST3 candidate projects and start to identify projects and services for the next system plan. At the December 4 Board workshop, staff presented technical reports for each candidate project, along with corridor summary information, for the list of candidate projects approved by the Board last August. The candidate project reports can be found at www.SoundTransit3.org. With this letter, I am asking for your acknowledgement and feedback on the scope of the candidate project(s) in which your jurisdiction is interested.

Through the implementation of Sound Move and Sound Transit 2 capital programs, the agency has come to value the need for common understanding and clarity about the scope and initial assumptions of proposed voter-approved projects. At this stage in the planning process, the scope of these candidate projects inform the cost estimates, which in turn inform the financial plan needed to support the system plan. To ground the system plan in solid analysis and to ensure success over the long run, it is paramount that we continue to advance our planning work with accuracy and transparency. Sound Transit asks you to acknowledge the scope elements included in candidate project reports of interest to you and note if there are scope elements that have been overlooked or included unnecessarily. To keep our work on schedule, we would like to have your acknowledgement on the scope of candidate projects of interest to you, along with any other feedback, by Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Over the next several months, the Board intends to develop a system of capital projects and services that, in combination with state and local transportation services and infrastructure, keep our regional economy and people moving. Using the technical work presented at the December 4 workshop and on-going feedback from citizens, cities, and partners, the Board will utilize our regular meetings to discuss priorities, leading to the adoption of a draft plan in the spring.

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Thank you for your continued engagement and feedback on the ST3 planning work. An integrated and robust transportation system is key to maintaining our economic competitiveness and the quality of life we enjoy in the Puget Sound region. My colleagues on the Board and I look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead on an ST3 plan that delivers on this vision.

Sincerely,



Dow Constantine
Chair, Sound Transit Board

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