Hi Ava,

Thank you for your concern for Shoreline businesses! It's it good to hear from you.

In the past months I've personally met with the owners of Lideta Mini Mart as has Mark McVeety, who provides small business services through a contract with Shoreline Community College. We've both attempted to help as able; as you know, the City is restricted in offering tenants financial assistance, and Ashmar stated to me that he thought financial assistance was the only option.

The property owners were compensated financially if right-of-way was acquired or parking was changed, of course, and the hope is that landlords help tenants. Unfortunately, that hasn't always happened. I know that small independent businesses like Lideta often struggle even without the added burden of construction, so it is heartbreaking to see what is an overall great long-term economic development project like the Aurora Corridor project having negative short-term effects.

Thankfully the worst of the construction is over. I drove the area yesterday, and curbs were laid in front of Lideta, which means sidewalks and new pavement aren't far behind. We anticipate wrapping up the project completely by early 2016, but it will be much more drivable and walkable by the Fall.

Thank you again for your email.

Sincerely,

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From: Munson, Ava [mailto:Ava.Munson@leg.wa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Dan Eernissee
Subject: Aurora Construction Concern: Lideta Mini Market

Hi Dan,

A constituent of Senator Chase owns a business on Aurora (Lideta Mini Market on 19824 Aurora Ave N) and called my office expressing concern that their business is

being negatively impacted by the construction taking place outside the store. Are there any resources/advice that you could possibly provide for them? I spoke with Ashmar on the phone and she faces some language barriers so a phone call or in person visit might be best. She can be reached at (206) 234.6942.

Please let me know if there are any recommendations I can pass along.

All the best,

Ava Marie Munson

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