



January 19, 2016

Chairman Dow Constantine and Sound Transit Board
Sound Transit
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chairman Constantine and Members of the Board:

The Mayors of Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, and Woodinville are jointly writing to acknowledge proposed projects N-09, N-10, and P-08 as system plan candidates for Sound Transit 3. We are pleased to see these projects listed and with the detailed project information provided.

As we stated in our July 8, 2015 joint letter requesting inclusion in the ST3 plan, these projects are critical for the SR 522/523 corridor as growth and congestion continues in the North Lake part of the region:

1. Bus Rapid Transit on SR 522 and NE 145th Street (SR 523)
2. Structured Parking on the SR 522 Corridor
3. Study for Future Light Rail

We greatly appreciate that the above requests are addressed in N-09, N-10, and P-08 and we ask that you consider the SR 522 and SR 523 projects as one joint project in your further deliberations. We strongly urge you to retain this joint project in the final ST3 system package. SR 522/NE 145th Street is a major east-west transit corridor that is key in connecting riders to the light rail spine and making the overall transit system work—building a complete network that ensures transit system success.

There are additional compelling arguments to keep candidate projects N-09, N-10, and P-08 in the final ST3 package, including the following:

- **Early Win.** Given the projected cost and infrastructure already in place along this corridor, projects N-09 and N-10 should be delivered early to connect riders to the light rail spine upon opening in 2023. All components of these projects, including the proposed parking structures, will be needed for this early win.
- **One Corridor, One Project.** BRT on SR 522 and continuing onto 145th St. will be essential to getting riders to and from the new 145th Street light rail station scheduled to open in 2023.

- **Connection of Regional HCT Spines.** N-09, N-10, and P-08 will link the two regional High Capacity Transit spines—I-5 Light Rail Spine and I-405 Bus Rapid Transit.
- **Low Cost, High Ridership.** Looking at cost per rider coupled with its strong market for ridership, BRT on the 522/145th corridor is a relatively inexpensive project that will yield high ridership.
- **Multi-Jurisdiction Support.** The SR522/145th St. corridor projects are interregional and cross over subarea lines. As a result, multiple jurisdictions are united behind proposed projects N-09, N-10, and P-08.
- **Major Cross-Lake Corridor with a Wide Geographic Reach.** SR 522 carries 20% of cross lake trips today, connecting north end communities with the region’s employment centers on both sides of the Lake. N-09, N-10, and P-08 will provide critical transit services for this major corridor as the region grows.

In addition to the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline and Woodinville, the project enjoys multi-jurisdiction support from surrounding cities as well as strong grass-roots citizen support. The 522 Transit Now! coalition has formed around this very issue and they have gathered hundreds of signatures and supporters. We strongly believe that N-09, N-10, and P-08 are projects that our communities will be excited about and will rally around.

Thank you again for this opportunity to acknowledge these important projects and provide input. These are exciting times for our region, and these transit improvements will go a long way toward building a better future for our communities.

Sincerely,

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