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The Honorable Dow Constantine
Chair, Sound Transit Board
401 S Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chair Constantine:

On behalf of the Shoreline City Council, I want to express the City of Shoreline's appreciation of the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Draft Plan as presented at the March 24 Sound Transit Board meeting. In particular, the City is very pleased with the inclusion of the 145th and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit project in the Plan.

The City also supports construction of parking facilities in Lake Forest Park, Kenmore and Bothell as integral components of this project to increase riders and relieve congestion on the corridor. We see the 145th and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit project as a critical investment for residents living along north Lake Washington who want to access the 145th Street light rail station and our regional light rail system.

The City is also very pleased that the Sound Transit Board agrees that it is imperative for the Bus Rapid Transit line to be open and operating in concert with the opening of the 145th Street light rail station in 2023. The 145th Street station is a regional station that will serve riders from Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, and Woodinville. Many of the residents in these cities travel to Seattle each day to work. This line also provides a critical connection to the University of Washington Bothell and Cascadia College campuses, as students often participate in cross-institutional education opportunities with Shoreline Community College and the main University of Washington campus.

The City of Shoreline appreciates working with Sound Transit and its other project partners to develop our Preferred Design Concept for multi-modal improvements on the 145th corridor. We are very pleased to see that Sound Transit's 145th and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit project incorporates the City's concept and we look forward to continuing to work with you to implement this critical linkage to the light rail spine.

Additionally, the City is pleased with the Draft Plan's System Access Program. Whether planning for the 145th Street light rail station or with future ST3 projects, providing access to the stations, in particular non-motorized access, is critical to the success of the overall system.

Therefore we strongly support the 145th and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit project in the ST3 Draft Plan, as it provides numerous benefits to the region, including:

- Increasing the opportunity to link affordable housing in our communities with transit as the cost of housing continues to increase; we must provide diverse opportunities for people to live without cars and still be able to connect to the region through rapid, all day transit;
- Creating a vital link to regional education and job centers, including connecting Shoreline Community College, the University of Washington-Bothell/Cascadia Community College campus and the main University of Washington campus;
- Allowing riders in Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, and Woodinville immediate access to the light rail spine when it opens; and
- Connecting the regional transit network by linking the BRT line on I-405 with light rail along I-5.

The Shoreline City Council strongly supports the proposed plan and we urge the Sound Transit Board to submit this plan to the voters.

Sincerely,



Christopher Roberts
Mayor

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