

## SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal U.S. House of Representatives 1510 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Jayapal,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Shoreline in support of the City's Community Project Funding Request of \$3.22 million for the City of Shoreline 145th Street Corridor/Light Rail Access Project.

This project is the City's top federal funding request and is eligible for project funding from the Community Project Funding process in the FY'22 Appropriations bills as well the Member Designated Projects in the proposed Transportation and Infrastructure bill. The City will be submitting this project in both opportunities and appreciates your consideration of this request.

This project falls on the border between Shoreline and Seattle and both cities are collaborating in support of accomplishing four major goals. First, improved transit connections to the 148<sup>th</sup> St. light rail station, which opens in 2024 measured through improvements to travel time through the corridor. Second, improved freight mobility measured through travel time improvements. Third, enhanced safety measured through decreases in accident rates in the corridor, for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Fourth, improved ADA accessibility, through replacement of substandard sidewalks, and removal of utility poles, mailboxes and other obstructions that interfere with pedestrian mobility measured through reduction in number of obstacles and increase in mobility for individuals with disabilities.

This funding request would complete the pre-construction phase of the second development segment (Corliss Avenue N to Wallingford Avenue N) of the 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project. The total 145<sup>th</sup> Corridor Project is a \$38.3 million project with the first segment fully funded. This requested funding would make the second segment "shovel ready" and place it in strong position for funding through regional and state programs.

Our community strongly supports this request, and the City is already underway with design. The City of Shoreline has the required match for construction and is requesting 50% of the segmented project cost. The City commits to ensuring that funding will be fully budgeted at the time of obligation.

We are pleased to submit this project and believe it is an ideal project for this funding opportunity in either the appropriations or authorization process this year. We respectfully request Congress include it for funding.

Sincerely,

Debbie Tarry

Debbie Tarry City Manager