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The Honorable Jessyn Farrell State Representative, 46th District 10215 Lake City Way, Suite K Seattle, WA 98125

Dear Representative Farrell:

This letter is a follow up to my request for a meeting to discuss pedestrian and bicycle access to the 145th St. Light Rail Station, the City's 145th Corridor Project, and how we can best partner to achieve funding for this project. I greatly appreciate your interest in this project, particularly through having your legislative aide, Nigel, attend our project tour in late August.

I understand you have had conversations with a couple of our councilmembers regarding pedestrian and bicycle access to the future Light Rail Station at 145th St. I wanted to follow up on those conversations and have an opportunity to speak with you directly to discuss the City's 145th St. Corridor project, including access to the light rails station, and how to fund those improvements.

As was shared at the August tour, it will take funding partners through the State and the Federal Government to fully fund the needed improvements to this important state route and regional corridor to fully experience the benefits that light rail will bring. I appreciate that you have expressed interest in helping to ensure support at the State level.

The City Council is very concerned with ensuring safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle access to the station to ensure that ridership is maximized. As we highlighted on the August project tour, the I-5 crossing at 145th is a significant impediment to pedestrians and bicycles and needs a solution prior to the opening of the light rail station.

We would like to discuss options for moving forward to secure funding for the City's project, potentially through the state Transportation budget. We would like to work with our 32nd District legislators and your delegation to determine the best approach.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to discuss this important matter with you and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Shari Winstead

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