

SAFE & FRIENDLY STREETS IN SHORELINE?

1. Thank you, Shoreline officials for calling for safe and friendly streets! But shouldn't it be for all streets lined with single family housing, including Minor arterials?
2. Sidewalks alone will not make our streets safe. We must be able to cross the streets and communicate with our neighbors or the streets are not friendly or safe.
3. How can we create safe and friendly streets if we don't include Shoreline's Minor arterials? These are streets that cut through our neighborhoods. Yet, these minor arterials are not going to be safe and friendly based on many of the elements in the Transportation Master Plan, including a lack of monitoring. Item # Ti needs to include the monitoring of all arterials if we are going to have safe and friendly streets in Shoreline rather than only in selected areas.
4. No longer does the City of Shoreline need to follow King County's past policy of posting Minor arterials at 35mph. We can create safe and friendly streets by recognizing the importance of U. S. government statistics, which shows that when pedestrians are struck by vehicles at 20mph that 5% will die and at twice that speed or 40mph, 80% will die, and lowering the posted speeds on Minor arterials. Shoreline currently shows that drivers on Dayton are traveling at more than 40mph. Is this what the City of Shoreline would call a safe and friendly street?
5. Please lower our Minor arterials to 30mph to protect our neighbors in the area—both those who live next to the arterials and on the nearby neighborhood streets. It is well identified that vehicles traveling at higher speeds continue at higher speeds on nearby streets with lower posted speeds.
6. Pollution -- noise, air, and water -- increases when the vehicular speeds increase. How serious is the pollution issue? Noise from vehicles raises blood pressure, affects the gastrointestinal system, and increases aggression. For air pollution problems, just ask the American Lung Association! Walking and bicycling won't protect you. Traffic air pollution accounts for \$40-\$50 billion in health care costs each year. I think you know where the water pollution caused by vehicles goes and it's not good.

Lower minor arterial speeds to 30mph



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Following Comments reference "City of Shoreline - Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; Draft 5.06"

① Pg 9 - New Policy B (PRB) add phrase "and demonstrate innovative, low-impact development design & techniques." City park's facilities should aim higher than the "industrial standards."

Pg 11 ② Policy 2.5 - Add wording to the effect "linkages should acknowledge and enhance historical & current streams and watersheds." As streams, wetlands & shoreline have greater values & functions to wildlife and city residents.

③ TCA supports the acquisition of the Hamlin Park - SPU property, the Seventeen Acre Wood (South of Shorecrest High, West of 25th Ave NE, North of 50th Str, East of Fircrest), Paramount Park AND where ever linkages

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can be made of these & other parks.
④ TCA supports high priority the plan places on habitat enhancements. We support use of General Funds as well as grants & volunteers.



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④ We support improvements of trails & pond overlooks at Twin Ponds as noted on pg 130. The CIP budget needs to be increased.

⑤ TCA approves of the approach to improvements at Ronald Bae Park listed on pg 120 and look forward working with the City on the Park's Master Plan and that plan's implementation.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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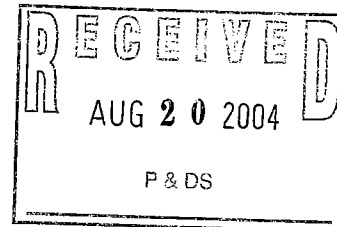
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August 18, 2004

Mr. Tim Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

As you may know, 1000 Friends of Washington is a statewide public interest group working to keep overdevelopment from harming farmland, forests and rural lands, while making our cities and towns great places to live. We work with cities and counties to effectively implement the Growth Management Act. As part of the periodic updates of comprehensive plans, we are working with local governments to help improve their comprehensive plans.

We understand that Shoreline is currently updating its comprehensive plan, and would like to be kept abreast of and participate in this process. Please notify me at the mailing or email addresses listed below of any planning commission or city council public hearings on the housing or land use sections of the comprehensive plan update. In addition, I'd like to ask that you notify me of the final adoption of your comprehensive plan update.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to successfully carry out the Growth Management Act and to ensure that Washington remains a great state in which to live and operate a business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sydney McComas'.

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