

From: [Miranda Redinger](#)
To: [Carolyn Wurdeman](#); [John Norris](#)
Subject: FW: Light Rail 145th Station Sub-area
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 2:19:16 PM

Please include this email (and the 1 I previously forwarded) in the desk packet for Monday night.

Thanks,
Miranda

From: Liz Poitras [mailto:lizpoitras@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Miranda Redinger
Subject: Light Rail 145th Station Sub-area

Dear Miranda and Mandi,

Some comments regarding the Light Rail 145th Station Sub-area:

The intersection of NE 145th St and 5th NE is already a busy place. For those exiting the freeway from the south it is also a main gateway to Shoreline. I would like to see it look impressive and reflect what Shoreline is all about. I hope the city can work with Sound Transit to have signage that not only indicates the station is there but also that pedestrians, vehicles, bike riders are now entering the City of Shoreline. Also in keeping with our city's logo, I would like to see a lot of trees in the immediate surrounding area.

The addition of the light rail station will make this intersection a choke point even more than it is currently. I don't think 5th Ave should be redesigned to add more traffic to the problem. If it is zoned to allow a lot of commercial/retail, to be profitable the businesses probably will need to draw people from areas beyond short walking distances. This would cause more car and bus traffic. I think traffic generating commercial zones should be on high-volume streets like 15th Ave NE and Aurora in order to not slow down commuter time. This will be critical if light rail is to succeed.

Not everyone getting off the freeway (from north or south) will be heading for the station. Therefore, I think for several blocks along 145th on both sides of the freeway we should show our best face. If there are shops such as in an MUR zone or a commercial zone, I think we should make them impressive, such as:

- Not allow more small businesses in former homes (though I realize the ones there now must be grandfathered in).
- Require wide sidewalks with bike lanes and trees.
- Set a minimum height for the zone so that separate new buildings will not look out of place or out of scale.

Thank you,
Liz Poitras