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Please vote to postpone starting the FEIS on 145th station upzone area until alternatives are created for the 145th Corridor. It was the recommendation from your Planning Commission and a number of you have spent honorable time in those trenches.

There is a significant chance that boarding up houses and businesses will increase in Shoreline during the next 100 years. Instead of taxing businesses that wish to locate in Shoreline, lets accelerate the removal of abandoned houses in our neighborhoods.

Please add a required boardup permit, fee based, that is good for 6 months. Any structure that is boarded up without a permit can be fined weekly for up to 3 months. The city should assist homeowners that are walking away from their houses and clearly move ownership back to the financial entity. The goal is to create a process from boarding up with temporary fencing to structural removal resulting in gravel or grass applied to the lot, this is Shoreline afterall. Structures that fail to follow these easy steps or fail to pay fines will be forfeited to the city and auctioned twice a year, at least a percentage of these lots for sale should be sold to individuals and not large developers. I am sure my timeline will need adjustments, but lets get the process started.

Apparently this is the first council in Shoreline history that is seriously considering overturning a Planning Commission decision and is boldly going where none have gone before. Purely irrational.

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