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To All;

I am a little late to address directly some of the issues, having missed the most important (to me) June 2 Planning Commission meeting regarding the EIS and the proposed rezone areas, but I still want to put in my 2 cents worth.

The Council and Planning Commission are already well aware of my views and I noticed that keeping the areas around both Paramount Parks single family home neighborhoods was added to the options along with phasing options. I do hope that made it into the forward moving process.

As a resident, I do believe that is the best for the area, the parks, the residents, and for Shoreline in general. Keep the areas around the parks, especially the Paramount Park Open Space, on both sides of the park, 12th and up to 8th, single family, not MUR. Zoning CAN be changed in the future, but once development starts, it will take over. Ballard is the best example, they had a 20 year build out plan which was met in 5 years.

The option for phasing is also a good plan, it allows for a chance to actually see what happens when light rail comes to the area. If we could have a crystal ball and know exactly how people will use the light rail station (and how quickly developers will descend) it would save the whole world many headaches. Alas, we do not have the ability to predict the future, either that of how fast development will happen nor how the economy may be in the next 10 to 20 years.

I did notice on tonight's (June 6) agenda there is an item where Sound Transit desires rewording on traffic impact, current wording and requirements are to be replaced with unspecified fuzzy logic. I would urge the Council to hold to the language that currently exists, Sound Transit should be held accountable for the traffic changes that will occur in our neighborhood once light rail is up and running. I also personally believe that Sound Transit wants too many blank checks without the appropriate balances. To reword to Sound Transit's fuzzy logic request is a recipe for disaster. It may not happen, but better NOT to go down that path if it can be prevented in the first place.

Regarding trees, Shoreline prides itself in being "Tree City". When I moved here many years ago, Shoreline as a city did not exist. I had to remove four sizable poplar trees a couple of years back, they were dying and would be a hazard. Many years prior I had been proactive and planted replacement trees close to the poplars, approved trees for city trees (before the city had a list), Japanese maples, Parrotia, crab apple, Cornus Kousa; thankfully the trees I planted were approved AS replacements for the poplars removed, they are healthy and hitting their stride now that they do not have to compete with invasive poplars. Alas I now understand the city owns the trees I lovingly planted years ago at my own personal expense. These trees, if required for a resident to plant, should also be required of developers, Sound Transit, ANYONE. They contribute to the neighborhood, attract myriad birds, and create a beauty that only enhances the neighborhood. My trees and our neighborhood greenbelt matter greatly to the health of the Paramount Park Open Space and to those who would use this proposed corridor. Alas it seems that the developers in the 185th rezone are off the hook for replacing what is removed, please do not allow this to happen again.

Thank you for your time to listen to my concerns. I appreciate that a fourth option was added to the rezone plans. As I've said, I know do nothing is not an option, but "do it all now" should not be either. The phasing too, thank you for that, it makes the most sense.

Once change starts it can happen far faster than anticipated, often with detrimental consequences.

Regards,

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resident for over 30 years