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City of Shoreline Planning Commission
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RE: Request for Postponement of Public Hearing on Thursday August 18, 2016

Dear Mayor Roberts, City Council, Chair Craft, and Planning Commission:

We write to request you to delay the public hearing on the 145th Street Subarea FEIS and proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan, subarea plan and development regulations. The hearing is currently scheduled to be held by the Planning Commission tomorrow evening, on Thursday, August 18th, and apparently is the only public hearing the City plans to hold on three ordinances and the FEIS.

We request your immediate review and direction to staff to postpone the hearing until after the public is provided with additional adequate notice of new changes to the proposal, based on the following. Rescheduling the hearing will avoid due process problems for citizens and make for a better record before the Commission and Council on these important decisions.

1. Relocation of 145th Street Transit Station

First and most urgently, it came to our attention only Monday that Sound Transit is now proposing to move the Station due north from the location analyzed in the FEIS and shown in the proposed ordinances. Mayor Roberts confirmed on Monday evening that he found out about this change while on a City Council tour of the Station areas just recently. We request the opportunity to study this new location, study related environmental analysis, and comment upon it prior to the close of the public record.

Of particular concern to us is whether the new location has the potential to interfere directly with the proposed Subarea border at 148th, which has an currently proposed MUR 70 designation. Assuming that Mayor Roberts' comments are accurate, relocation of the

proposed transit station will have potentially new and unmitigated significant adverse impacts on traffic patterns, land use, and the environment that have not yet been considered either during the planning or environmental review process. This major change in the proposal alters the fundamental assumptions that were made in planning for the 145th Street Subarea.

Adopting a changed project that was not provided a full and adequately noticed public hearing creates procedural issues for Shoreline citizens and problems the City Council will inherit (unless of course it holds its own public hearing, which we understand is not the City's preference).

Please postpone the public hearing currently scheduled before the Planning Commission on August 18, 2016, until the staff have provided further study to analyze the effects of this change on the planning proposals and environmental review. We understand that when a new public hearing is scheduled, it must be re-noticed and sent to all parties of record and all residents affected in the entire proposed Subarea. This is particularly true since a Planned Action Ordinance is being pursued that will eliminate project level environmental review. While this will cause some delay, presumably it will not be significant compared to the procedural problems created by a hearing scheduled without adequate notice.

2. Scheduling of the Public Hearing on the Same Night as a Large Ridgecrest Ice Cream Social Event

In addition to the last minute change to the location of the station, the need to postpone the public hearing is compounded by the fact that it was scheduled on the night of the Annual Ice Cream Social in the Ridgecrest neighborhood, the same area that will be directly affected by the subarea plan. While this was just an instance of unfortunate scheduling, we believe that public participation and transparency would be better served by rescheduling this hearing to sometime in the fall when citizens are back from vacation and not otherwise occupied with a busy social calendar, as is usually the case in late summer.

In summary, we request that you immediately postpone indefinitely the hearing currently scheduled for August 18, 2016 before the Planning Commission. A possible extension of the Public Hearing at the Planning Commission had a brief mention by the City Manager and Mayor at the most recent City Council meeting (see meeting audio tape, Minute 5:10 –12, http://shoreline.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=716).

While a continuation of the hearing would be a nice gesture for the citizens of the Ridgecrest neighborhood if the City does it, this proposed change in schedule is completely inadequate to accommodate the major change in location of the station without the additional study described above.

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We appreciate your prompt consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,

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