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To: [City Council](#)
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Subject: Proposed plans for the NE 145th substation area
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To Mayor Roberts, and Council members Hall, McConnell, McGlashan, Salomon, Scully and Winstead, and

City Manager Tarry:

I remain opposed to the plans for the NE 145th St. Subarea station because of the damage to an irreplaceable environmental area around the southern section of Paramount Park, home to a variety of aquatic, avian and terrestrial (i.e., botanical) species. as well as disruptive to the lives of many persons whose homes and lives will be adversely impacted by this transportation plan, and esp. around the proposed substation locations.

It is yet another example of how we humans are ever so willing to destroy the environment for our convenience. The proposed Sound Transit Light Rail route through Shoreline will have many unacknowledged adverse consequences for Shoreline residents living East of I-5.

Drivers in this area will have to cross ST tracks to get to Aurora and I-5, and to the western half of Shoreline, including the various parks that are located west of I-5. . This would occur for those crossing by auto or other vehicle at NE 145th, NE 185th and NE 205th on the east of 5th NE. Studies have projected many auto/light train accidents. As well there have been numerous accidents already reported in which cars, and their passengers have not been able to cross the routes of the ST Light Rail stations, esp. where tracks for these routes are located on the surface streets.

I do not think Shoreline residents, and businesses located east of I-5 will see or experience any benefits to this Light Rail route through Shoreline. It will primarily benefit those living north of Shoreline.

The disregard for the homeowners whose homes will be adversely impacted by the substations, esp. those that will be located at NE 145th and NE 185th is unacceptable. The costs to those who reside and whose businesses are located east of I-5 are much higher than any benefits. These costs are far more than financial costs, due to increased taxes, but also to the disruptions and inconveniences of the lives of east siders. which will be permanent and unavoidable

An alternative and much less costly transportation system would be an expanded flexible, fast, fuel efficient, affordable Metro bus system on the available arterials, such as 5th NE, Meridian NE, and 15th NE. When choices are to be made, a cost/benefit analysis if a rational procedure. The current Metro bus routes on the east side of Shoreline are very limited. An enhanced bus system east of I-5 would serve Shoreliners as well as those living in Mountlake Terrace, Lynwood, and other just areas.

I would much rather have direct bus routes to Edmonds, LFP, Kenmore, Bothell, Kirkland, and Juanita. Such routes would be far more helpful to me than the proposed Light Rail system through Shoreline as I strive to limit driving as I am aging. .

I urge you to "just say no" to the entire Light Rail route through Shoreline.

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