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Multimodal Traffic, please add to public comment for Council and their 1/23 meeting

Dave Lange, Shoreline

Ever since Seattle/King County put the utility poles on Shoreline's side of 145th the main pedestrian route has been on the south side of 145th. In comes light rail and all of a sudden the pedestrians have to cross the road to the Shoreline side and the southern route has become extra lanes for motor vehicles as you cross to the north in front of the pump house or west toward the interchange. Instead of 1 to 2 lanes of the southern onramp at the west side we now get 3 lanes of the northern offramp and an up and over ramp for the pedestrians. (cars +3, pedestrians -3, the taxes we pay benefit everyone?)

In front of the 148th street station we get 6 lanes of traffic for the pedestrian crosswalk and a station up against the back fence along I5. If Northgate transit center has criminal activity front and center after rush hour what do we expect in the Shoreline back corner? All this attempt to get pedestrians to the station is slowing buses to and from 15th down to a crawl, literally. Up at 185th the pedestrian initiative has a good chance of convincing both Metro and CT to keep their bus area at Costco and avoid Shoreline's congestion from Aurora to the North Shoreline station. (cars+1, buses-2, pedestrians-1)

The upzone EIS includes 25% reductions in parking for being next to a commuter transit station. We had a good conversation at Planning Commission last week about not granting bonuses before the infrastructure was present. How do we take a 1 bedroom apartment with husband and wife or a 2 bedroom apartment with roommates and claim in today's Puget Sound, they shouldn't need 2 cars in an area with no business or offices? Does a commuting choice change that? Is this the 25% reduction published or really a 60% reduction? You can look at the new multifamily with multicar garages in the upzones and confirm the single car model used in the EIS was a poor choice. If the renters haven't surrendered their second car, they will be additional residents with parking permits in the restricted parking zone.

Thanks for reading