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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to City Council - 7/30/18 City Council meeting, Ordinance 833
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Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and City Council,
Please accept this attached letter from Sound Transit regarding tonight's discussion of the amendments to SMC 20.50 for MUR 70 Tree Retention.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this item.

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July 30, 2018

City Council
City of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Subject: Amendments to Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 20.50 for MUR-70' Zone Tree Retention

Dear Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor Salomon, and members of the City Council:

As you are aware, Sound Transit is working with the City of Shoreline to bring Light Rail services to the City, including two stations and associated parking garages. In an effort to bring high quality transit and provide additional mobility and value for the City's residents, Sound Transit has worked closely with your staff to design the Project consistent with Shoreline's Code, Guiding Principles, and Special Use Light Rail Criteria, and Sound Transit's Design Criteria Manual.

With regard to tree replacement, Sound Transit has worked closely with Shoreline City staff and WSDOT and has committed to replant trees removed due the project at a ratio of more than four-to-one.

As the City Council discusses Ordinance No. 833, Sound Transit wishes to offer its support for the Planning Commission's recommendation to provide incentives to developers to encourage tree retention and achieve higher densities around light rail stations. This approach provides the needed flexibility to balance the dual objectives within MUR-70 of achieving greater densities to support transit, while encouraging the preservation and replacement of the City's tree canopy.

Sound Transit thanks the City Council for consideration of its comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

Rod Kempkes, Executive Project Director – Lynnwood Link Extension

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