



May 1, 2019

Mike Sloame
341 NE 158th Street
Shoreline, WA 98155

**Subject: Sound Transit Response to Public Comment from Mike Sloame,
Exhibit #62 of Special Use Permit Application PLN18-0140**

Dear Mr. Sloame

Thank you for attending last week's Sound Transit Special Use Permit meeting and documenting your questions with the City of Shoreline. We wanted to circle back with you to make sure you get the information you need before construction begins. To answer your question regarding permanent sound walls along NE 158th Avenue; yes, there will be a sound wall along the guideway constructed prior to track testing in this area. We also wanted to provide you with some additional information about the construction of the at-grade section of light rail in close proximity to your neighborhood, which will occur in the following phases:

- Phase I, Preparing the work zone – Sound Transit will clear select buildings and trees/vegetation in order to establish work zones in preparation for construction of light rail. This phase also includes building access roads, erecting temporary noise barriers, and establishing fencing to keep work areas safe.
- Phase II, Build at-grade track – Next, Sound Transit lays the foundations necessary to run light rail track, including ground improvements, constructing the guideway, creating the subgrade for track, and placing the slab for track.
- Phase III, Build stations, garages, and supporting infrastructure – Sound Transit will then build stations, parking garages, supporting infrastructure and track noise walls.
- Phase IV, Install rail and power – Once the subgrade for the trackway has been prepared, Sound Transit will install track and wire while placing poles and ancillary structures that power the systems and operate the signals.
- Phase V, Install and test systems – Before light rail opens to passengers, Sound Transit will complete a safety certification process testing communications, safety, and emergency systems as well as signals.

The exact date for the start of construction near NE 158th is currently undetermined but will likely begin in the next month or two. We anticipate wrapping up Phases 1 – 3 by early 2023. The volume of construction traffic will

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vary throughout Phases 1 – 3 and depending on the specific activity being performed on a given day, and once construction is complete, the haul routes will no longer be used.

Sound Transit has a dedicated Community Outreach team who will inform you of the activities in your neighborhood. The outreach team works to communicate as early as possible and provides regular updates as the construction schedule changes. The best way to stay informed is to sign up for Sound Transit's Construction Alerts at <https://www.soundtransit.org/subscribe>. If you have any additional questions during construction, you can also contact us at lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org; call us at 206.298.5300 during normal business hours; or call the 24 hour construction hotline at 888.298.2395.

Sincerely,



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