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To Shoreline City Council;

I am writing as a parent of students at Cascade K-8. I am asking that the council vote in favor of the budget amendment to complete the sidewalk on NE 200th St between 25th and 30th. As it currently exists it is a bizarre safety hazard. The sidewalk terminates at the boundary of the school and leaves pedestrians intermingling with traffic in often overgrown and muddy grass patches that also double as parking strips. Aside from being a hazard it is extremely inequitable for those who use mobility assistance devices.

While there are a great number of areas that I feel the council has forgotten about when it comes to safe pedestrian travel, this is one that stresses me out almost daily as I go to drop off and pick up kids from school, especially now as the days get darker earlier in combination with the dreary gray weather impacting visibility.

Currently I feel like the council needs to revisit the vision of Shoreline it is sharing with developers as it embraces the city's growth. There is a lot of discussion about walkability and eliminating the need for vehicles (even discussions of further reducing parking spaces), but little attention is being given to the extreme need for safe sidewalks along routes that aren't right next to the light rail and development of the city center.

Aside from the families who attend Cascade and HEE, there are also a number of families who walk from the condos and apartments between Ballinger Way and 25th to the school bus stops on 30th.

Again, please give thoughtful consideration to allocating funds for this project.

Thank you,
Meghan Warren