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Dear Council Member,

Please give your serious consideration to the attached request.

always,  
Boni

February 22, 2022

Subject: February 28<sup>th</sup> Consent Calendar

Dear Council Members:

The February 28, 2022: Consent Calendar and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE construction contract for sidewalk from NE 175<sup>th</sup> to NE 182<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$3,291,215

It's my understanding that the design for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E. sidewalks between N 175<sup>th</sup> and N 185<sup>th</sup> is already 30% complete, and the Council has the contract to fund construction is on the consent calendar for February 28<sup>th</sup>. It appears the proposed funding is premature.

Please remove this item until the final design has been:

- 1) Reviewed by the Tree Board with input to the Council
- 2) Opportunity for public comment to Council and Council review

Citizens concerned about the sidewalks on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE:

- Have not seen the final design as it is not on the city website,
- They do not know where the wall will be built on the west side
- They do not want the trees remove
- Would like to remind the Council that even the arborist hired by the city says some of these trees should be retained

Citizens have been told all about the need to have sidewalks that meet the 4-foot-wide ADA minimum width requirements and will require a wall to be erected. However, has the city investigated the slope on that hill? It appears to be far too steep for any ADA requirements to come into play at all..

Has the city considered:

- Making the bike path narrower and allowing more space for the tree roots? 5 ft is wider than what is currently used.
- Elevating the sidewalk to accommodate the tree roots allowing for both the trees and the sidewalk?
- Shifting the roadway a few feet to the east?

This lack of transparency regarding what has and has not been considered by the City of Shoreline is another example of a recurring practice by the city. Far too often it fails to notify the public at all or does so minimally while proceeding with design decisions made without the insights than can be gained by public awareness and input. Often these changes are large and affect the characteristic of a neighborhood, while potentially impacting the quality of life for local residents. Disregarding input from citizens puts a halt on new ideas and innovation the city needs so badly at this time of heavy development if we are to have any hope of remaining a livable city. Yet, only after the city has committed themselves to a plan is the public allowed any opportunity for input always to be told the process is too far along to make changes.

Once again, I ask that you please the Feb. 28, 2022: Consent Calendar and 5th Ave NE construction contract for sidewalk from NE 175th to NE 182nd in the amount of \$3,291,215 from the consent calendar until the citizens you represent have had an opportunity to see the design and provide comment.

always,

Boni Biery