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Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Sidewalks Project: 5th Avenue NE (NE 175th Street to NE 182nd Court)

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Dear City Council Members.

I ask you to authorize revision of the New Sidewalks Project at 5th Avenue NE to retain most or all of the tall, mature trees at the portion of 5th Avenue NE between NE 175th Street and NE 182nd Court. It is my understanding that 17 mature trees will be cut down under the current plan for upgrading the sidewalks. All of these trees are in good or fair condition as assessed by an arborist.

In particular, I ask that you direct the New Sidewalks Project be revised to retain at least the 46" diameter Western Red Cedar, and the nearby 36" diameter Cedar, which are both in good condition. With regards to the Western Red Cedar, as stated at page 7 of the [arborist report](#): "Given the size of this tree [#114] and the ecological importance of mature trees, efforts should be made to retain it."

There are several ways to redesign the sidewalk plan to save the mature trees. For example, where appropriate, the sidewalk can be elevated to save tree roots and thereby avoid cutting down affected trees.

In view of the numerous environmental benefits provided by large, mature trees I ask that you take all reasonable measures to preserve these trees.

Sincerely,
Barry McGurl.
Shoreline resident.