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Hi Shoreline Council,

I want to urge you to do what you can to save the stands of trees along 5th Ave between 175th and 182nd. I often walk along here to visit North City Park where I do habitat restoration. It's heartbreaking to see the city, in its efforts to expand mobility, not accommodate other concerns that us citizens and residents have, such as for our urban canopy. There are large significant trees here that are scheduled to be cut down to expand sidewalks, despite the fact that there are alternatives that could be implemented. As Save Shoreline Trees members have already outlined, the sidewalk could be elevated to avoid severing the trees roots (and thus killing them), one could wrap the sidewalk around the trees, rather than insisting it go through the trees in its path. I would also like the council to remove the *Rodarte Construction* contract from the consent calendar on February 28th - a developer who does not even attempt to accommodate the city's environmental goals and values does not merit further business. Priorities must begin to change.

Thank you for your time.

-Ben Heath