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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tall, mature trees are at immediate risk along 5th Ave NE (between NE 175th and NE 182nd)

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Hello.

I am urging you, as members of the council to think again about removing tall, mature trees for sidewalks along 5th Ave NE (between NE 175th and NE 182nd). Why would you allow perfectly good, healthy, mature trees to be sacrificed for a sidewalk, when revisions to the sidewalk design could be used to retain more trees? This makes no sense.

Here are some such suggestions:

- Construct a trail/bike lane on the west side and keep the 5' wide bike lane and 6' wide sidewalk on the east side
- Elevate the sidewalk to save the tree roots and eliminate the need to cut down the trees
- Wrap the sidewalk around the trees

Please:

- Remove the construction contract for Rodarte Construction from the consent calendar on Feb 28, 2022
- Review the design and provide opportunity for public comment

Shoreline needs a Council who will listen to its residents. I am asking you to listen. There has been so much of the tree canopy destroyed already. Please, don't let it happen yet again when it does not have to.

Thank you,
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