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Dear Council,

I urge you to reconsider the approach to the sidewalk expansion on 5th Ave NE. These trees are an asset to the people living near them as well as the community at large.

There is a Western Red Cedar that is 46" in diameter and slated for removal and I wanted to share just a few of this tree's benefits with you.

This tree intercepts over 6,023 gallons of storm water runoff annually

This tree reduces over 274 pounds of atmospheric carbon annually

This tree will conserve 136 kilowatt hours of electricity

According to the arborist report on page 7: "Given the size of this tree (#114) and the ecological importance of mature trees, efforts should be made to retain it."

These are just the benefits of one tree and trees work even better together, like a community does.

There are solutions that allow for the trees to stay.

- Construct the bike lane on the west side and the sidewalk on the east side.
- Elevate the sidewalk to save the tree roots negating the need for removal
- Wrap the sidewalk around the trees

I ask:

- Please remove the construction contract for Rodarte Construction from the consent calendar for 2/28/22.
- Please review the design and provide opportunity for public comment

Thank you,

Rebecca Jones

16 year previous resident with family still in Shoreline