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## Good Evening,

I grew up in Shoreline and vote there. My brother still lives there. We grew up in Shoreline.

I am also a member of Save Shoreline Trees. I support those who have been fighting to protect trees ever since the Department Of Transportation cut down over 5,000 in the Shoreline area to create a transport system to help alleviate climate change issues —trees that do more to store carbon, apparently had to come down.

My understanding is that now sidewalks become more important than climate issues and saving those elder trees on whom we might receive so much benefit long term. This email is specifically about the plan for 5th Avenue Northeast to support this same transport system and CLIMATE ISSUES.

However the existing plan is to cut down most of the tall elder trees because a sidewalk is more important. This should not be a sidewalk over Trees issue.

There is a book written by Susan Simard called Finding the Mother Tree, which explains much better than I can, the reason why elder trees are so important to preserve and why the methods of planting trees must be considered for trees to flourish, which will contribute to the survival of humankind. I hope that council will read it and take guidance from it.

Peace, Shawn Limbach