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Hello, Council Members,

I am writing to request your urgent attention to protection of mature trees along 5th Avenue NE. I understand that many trees are in jeopardy because of plans to build wide sidewalks and bike lanes.

I walk a lot and certainly appreciate sidewalks. However, I appreciate even more all the benefits that mature trees provide: carbon sequestering, shade, soil & water retention, beauty, and habitat for birds who in turn do their part to keep both bugs and human littering in check. Trees are arguably the most immediate, least expensive, easiest to "implement," and most cost-effective climate protectors that we have, and it seems criminal to squander such assets.

The sidewalk recently built on Dayton Ave N between N 155 and N 160th seems a perfect model for other sidewalk projects. It is a raised sidewalk that protects the roots of many great, lovely trees. When planning for the 5th Ave NE changes, please consider putting a sidewalk on one side of the street only, putting in a raised sidewalk to protect roots, and/or wrapping the sidewalk around trees. Surely it is possible for Shoreline to co-exist with trees!

Thank you for your serious consideration of Shoreline's tree canopy!

Virginia Immanuel,
Shoreline resident since 1985