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Hello, Ms. Robertson. My name is Ramona Gault and I live in Shoreline and I vote. Living in a small city like Shoreline, I expect our city officials to be responsive to citizens. I'm calling you about the healthy, mature trees that are **at immediate risk** along 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (between NE 175<sup>th</sup> and NE 182<sup>nd</sup>). 17 tall mature trees will be removed for a sidewalk. A sidewalk. Who wants to walk on a sidewalk with no shade? We should not be creating yet another concrete heat island. Shoreline taxpayers are paying for this, not the state or federal government.

I'm asking you to PLEASE save the trees on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, including a 46 inch diameter Western Red Cedar in good condition and its companion 36 inch diameter cedar.

- According to the [arborist report](#), page 7: "Given the size of this tree [#114] and the ecological importance of mature trees, efforts should be made to retain it."
- Remove the construction contract for Rodarte Construction from the [consent calendar on Feb 28, 2022](#)
- Please review the design and provide opportunity for public comment.
- Please revise the design of the sidewalk so the trees can be retained. Here are some options:
  - 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

If Shoreline is living up to its boast of being an environmentally responsible city, we must do more to save our existing mature trees. Thank you for your attention.