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Regarding sidewalk designs, per [Feb 7 Council meeting minutes](#): “Councilmembers emphasized the importance of listening to the opinions of the public early in the process”... *(end quote)*. And, one of the goals in the Washington state GMA is “Encourage the participation of citizens in the planning process.”

Public outreach to the City regarding the new sidewalk on 20th Ave NW includes:

- Emails to Council, project manager, City engineer
- Public comments at Council meetings: [Feb 7](#), June 6 *(minutes not yet available)*
- Save Shoreline Trees correspondence dated May 16 including seven questions emailed to staff with a copy to Council
- Letter to Council from Save Shoreline Trees dated June 2, 2022

The [June 2022 update](#) to the City website:

“The City is reviewing location and width to find the best solution to balance costs, impacts and usability for people of all ages and abilities.”

Save Shoreline Trees response to this update: as stated in public comments on June 6, a continuous 8’ wide sidewalk satisfies the criteria: less cost than a 10’ wide sidewalk, less impact to the tree roots, and is usable by people of all ages and abilities.

In addition, we have concerns regarding the three significant trees, one large madrone and two Douglas firs at the NW 190th St corner. Per the [City arborist report](#)

“These trees are likely be to be heavily impacted by ROW improvements.” (Appendix C, page 8).

Save Shoreline Trees encourages residents to take the [City survey](#) *(scroll down for survey)* available on the City website until June 25. Thank you.