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It comes to my understanding that MUR70 is exempt from Keeping any trees; MUR90 does; this is lunacy.

We need to do better than this; we should fight to save every tree we can; you can't plant them back; you want to wait 100 years? Is that the plan? You will turn Shoreline into SEATTLE?? Don't do it, fight this. Stop the crazy development, and avoid selling out to developers. This is all about money, not environmentalism. We pretend we are green and care for our delicate ecosystems, then mow down HUGE amounts of green to make way for a train that ostensibly is getting people out of cars to save the environment. This is hypocrisy; the building code is the same.

What makes the shoreline such an excellent place to live? Trees. Lots and lots of trees. Not massive buildings.

I understand that you have to make compromises, but it looks like trees are getting short shrift here. My neighborhood is much louder since they bulldozed all the freeway trees for trains that few will ride.

Your idea of GIANT sidewalks is also lunacy, 10' Who needs a 10' sidewalk when 6' is plenty; Do you think people don't know how to share a sidewalk? I think 8' is too broad, but apparently, that is also a debate. You will ruin this city; it needs improvement, but it works with the TREES, not against them.

Our Canopy is so essential in this day of climate anomalies. We need all the carbon sequestration we can get.

The speed reduction was a good idea but needed to be followed up with a police presence. It would help if you made it 25 everywhere within Shoreline except for significant roads 99, Ballinger. I suggest the whole city council come for a walk on 15th where side walk exists to see what I mean. I also think we need at least signs telling those driving on the 15th to stop for pedestrians trying to cross. This is another exercise I suggest for the council.

Convert 15th to 2 lanes creating a large buffer for bikes and pedestrians; more people will choose to walk once it's less terrifying—more signs telling motorists that they have to share the road with bicycles and people and crossing signs.

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