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Dear Councilmembers:

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Once again, I'm writing to urge you to protect the trees on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and the 3 tall trees at the corner of NW 190th across from the entrance to Salt Water Park.

I just don't understand the need for 10' sidewalks when 8' will suffice and will help save trees. I urge you to make the sidewalks from NW 190th to NW 195th a continuous 8' wide instead of half 8' and half 10' as planned. It's also important to protect the tree roots that will be impacted by construction which is required by the Shoreline Municipal Code. More speed deterrents would also be advisable.

As I've said before, sidewalks aren't freeways so 8' wide sidewalks are plenty of room for anyone using them and I seriously doubt there would ever be so many people using them all at one that there would be a pedestrian traffic jam. The standard ADA width allowance for a wheelchair is 32 inches so two wheelchairs could comfortably pass each other on an 8' sidewalk.

According to the arborist, the Pacific madrone and the two Douglas firs across from Salt Water Park which are all well over 24" in diameter, will unfortunately be heavily impacted by proposed ROW improvements. We desperately need to be saving our mature trees so I'm not sure why so-called improvements that would take out or damage old growth trees are actually improvements.

The Shoreline citizens who work so hard to save our mature trees have to fight tooth and nail to save even a few trees. It shouldn't be this difficult!

For the trees,  
Gayle Janzen

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