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Dear 520 Tolling Implementation Committee Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to recommend that the Tolling Committee mitigate and improve State Route 523 in Shoreline from the impacts of increased traffic and transit as part of mitigation measures. Specifically, we suggest the following items:

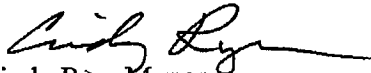
- Improve SR 523 from Lake City Way to Interstate 5 – We recommend redesigning SR 523 (145<sup>th</sup>) to include transit stops, bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and replacing faulty drainage infrastructure, acquiring additional right of way where necessary. The mitigation might also include new pedestrian crossings and connections to Jackson Park to connect park and open-space on either side of the road, as SR 523 is a very dangerous and unpleasant street to traverse as a pedestrian or bicyclist, or try to enter with a vehicle.
- Improve I-5 turn movements onto I-5 from SR 523 – We recommend adding another left-turn lane to enter I-5 southbound from SR 523. This turn movement already backs traffic up along 145<sup>th</sup>, and with increased diversion traffic trying to access I-5, this will be necessary to maintain traffic flow.
- Improve Pedestrian Connections at the Intersection of SR 523 and I-5 – We recommend making pedestrian improvements at this intersection as this route will eventually be a connector to the Light Rail Station at 145<sup>th</sup> & I-5. This route already carries a heavy vehicle load and that load will increase with diversion from tolling.

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With the release of the committee's draft report to the legislature, we note that the committee did not make a recommendation about the use of tolling revenue to pay for transit service. Tolling revenue is an essential way to guarantee adequate transit service. Considering current economic and budgetary conditions, it will be difficult to provide sufficient mitigation levels without the use of the tolling revenues. We ask that the committee include a recommendation to use tolling revenue for transit service in its final report to the Legislature.

In addition, we endorse the letter(s) sent by our neighbors along the State Round 522 corridor, including Lake Forest Park, Bothell, and Kenmore, and recommend that you consider the impacts of tolling on their communities.

Sincerely,



Cindy Ryu, Mayor

On behalf of the Shoreline City Council

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