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North Seattle Neighborhood Representatives

RE: 145th Street Corridor Study

As you may be aware, the City of Shoreline has begun a study to analyze and ultimately to determine the future design of the 145th Street/SR 523 corridor. The corridor is a key east-west connection for the region linking bus rapid transit on Aurora, regional bus service on SR-522, light rail, and I-5. In its current form, this corridor will not be able to safely handle increased traffic, transit, pedestrians or bicycles without significant upgrades. Shoreline's corridor study will include development of a master plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety and operations, transit speed and reliability, and freight mobility. We anticipate the corridor study will take one year, concluding in December 2015.

One of the critical components of the corridor study will be public input, including that of business and property owners and residents along and near 145th Street. To help facilitate this input, the City is forming a 12 person Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF). Neighborhood and business representatives, the North King County Mobility Coalition and Lakeside School are all being invited to participate. We would like the CATF to represent a broad range of perspectives regarding the future of the corridor so that many viewpoints can be considered and evaluated through this process.

The CATF will be tasked with the following:

- Assisting City staff with the development of recommended goals and evaluation criteria for the project
- Reviewing existing conditions and future growth projections for the corridor
- Participate in the development of potential alternatives for corridor improvements
- Advise in the selection of a recommended preferred alternative to the Shoreline City Council.

This project is very important to the City and to the Council and the CATF input will help it be successful. The City of Shoreline would like to invite you or a designated representative from your neighborhood to participate in the

development of a corridor study for the 145th Street Corridor Study. Ideally, your neighborhood representative will be a resident that lives in close proximity to 145th Street. The City would greatly appreciate your assistance in working with your neighbors to nominate a representative for the CATF. **Interested parties should contact Alicia McIntire at 206.801.2483 or via email at amcintire@shorelinewa.gov by January 28, 2015.** The City Manager will select the final membership of the task force. Selected representatives will be notified by February 6, 2015.

CATF members will be expected to represent viewpoints and express issues of concern on behalf of their neighborhoods, businesses or respective agencies, listen to those of other members and assist the city with development of a recommended preferred alternative. It is also expected that team members will consult with their membership or constituency to ensure that there is agreement with the outcomes as well as disseminate information to the community about the project and opportunities for public input.

All CATF recommendations will be presented to the public for review and the Shoreline City Council will adopt a final preferred alternative at the end of the process. Once adopted, the preferred alternative will serve as the master plan for the corridor which will guide future design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

It is expected that the CATF will meet 5-8 times over the next year, beginning on February 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Meetings will be held at Shoreline City Hall and each meeting will be approximately 2 hours long. The first meeting will be an overview and purpose of the corridor study process, the role of the CATF Team and the appointment of a chair for the team. The members will also identify the preferred time(s) for future CATF meetings. We will send you an agenda beforehand. I would like to emphasize that it is extremely important that team members attend all meetings and commit to reading and participating in discussions on the materials provided for review.

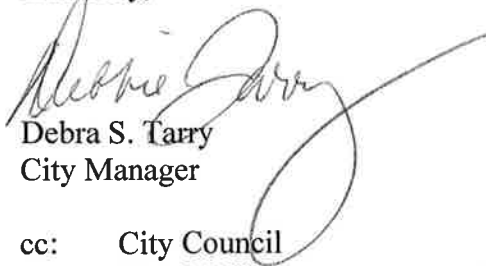
In addition to the CATF process, the City anticipates a rigorous public outreach effort including three open houses at key milestones during the process. Additionally, staff is always available to attend your group meetings to provide project updates.

We look forward to hearing your input as we plan for the future of this corridor. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the City's 145th Street Corridor Study Project Manager Alicia

McIntire, Senior Transportation Planner, at 206.801.2483 or email at
amcintire@shorelinewa.gov.

We very much appreciate your assistance helping us through the planning
process for the 145th Street corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra S. Tarry", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Debra S. Tarry
City Manager

cc: City Council
Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager
Alicia McIntire, Senior Transportation Planner