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**Subject:** SDCC Park Committee letter regarding East Link Collaborative Design

Surrey Downs Community Club Park Committee:

Thank you for your presentation to the Parks & Community Services Board at their February meeting. As you are aware, Sound Transit and the City are in the midst of organizing the East Link Collaborative Design Process, which will provide the structure for light rail planning for the next few years. Staff from both agencies are developing a work plan for the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE segment of the light rail alignment that will be made available as soon as it is ready.

SDCC's suggestion that the Parks Department be more specifically identified in the Collaborative Design Process echoes a comment made by the Parks & Community Services Board at an earlier meeting. As such, a Parks & Community Services staff person is assigned to three of the technical groups working on design issues, public outreach and station area planning.

The Collaborative Design Process includes a public outreach strategy that will provide opportunities for stakeholders like the SDCC Park Committee as well as the broader public to be involved in the ongoing light rail planning and design process. Once the 112<sup>th</sup> segment proposed by the City is ready for the next phase of design, likely sometime this summer, Sound Transit will determine whether additional environmental analysis is warranted. Either through environmental analysis or through ongoing public engagement, stakeholders like the SDCC Park Committee will be an integral part of the outreach process.

As to the status of the current Surrey Downs Park Master Plan, that plan remains in effect. Over the past several years, Parks staff have reviewed and evaluated all of the light rail alignment options along 112<sup>th</sup> for potential impacts to the park as it currently exists and the park as envisioned in the master plan. Potential park impacts of all route alignments have been and will continue to be provided to the City and Sound Transit for use in the decision-making process for the alignment. A decision about re-evaluation of the Surrey Downs Park Master plan will be made when there is more certainty about the location of final alignment along 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.

Thank you for the continued interest that the Surrey Downs Community Club has shown in Surrey Downs Park. A copy of this e-mail will be provided to the Parks & Community Services Board. I have been the lead staff person from Parks & Community Services on the East Link project to date, so please let me know if you have further questions related to the park.

-Camron Parker

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