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BELLEVUE**



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Joni Earl
Chief Executive Officer
Sound Transit
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: East Link Project – Alternative Access to Surrey Downs Neighborhood

Dear Ms. Earl:

On April 22 the City Council approved modifications to portions of the East Link alignment through Bellevue, the culmination of the cost savings effort that the City and Sound Transit engaged in through much of the last year. One of the approved alignment modifications results in an at-grade alignment along the west side of 112th Avenue SE and results in the closure (except for emergency vehicles) of SE 4th into the adjacent Surrey Downs neighborhood.

At the time of the alignment decision, the Council directed staff to undertake some additional outreach to determine the community's interest in an alternative access through the Bellefields Residential Park in the approximate location of SE 15th. Such outreach has been conducted, and the overwhelming community response indicated that the SE 15th access should not be included as part of the East Link Project. There was also overwhelming support from residents of Bellefield Residential Park for the provision of left turn movements into and out of the existing southern entrance of their community, to replace the left turn movement lost at SE 15th. As a result, the City Council has asked that we communicate to Sound Transit that the SE 15th access into Surrey Downs will not be included in the East Link Project. From communication between our two staffs, we understand that there will be no further design work on the SE 15th access. In addition, we understand that Sound Transit's plans do include the left turn movements as part of the redesign of the southern entrance into Bellefield Residential Park.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with Sound Transit as you move through the next phase of design and implementation of East Link.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Miyake".

Brad Miyake
Acting City Manager

Cc: Bellevue City Council