

8/26/2021 Board Meeting Written Public
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Joyce Hengesbach

This comment was submitted in letter form, which is attached to the end of this document.

Lindsay Andersen

Hello,

I was disturbed to hear that Sound Transit is considering cost-cutting measures that would cut off pedestrian accessibility to the Stride stations and Tukwila Intl Blvd and the Brickyard Station. We can't afford to be short-sighted about developing transit. With the climate crisis rapidly unfurling, it is imperative that we free our cities from dependence on cars, and that means that transit must integrate with walkability. Please keep stations accessible.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Andersen
Seattle resident

Rachel Doyle

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Warm regards,
Rachel Doyle

Natalie Stephens

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Thank you,
Natalie Stephens
Seattle, WA



To: Sound Transit Board members

From: [West Seattle SkyLink Team](#)

Date: August 26th, 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Board and staff of Sound Transit. Our comments today relate to the impact of realignment decisions on environmental imperatives.

On August 9 the United Nations Climate panel released a report indicating that “global warming is dangerously close to spiraling out of control.” * The UN Panel Co-chair Panmao Zhai stated that stabilizing the climate will require reaching net zero CO₂ emissions via strong, **rapid**, and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs.)

We applaud Sound Transit’s contribution to that goal by having the first US light rail system powered by clean energy. However, we are concerned that the realignment delays approved earlier this month will slow down reaching environmental targets at a time when we should be accelerating that process. We wonder if Sound Transit is exploring other actions to mitigate the negative climate consequences of project delays.

Also, the concrete involved in building elevated light rail lines generates considerable carbon emissions. Has Sound Transit considered designs and/or construction methods which could avoid or lessen this impact?

We urge Sound Transit to consider all viable measures to significantly reduce GHG emissions.

* <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/un-sounds-clarion-call-over-irreversible-climate-impacts-by-humans-2021-08-09/>