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Mia Franklin

Dear Board Members,

My name is Mia Franklin and I have been a resident and homeowner in the neighborhood that is part of S. 344th St. site for over ten years. I own my home and rent the house next door for my disabled daughter and elderly mother, both of whom I am the primary caretaker for.

First, I want to thank the Board for their engagement on this issue for many years. Also, to the many Board members who took the time to come tour our neighborhood when this issue was last before you in 2021. At that time, I told staff and board members that if our site was selected as the preferred alternative for OMF-South facility, my world as I knew it would be turned upside down. When I moved here from California, I identified this neighborhood with DSHS as a perfect fit for my family. It is the perfect situation for my daughter. We are within one mile of all of her doctors and a hospital. If our home was condemned, I wouldn't be able to find another location like this anywhere in the region at a similar cost, certainly not in King County.

Thankfully, in 2021, the board understood that S. 336th was the least impactful option that was viable for constructing a new operations and maintenance facility. I'm relieved to see that the staff and system expansion committee has now recommended the S. 336th option as the project to be built. I appreciate all the hard work done by the staff over the many years now on this project.

I urge you to select the S. 336th site as the project to be built today to keep the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project moving forward without delay. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Mia Franklin

Jared Johnson – Seattle Chinatown-International District

Hello Sound Transit Board Members,

I am Jared Jonson, Co-Executive Director of the Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation & Development Authority (SCIDpda). In Spring 2023, the SCIDpda Board of Directors aligned with a broad coalition of CID stakeholders urging Sound Transit to select 4th Avenue shallow as the preferred alternative. SCIDpda and its Board of Directors continues to believe the connectivity and benefits provided by the 4th Avenue shallow station and alignment is the best choice for the future of our community, and for the future of transit riders in the region. Many questions remain unanswered related to the preferred alternative identified by the Sound Transit Board for the CID segment of the Ballard Link Extension. We are not yet convinced this is the best alternative for our community.

We will work with Sound Transit to refine the CID segment alternative to minimize harm and maximize connectivity for the CID and the voters who helped pass ST3. We remain hopeful we can find solutions to the issues presented by the proposed preferred alternative, and remain ready to

work with Sound Transit and other agencies to define the mitigation necessary to address construction and permanent impacts to connectivity in the CID neighborhood.

Thank you.

Jared Jonson

Co-Executive Director

Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation & Development Authority (SCIDpda)

Betty Lau

Emailed Public Comment, Sound Transit Board Meeting by Betty Lau, Thursday, June 27, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Union Station

Hi, I'm Betty Lau of Transit Equity for All & the Chong Wa Benevolent Assn.

The "new, improved" Sound Transit video version is touted as being based on prior community input, but it is as disappointing as the first. Feedback given at its debut was ignored:

1. Replace Danny Woo Garden as the top destination to come and go from in the CID.
2. Add a place in Little Saigon as a destination or point of origin.

The video can now be listened to in Chinese, Vietnamese or Spanish; but stops there. Why are African immigrant languages excluded? I was told, "It's only for the CID. We only do Somali for West Seattle."

So there are no Somalis living in other parts of Greater Seattle???

A Regional System needs Regional Outreach!

Non-English speakers are not limited to where you think they are. Your staff know this by publishing materials in Chinese for distribution **anywhere**.

Add Somali, Tigrinya and Amharic or Thai, Khmer and Korean to the video so the multilingual populations from Rainier Beach to Northgate can understand Sound Transit planning.

Ditto for your printed materials that could be placed in libraries and neighborhood reading rooms. New Holly's Reading Room still has English only Sound Transit materials despite a majority immigrant/refugee population!

That's the true nature of **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.**