To whom it may concern:  

December 7, 2015

This past summer our staff gathered feedback and analyzed technical data to implement the North-South Neighborhood Greenway in Rainier Valley. Over a year of collaboration with residents and community stakeholders allowed us to select the draft most promising route in September 2015, and after additional technical analysis and community feedback our team announced a couple of changes to the alignment in late fall.

One of these changes was identified on a recent scouting bike ride with community members. We were asked to consider changing the alignment on the draft most promising route between Renton Ave S and 42nd Ave S. This request was made due to steep inclines experienced while biking along S Findlay St, which would discourage people walking or biking from traveling along the greenway route. The community showed us the route that is currently being used by people walking and bicycling between neighborhood destinations. We took this information gathered on this scouting bike ride and considered alternatives for the neighborhood greenway route.

We believe changing the alignment as shown above will make it easier to walk and bike and create a more pleasant and predictable experience for everyone.

Should you have any comments or questions about this change, please contact me at your convenience so we can talk about it or visit the project page at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/rainiervalleygreenways2.htm

Sincerely,

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