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To:

Shefali Ranganathan, Deputy Mayor for External Relations

Ahmed Darrat, Transportation Policy Advisor

Goran Sparrman, SDOT Interim Director

Genesee Adkins, SDOT Chief of Staff

**Re: Modal Boards and Move Seattle Levy**

Thank you for taking time to discuss the Levy to Move Seattle assessment and updated delivery plan.

We can all agree that the situation we are in is unfortunate. We also recognize the reality of increased construction costs, constricted federal funding, and the optimistic/inconsistent campaign promises that are impacting what Move Seattle projects the City believe it can realistically deliver.

From our discussion we heard that:

- The levy investments earmarked for each sub-program cannot change due to the language of the ordinance (i.e. levy funds will not be reallocated between sub-programs).
- Projects indicated as needing further review and adjustment are largely due to:
  - Less defined scopes of work
  - Increased costs of construction
  - Original project cost under-estimates
  - Misalignment between the Bike Master Plan project prioritization process and levy commitments
  - Uncertain federal funding
  - Differences between customer expectations and the actual levy language
- There may be additional funding sources to help fill the gap (e.g. partnerships), however, the City wants to avoid maintaining overly optimistic projections and thus does not want to assume realization of this funding.

Seattle's modal boards appreciate the opportunity to work with the City to find solutions to this situation and are willing to form subcommittees to more efficiently move this forward. We understand that the budget process is driving the fast timeline for public engagement. In order to engage effectively and provide meaningful feedback within the timeline outlined by the City, we would like to request that by May 2, the following information is provided to all modal boards:

- The data that resulted in each sub-program being identified as either being "delivery on track" or "needs further review and adjustment"
- New estimates for local and leverage funding in each sub-program (i.e. refined figures in this [spending breakdown table](#))
- New construction cost assumptions for each sub-program and data to support how these were established

Additionally, the modal boards would like to provide input on elements of findings 4-8 in addition to 1-3. Many of the 4-8 findings include projects pertaining to people walking and biking.

We appreciate your commitment to making this an inclusive and transparent process.

Sincerely,

Amanda Barnett, Co-Chair, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

Casey Gifford, Co-Chair, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

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David Seater, Chair, Seattle Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Board, and Member, Move Seattle Oversight Committee

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