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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, I am writing to express the Board's strong support for the Seattle Department of Transportation's proposal to seek funding to extend the Chief Sealth Trail on the City Light right-of-way from the intersection of Beacon Ave S and S Dawson St to the intersection of S Angeline St and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

The Chief Sealth Trail represents an emerging, but critical component of Seattle's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure – linking portions of Southeast Seattle with the Beacon Hill neighborhood. It also promises to serve as an important connector between the S. Othello Street and S. Henderson Street Sound Transit light rail stations, which are expected to come online in summer 2009. This trail extension project represents a major step in a larger effort to connect the Chief Sealth Trail (and similarly all of Southeast Seattle) to the urban trail network that runs through downtown Seattle.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board strongly recommends the construction of the extension of the Chief Sealth Trail as a critical step towards encouraging the growth of non-motorized transportation in Seattle.

Sincerely,

Blake Trask  
 Vice Chair, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

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 Resolution 25534