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Date: September 12, 2012

To: Peter Hahn  
Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Goran Sparrman  
Deputy Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Dongho Chang  
City Traffic Engineer, Seattle Department of Transportation

Re: Roosevelt Way NE – NE 75<sup>th</sup> to NE 85<sup>th</sup> Proposed Bike Lane and Sharrows

Dear Mr. Hahn, Mr. Sparrman, and Mr. Chang:

On August 1, 2012, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) received a briefing from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) on the proposed northbound bike lanes and southbound shared lane markings on Roosevelt Way NE between NE 75<sup>th</sup> St and NE 85<sup>th</sup> St.

This letter is to inform you that SBAB is supportive of the project and recommends that you move forward with implementation as currently planned.

As you know, this project has been in the works since 2010. At the request of the Maple Leaf community, SDOT has conducted a study of the parking usage on Roosevelt in the project area. What they have found is that even on the busiest days, not all of the parking spaces were used. Therefore, SBAB recommends that parking be consolidated to one side of the street in order to make room for a six-foot bike lane in the northbound (uphill) direction and sharrows in the southbound direction.

Completion of this ten-block bike lane project will fill an important gap in the bike network, as bike lanes are already present on Roosevelt north and south of the project area. Installation of the bike lane and sharrows will also dramatically increase the safety and comfort of all roadway users traveling to and through Maple Leaf, as well as improve traffic flow.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this project. If you have any questions about SBAB's position on the project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Allegra Calder  
Co-Chair, SBAB

Max Hepp-Buchanan  
Co-Chair, SBAB

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 impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council  
Resolution 25534