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To: Darrell Bulmer, Seattle Department of Transportation

Re: **Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Analysis Comment Form – RapidRide Roosevelt Project (RapidRide J Line):**  
<https://survey.participate.online/s3/rapidride-roosevelt-environmental-assessment>

The City of Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) wholeheartedly supports the implementation of RapidRide J Line. In particular, we recognize the need to accommodate the rapid residential and business growth along this corridor. We understand and appreciate that this route will connect transit users to light rail and reduce overcrowding on existing bus service. Improved speed and reliability will make this route more attractive to future transit users.

In addition, the city's RapidRide J Line plans meet the voter-supported goals of turning the corridor into a "complete street," with both more frequent transit alongside improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Eastlake cycle track as proposed is consistent with the route identified in Seattle's 2014 Bicycle Master Plan as adopted by City Council and reaffirmed in subsequent Implementation Plans. As such, the SBAB is supportive of the planned improvements to bicycle infrastructure along this corridor. Over the last decade, bicycle and pedestrian use along this alignment have increased by more than 60%. Providing safe connections to transit for bicyclists and pedestrians is an important goal. We also support the reassignment in the public right-of-way (ROW) from parking to bicycle and transit use to accommodate these goals. The ADA upgrades are needed and guarantee physical accessibility to differently-abled folks, parents with strollers, and our aging population.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Simon Blenski

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 planing processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council  
Resolution 25534