



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL | DISTRICT 1

## COUNCILMEMBER LISA HERBOLD

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Peter Rogoff, CEO  
Sound Transit

Dear Sound Transit CEO Rogoff,

Thank you for all your work to help make ST3 possible. Residents of West Seattle are excited to have light rail arrive, and eager to discuss the path moving forward.

One element of ST3 that has come up is how a current \$18 million SDOT project, the [Fauntleroy Boulevard Project](#) might impact a potential ST3 route. The Fauntleroy Boulevard project area is roughly between the approximate location for the Avalon and West Seattle Junction stations included in the West Seattle line. Constituents, community and business groups in West Seattle have raised the question of whether Fauntleroy could potentially be a route for an elevated West Seattle line and, if so, the implications of the potential decision on the proposed investments being considered now for Fauntleroy Boulevard.

The Fauntleroy Boulevard Project is designed to provide a gateway entrance to West Seattle coming in from the West Seattle Bridge, and to move away from the suburban, commercial-style arterial criticized in the 1999 West Seattle Junction Neighborhood Plan, toward a more pedestrian, transit, and bicycle-friendly urban boulevard, in an area with increasing residential density and transit use. It has origins in various community planning processes dating to the late 1990s. Funding was provided via the Move Seattle Levy; construction of the \$18 million project is planned to begin later this year.

I'd like to minimize disruption to this stretch of roadway, and I have concerns about a possible scenario where the Fauntleroy Boulevard project work is completed, then removed just a few short years later. Similarly difficult would be a situation where discussions are taking place about an elevated route in this area simultaneously to the project being built.

I appreciate the schedule Sound Transit recently released, which for the West Seattle line shows project development from 2017 through 2022, followed by final design through 2025, then construction through 2030. While I understand ST3 planning is in very early stages, I wanted to be sure you were aware of this West Seattle area project so that you can have the benefit of this information as part of your future decision making about ST3 routing through West Seattle.

Sincerely,

Lisa Herbold  
Seattle City Councilmember, District 1 (West Seattle and South Park)

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