

## Letter FW178

Durkan, Martin

*No comments*

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1 microphone, please state your name for the record and  
2 spell your last name. And that will help our court  
3 reporter track your comments. I think that is all I  
4 have to mention -- Oh, yes, just a reminder. I've said  
5 this a few times.

6 But if speaking in the mike in front of a  
7 crowd is not your thing or your comment is longer  
8 than -- you need longer than three minutes to fully  
9 express your views or you have a lot of technical and  
10 detailed comments, as Kent mentioned, there's a number  
11 of other ways to provide comment. And all of the  
12 comments are considered. So speaking in a microphone  
13 does not trump any of the other ways you can provide  
14 your comments tonight.

15 So, with that, let's go ahead and get started.  
16 And please forgive me in advance if I mispronounce your  
17 last name. I will do my very best here.

18 Starting with Martin Durkan at the mike,  
19 followed by Shannon Shamseldin and then Travis Farrell.  
20 Please state your name and spell your last name for the  
21 record.

22 **FW178** MR. DURKAN: Martin Durkan Jr. 330 Southwest  
23 43rd Street, Renton, Washington. I'm a professional  
24 land use consultant and lobbyist.

25 Thank you, Jamie and Councilmember Upthegrove

1 and all the Sound Transit staff, for a very professional  
 2 job and helpful job that you've done -- certainly, with  
 3 the issues I'm working on and -- and appreciate the hard  
 4 work you've put into the process.

5 I represent three clients -- City of Federal  
 6 Way, who will be making an official decision next week  
 7 on their preferred alternative so I can't speak to that  
 8 right now; the Shamseldin Family, who owns the Alaska  
 9 Gold Coast Building; and the Travis Farrell Group, that  
 10 owns the Plaza Center. They are here with us tonight.  
 11 So they will be speaking specifically to you.

12 We want to be on the record that we do favor  
 13 the 509 to I-5 Route. One, it's considerably cheaper  
 14 obviously -- which will provide you more funds to get  
 15 further south to Federal Way and Tacoma. It also has  
 16 substantially less impact on -- on businesses in the  
 17 area, which is a very important --

18 Unlike Seattle, the economy hasn't come back  
 19 as quick on the south end. And it's very important that  
 20 we keep our employment base strong and revenue coming  
 21 into our cities. It also has comparable ridership,  
 22 which is important. And I know ridership is very  
 23 important to everybody that's going to be supporting  
 24 this issue.

25 It does, however, displace more single-family

### *Response to Comment I160-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1 homes. And so we understand the importance of providing  
2 those people with alternative places to live and moving  
3 expenses and things of that nature. So thank you again  
4 for your time, and I appreciate working with you.

5 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Thank you.

6 And up next is Shannon Shamseldin, followed by  
7 Travis Farrell and then a group of three -- Laura Yanez,  
8 Latonya Brisbane, and Ruth Krizan.

9 Please state your name and spell your last  
10 name for the record.

11 MR. SHAMSELDIN: Yes. Shannon Shamseldin,  
12 spelled S-h-a-m-s-e-l-d-i-n. And I want to start off by  
13 saying thank you so much for having -- giving us the  
14 opportunity to talk. Everybody here obviously -- what a  
15 great group and a beautiful campus. I've never been  
16 here, frankly. It's just incredible.

17 A couple of things -- And, also, I just want  
18 to say that you have an incredible group. I met  
19 everybody -- Cahill, Chelsea, Tulane, and Mike -- good  
20 group that represents Sound Transit.

21 My story is a basic one. My family -- my  
22 grandmother and grandfather -- a great immigrant story.  
23 They moved here from Lebanon in the 1930s, worked as a  
24 cook and a waitress and built -- and purchased some  
25 property next door, across the street, which is a chunk

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Thomas, Ariana

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1 I really thank you for the opportunity to share.

2 MS. BRISBANE: So I'm here on behalf of the  
3 Thunder Watch Safety Committee. And a big concern of  
4 ours is in dealing with the ridership count that Sound  
5 Transit has provided -- between the 5,000 and 9,000 --  
6 between all 9 stops that have been discussed.

7 So our interest is for the safety of our  
8 students. And, that being a major priority, we're  
9 hoping that you seeing that the ridership for the stop  
10 that would be here at Des Moines would help alleviate  
11 some of that concern and the safety of our students  
12 walking from the farthest distance and, rather, having  
13 it closest to Highline as possible to help with that.

14 We also are interested in getting more  
15 students on public transportation. And we found that if  
16 more -- if the stop is closer to Highline, it's likely  
17 that students would -- would ride it more so than having  
18 it be at a farther distance. And I think that's it for  
19 me. So thank you.

20 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Ariana Thomas,  
21 followed by Kevin Morris, followed by -- I think it's  
22 Koro Harioniishi.

23 Please state your name and spell your last  
24 name.

25 **FW184** MS. THOMAS: Ariana Thomas, T-h-o-m-a-s. So



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1 just to share a personal story, I live on 272nd; but,  
 2 also, 288th goes to my house. And because I'm a student  
 3 worker here, I do catch the A Line. And there are times  
 4 where the bus is too full or I don't have bus money.  
 5 And so I would have to walk from Highline to 272nd  
 6 and -- with my son.

7 And I know that there are other students on  
 8 campus who have children who would benefit a lot with a  
 9 light rail next to Highline and a light rail that would  
 10 drop off students on any street on Highway 99. And so I  
 11 definitely am for the light rail being as close to  
 12 Highline as possible, as they're all saying. And I know  
 13 that it would be beneficial to many students on this  
 14 campus. Thank you.

15 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Next up is Kevin Morris,  
 16 followed by Koro Harionishi, followed by Isaiah Marley.

17 Please state your name and spell your last  
 18 name.

19 MR. MORRIS: Yes. Kevin Morris, M-o-r-r-i-s.  
 20 I own a business and property on 22805 Pacific Highway  
 21 South. Under the plan for the 99 corridor, the -- a  
 22 portion of my property's impacted. I received the  
 23 letter, as other landowners have as well. My biggest  
 24 concern is -- as I wrote my property tax assessment this  
 25 last week -- that it could be upwards of another year of

### *Response to Comment I161-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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2 also, 288th goes to my house. And because I'm a student  
3 worker here, I do catch the A Line. And there are times  
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1162-1 last week -- that it could be upwards of another year of

### *Response to Comment 1162-1*

The Sound Transit Board identified the FWLE Preferred Alternative in July 2015. Sound Transit notified potentially affected property owners prior to the Draft EIS publication in the fall of 2014. Sound Transit staff is available to meet with you to discuss the process and your concerns about your property.

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2 property if I wanted to. And it has been listed.

1162-1 And my -- I would like to see -- as a  
4 landowner, I would like to be notified and have the  
5 landowners be notified as soon as possible whether  
6 they're going to be able to sell their property or not.  
7 And it's -- it's something that we have to disclose when  
8 we do try to sell property. And so it's important that  
9 we can be -- communicated -- and know. Thank you.

10 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is Koro  
11 Harioniishi. I hope I'm saying that right. I'll read  
12 the address in case I'm mispronouncing that. 24018 26th  
13 Place. Does that ring a bell for anyone? Okay. If  
14 that person does come, we can call him later.

15 Isaiah Marley, followed by Virg Staiger,  
16 followed by James Peyton.

17 Isaiah? Please state your name and spell your  
18 last name.

19 MR. MARLEY: So can I just talk without the  
20 microphone?

21 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Sure, if you can speak  
22 loud enough for the court reporter.

23 MR. MARLEY: My name is Isaiah Marley. My  
24 last name is M-a-r-l-e-y, same as Bob Marley. I go to  
25 Highline College. I'm a sophomore here. I think it'll

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2 property if I wanted to. And it has been listed.  
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22 loud enough for the court reporter.  
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24 last name is M-a-r-l-e-y, same as Bob Marley. I go to  
25 Highline College. I'm a sophomore here. I think it'll

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### *Response to Comment 1163-1*

In developing alternatives Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements would be unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

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2 then I'm thinking about like -- what are people going to  
3 do when -- when you guys make this light rail? Like the  
4 people would have to move out and stuff. So, you know,  
5 it's a cause-and-effect. So like -- I'm kind of a  
6 little bit nervous, but -- And it's about it. I mean,  
7 that's about it.

8 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Next up is Virg Staiger,  
9 followed by James Peyton, followed by Dave Kaplan.

10 Please state your name and spell your last  
11 name.

12 MR. STAIGER: My name is Virg Staiger,  
13 S-t-a-i-g-e-r. I've been a resident of the Des Moines  
14 area since 1963. It's the first year I enrolled at  
15 Highline Community College, the first -- the first day  
16 we had campus. And I've worked at Highline College for  
17 32 years. And I'm currently the new Chair of the Alumni  
18 Association, which began in December.

19 I really think that it's appropriate to have  
20 the station as close to the college campus as possible.  
21 And also I know the displacement if it would be on 99.  
22 But looking forward to 20, 30, 40 years for economic  
23 development, I think development on 99 would be very  
24 beneficial for the future. And that's basically what I  
25 see.

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Staiger, Virg

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### *Response to Comment I164-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1164-1 2 less expensive. But I don't see it as offering that  
3 much economic development. And I really thank Sound  
4 Transit for coming tonight and for all the information,  
5 especially from Kent. I spent probably 10, 15 minutes  
6 with him and with David. So thank you.

7 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is James Peyton,  
8 followed by Dave Kaplan, followed by Trey Taylor.

9 Please state your name and spell your last  
10 name.

11 MR. PEYTON: Hi, my name is James Peyton. And  
12 it's P-e-y-t-o-n. I'm here this evening to deliver a  
13 letter signed by 230 people.

14 Dear Sound Transit Board, we are writing in  
15 support of the State Route 99 Alignment option for the  
16 Angle Lake/Federal Way Light Rail Extension. Our  
17 reasons are as follows: One, the light rail has the  
18 potential to be a catalyst for a more sustainable  
19 economic development in Southwest King County.

20 To reach that long-term potential, the stops  
21 need to be located where people and businesses are or  
22 where we want them to be in the future. Concentrations  
23 of businesses and people are what we need for a  
24 sustainable development.

25 The FAA facility that will be going in at

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Peyton, James

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### *Response to Comment 1165-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1165-2*

Although a potential additional station at S 216th Street is evaluated in the EIS, it is not funded under ST2 or proposed for funding under ST3. This area would be accessible from the Angle Lake or Kent/Des Moines Station with a transfer to RapidRide A Line.



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1 216th and 24th is a good example. It's got 1,600  
2 employees. There should be a stop at 216th, close to  
3 Pacific Highway. If that facility is well served, other  
4 large-scale employers are more likely to locate there.

5 The light rail should be -- two, the light  
6 rail should be a transit within our richly diverse  
7 community; not just another commuter train for people  
8 who work in Seattle. The Sounder train and express  
9 buses on I-5 already serve Seattle commuters and do it  
10 faster.

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11 Number three, no matter what the route, it's a  
12 lot of money -- \$1.4 to \$1.9 billion. That money should  
13 be invested with the greatest long-term potential for  
14 serving and improving the livability and quality of life  
15 of our communities. Southwest King County is  
16 disadvantaged compared to wealthier areas of King County  
17 in terms of life expectancy, 77 versus 85 years;  
18 household income, 45,000 compared to 118,000; and  
19 educational attainment -- bachelor's degree or higher --  
20 24 percent compared to 46 percent for the county as a  
21 whole.

22 To a large degree, the current placement of  
23 infrastructure -- freeways, airports, large-scale  
24 industrial and retail facilities -- have created those  
25 disparities. The light rail route should make an

*Response to Comment 1165-3*

Please see responses to Common Comments 7 and 8.

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1 explicit effort to improve this history by creating as  
2 much potential for a sustainable, community-accessible,  
3 mixed development as possible.

4 Four, public safety as well as perceived  
5 safety is another important argument for State Route 99  
6 Alignment. More ridership in well-traveled areas is  
7 safer. Keeping the stops in visible, busy destinations  
8 along Pacific Highway reduces the potential for riders  
9 to be targets for crime or to feel that they are.

10 This regional development project is a unique  
11 opportunity to simultaneously address many challenges  
12 facing Southwest King County in a positive manner. We  
13 have the chance to create a model of how suburban  
14 transit can permanently transform a diverse community  
15 that has been historically disadvantaged in terms of  
16 housing, education, jobs, and local transportation.

17 To ignore the local neighborhoods in favor of  
18 building yet another way for development to literally  
19 pass us by, would be a shortsighted and costly mistake.

20 Signed. Thank you.

21 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Next up is Dave Kaplan,  
22 followed by Trey Taylor, followed by Dwight Hyland.

23 Please state your name and spell your last  
24 name.

25 MR. KAPLAN: Dave Kaplan, K-a-p-l-a-n. I'm

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1 development and does not result in a net loss for the  
2 city, that takes into consideration the costs involved  
3 in constructing and locating a facility, that serves the  
4 needs of the College, and that provides the best  
5 opportunities for mitigation and environmental impacts.

6 As you can see, these are complex challenges.  
7 And we are encouraged by the input we've received from  
8 the community. And we intend to address all of those  
9 issues. The city council establishes recommendations  
10 for preferred alignment in concert with our neighboring  
11 cities. And our council is taking that up at our  
12 council meeting this evening at 7:30. So thank you.

13 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Trey Taylor,  
14 followed by Dwight Hyland, followed by Robert Thorpe.

15 Is Trey here?

16 MR. TAYLOR: Are you sure it's not Joey  
17 Taylor?

18 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: I'm sorry. You're right.  
19 It might be Joey Taylor. I apologize. Okay.

20 You're up, Joey Taylor. Please state your  
21 name and spell your last name.

22 **FW190** MR. TAYLOR: John Joey Taylor, T-a-y-l-o-r.

23 And I'm a student here at Highline. I'm also -- along  
24 like the lines of what the proposals are for the light  
25 rail. I was also living in Tukwila during the

1 reconstruction of Tukwila, to where it first had the  
2 light rail.

3 And I think that the light rail should go  
4 through the 99 Route. Because if it goes next to I-5,  
5 it's pretty much acting just as an extension of I-5  
6 where everyone -- everything's in the back routes. And  
7 it doesn't really help to serve the community.

8 It might move a couple of businesses out of  
1166-1 9 the way, but overall it's going to bring in a lot more  
10 business. It's going to make it easier for students who  
11 are already here at Highline College to be able to  
12 commute to and from home and to bring in more students  
13 from farther away. Sorry, I'm trying to think through  
14 what I have -- from the sheet.

15 And also the proposal that I had was one that  
16 wasn't like specifically moving to the streets. They  
17 kind of like blocked off the views or made it awkward --  
1166-2 18 too much congestion. It's kind of like set off on the  
19 side to where it doesn't block off the views or  
20 anything -- as people live through here.

21 And I feel like it's easier for a business  
22 that already like makes a certain amount of profit in  
23 comparison to someone who's low income and such people  
24 in -- of most of the areas that this will be going  
25 through -- for them to be relocated than a business  
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### *Response to Comment I166-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment I166-2*

See Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, and Appendix G5, Visual Technical Report, for assessment of visual impacts.

### *Response to Comment I166-3*

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

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1 that's making more money. And that's it. Thank you.

2 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Okay. Up next is Dwight

3 Hyland, followed by Robert Thorpe, followed by Jack

4 Birmingham.

5 Please state your name and spell your last

6 name.

7 MR. HYLAND: Dwight Hyland, H-y-l-a-n-d. And

8 I'm here to advocate for an I-5 Routing for Sound

9 Transit; not the 99 Routing. First, let me state a few

10 simple truths. First, that local jobs build community.

11 And that local jobs are better than a commute to

12 Seattle.

13 The 99 Routing takes 30 acres of commercial

14 land out of the economy -- more than any of the other

15 routes. As a result, 580 jobs are lost with the 99

16 Route -- more than double the number of jobs lost with

17 the I-5 Route.

18 The next simple truth is that a concrete pylon

19 is not a thing of beauty, no matter how smooth and curvy

20 that pre-stressed concrete is -- especially when it's

21 blocking a view of the Olympics on a beautiful evening

22 like tonight.

23 A lot of work has been done on 99 to beautify

24 it, and it is looking good. Once you give that away to

25 a row of pylons, you'll never get it back. You end up

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Hyland, Dwight

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2 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Okay. Up next is Dwight  
3 Hyland, followed by Robert Thorpe, followed by Jack  
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7 **FW191** MR. HYLAND: Dwight Hyland, H-y-l-a-n-d. And  
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24 **I167-2** it, and it is looking good. Once you give that away to  
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### *Response to Comment I167-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment I167-2*

See Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, and Appendix G5, Visual Technical Report, for assessment of visual impacts.

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1 with a Fifth Avenue in Seattle with a monorail track  
 2 overhead, or you end up with a South Forest Street by  
 3 Franz Bakery with the Sound Transit elevated rail  
 4 overhead.

5 Three, light rail is not a bus service.  
 6 You're not going to take Sound Transit to go from Lowe's  
 7 over to Fred Meyer. The -- Okay. So, anyway, let the  
 I167-3- 8 buses serve the local transit needs. Even with the few  
 9 stops already planned, it's already going to be a long  
 10 ride from Federal Way into Seattle.

11 Next truth, stations increase transit-oriented  
 12 development; but tracks across your property can reduce  
 13 property values. So Sound Transit could merely be  
 14 redistributing property values in a zero-sum game. The  
 15 99 Routing could interfere with the present PRC land  
 16 zoning, since business is allowed in Pacific Ridge

I167-4- Commercial Zoning -- are not seen under existing Sound  
 18 Transit tracks at this time.

19 If you go from here up to Seattle, you  
 20 don't -- you don't see those businesses anywhere under  
 21 the tracks. In addition, the elevated line reduces  
 22 street visibility for businesses that depend on that  
 23 visibility.

24 So, in summary, I think we should keep mass  
 25 transit with mass transit; not insert the tracks into

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### *Response to Comment I167-3*

See Section 3.5.2 of Chapter 3, Transportation, the Final EIS for a discussion of travel times.

### *Response to Comment I167-4*

See Section 4.3, Economics, of the Final EIS for a discussion of impacts on businesses and property value.

### *Response to Comment I167-5*

See response to comment I67-1.

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1 the middle of our communities. Send it down I-5. You  
2 already have some synergies with the 509 extension --  
3 all the planned stations -- about the same locations.  
4 So let the track run with the cars down I-5  
5 and then swoop over into the population areas like  
6 Highline and Federal Way, like it does at SeaTac.  
7 You'll get your transit-oriented development, and you'll  
8 save jobs. Thank you.

9 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Robert Thorpe,  
10 followed by Jack Bermingham, followed by Evon Hampton.

11 Please state your name and spell your last  
12 name.

13 MR. THORPE: My name is Robert W. Thorpe,  
14 T-h-o-r-p-e. 2737 Southeast 78th Mercer Island,  
15 Washington. I'm a certified planner/urban designer.  
16 And I teach classes, including at Highline College, in  
17 real estate economics and have served in the past as a  
18 consultant on the Des Moines revitalization study. I  
19 have a long history of working with property owners in  
20 this area.

21 My fellow board member, Kent, and I -- He  
22 helped me create a deal -- on spelling things out and  
23 helped me to a better -- and I thank you.

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25 property owners on the north said. We have done some



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1 the middle of our communities. Send it down I-5. You  
2 already have some synergies with the 509 extension --  
3 all the planned stations -- about the same locations.  
4 So let the track run with the cars down I-5  
5 and then swoop over into the population areas like  
6 Highline and Federal Way, like it does at SeaTac.  
7 You'll get your transit-oriented development, and you'll  
8 save jobs. Thank you.

9 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Robert Thorpe,  
10 followed by Jack Birmingham, followed by Evon Hampton.

11 Please state your name and spell your last  
12 name.

13 **FW192** MR. THORPE: My name is Robert W. Thorpe,  
14 T-h-o-r-p-e. 2737 Southeast 78th Mercer Island,  
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16 And I teach classes, including at Highline College, in  
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25 property owners on the north said. We have done some

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### *Response to Comment 1168-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1 studies on these properties -- on the alignment west of  
2 99, south of 200th. And I do a lot of condemnation work  
3 around takings and that kind of thing. And what we  
4 studied -- all these properties in that corridor -- the  
5 center or the -- the west will take on the cloud of a  
1168-1- 6 virtual taking. It won't just take part of the  
7 properties. You'll be obligated to purchase the entire  
8 property.

9 So I think the -- the cities and people coming  
10 out and the speakers early -- the alternative of not --  
11 I-5 is good. I would like to make a comment. We work  
12 with several property owners, particularly older  
13 families that own mobile home parks -- the older ones --  
14 near the college.

15 I would like to suggest to the students that,  
16 yes, there is an alternative. Don't take it right next  
17 to the college. There are some properties there that  
18 could be used in mixed use or retail on the first floor  
19 and four, five stories of -- or residential above, much  
20 like what you see in the Rainier Valley and -- and  
21 Roosevelt and you'll see in Bellevue.

22 So I think there's an opportunity. So I will  
1168-2- 23 speak for an alternative that brings the station back  
24 close to Lowe's, someplace close to North 99 but west of  
25 99 -- at that point -- rather than having it clear out

### *Response to Comment 1168-2*

The Kent/Des Moines Station for the Preferred Alternative would be located on the west side of 30th Avenue S, closer to Highline College than the I-5 Station.

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1 at I-5, which would serve a lot of people -- shoppers  
1168-2 2 and particularly the 17,000 students at the college.  
3 And I think it might be good for you to be  
4 able to walk three or four blocks rather than one. That  
5 would be good for your health. So, hopefully, that  
6 would be a compromise for the students here. Thank you.  
7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on a hill.  
8 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is Jack  
9 Bermingham, followed by Evon Hampton, followed by Denny  
10 Steussy.  
11 Please state your name and spell your last  
12 name.  
13 MR. BERMINGHAM: Jack Bermingham,  
14 B-e-r-m-i-n-g-h-a-m. I'm President at the College here.  
15 Welcome. I appreciate you holding this event at the  
16 College and giving so many of our local residents and  
17 students and faculty and staff an opportunity to speak  
18 tonight. My board met this morning, and they are not  
19 ready to state a full position.  
20 But we all want to be clear that, in terms of  
21 locating a station, we are very adamant about the need  
22 to have the station very close to the College. Ideally,  
23 on the west side of 99; but if not, certainly on the  
24 east side of 99 and no farther away.  
25 If you think about South King County and you

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Hampton, Evon

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1 name.  
2 MS. HAMPTON: My name is Evon Hampton.  
3 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: I'm sorry.  
4 **FW194** MS. HAMPTON: That's okay. My last --  
5 H-a-m-p-t-o-n. I live at the Bay Club Apartment. And I  
6 understand that the students here, they want close  
7 access to the Sound Transit. But -- And, you know, I  
8 understand that and -- but also that --  
9 You know, they need to consider -- they need  
10 to take into consideration the safety of the kids that  
11 go to -- that go to Midway, Pacific, and Mount Rainier  
12 schools. Because if they build the Sound Transit where  
13 they have the pillars going down the streets, the  
14 students are going to have to cross those streets.  
15 And also with the pillars being in those  
16 streets, you also have to consider the crime coming down  
17 from up there on 30th that they have a problem with.  
18 **I169-1** They're going to bring them down. And they're going to  
19 be hiding there, which is also going to bring them --  
20 wanting to hide under those pillars at night.  
21 And, you know, it's going to be unsafe for  
22 people like me who don't have a car -- who have to go to  
23 the store. I don't even know if there is even going to  
24 be a store up there after you guys do -- have your  
25 station up there, if that's where you're going to have

### *Response to Comment I169-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. See Chapter 7, Environmental Justice, for a discussion of potential impacts on limited-English-proficiency populations.

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1 it.

2 So I'm hoping you guys do consider that. And  
3 plus if you guys do put it there, you're going to  
4 destroy where I have to live -- or my family's going to  
5 have to move. And that's going to be a problem for me.

6 Because where my community -- where I live in  
7 is one of the best communities that they have there.  
8 It's not -- it's very cost efficient; plus the other  
9 communities that they have is very cost -- not costly.

10 But it's cost efficient for other people.

11 And we have a lot of non-English speaking  
12 people there too, and it's a varied community. And I  
13 would hate to see that place destroyed because it's a  
14 really nice place. And, you know, like I said, the kids  
15 that go to the school, they need to know that they are  
16 safe too. And I am advocating for the kids.

17 I understand that, you know, the people  
18 here -- the students here -- they want something closer  
19 to them. But we have to take into consideration the  
20 other students that are in the area too. Thank you very  
21 much.

22 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Denny Steussy,  
23 followed by William Cho, followed by Junhee Han.

24 Please state your name and spell your last  
25 name.

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Steussy, Denny

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1 **FW195** MR. STEUSSY: Denny Steussy, S-t-e-u-s-s-y.  
2 First, thanks to Sound Transit for having this public  
3 contact today for us. I'm going to speak in favor of  
4 SR 99 Alternative here today. I am a resident of Des  
5 Moines; been here since 1982. I'm also a staff member  
6 here at Highline College. I've been working at the  
7 college for 33 years as well.  
8 I think it's important, as we look at the  
9 process here, that we're seeing all these different  
10 viewpoints. And there's never going to be one that's  
11 going to be perfect for everybody -- as well as we know  
12 that.  
13 I'm speaking -- I think that -- I do think  
14 that the SR 99 Alternative is going to serve not only  
15 the folks here at Highline Community College -- the  
16 students, and there are about 1,000 or so faculty and  
17 staff members.  
18 But I think it has an opportunity, both in the  
19 short-term and in the long-term, to really help the  
20 whole community. I think in the short-term, yes, we're  
21 going to lose some businesses and -- and those kinds of  
22 things. But as we create new things, we also have new  
23 opportunities as well. And I think that's what we want  
24 to look at as well.  
25 When you create situations like this and you

### *Response to Comment I170-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1 have places where stops finish, you have to create then  
2 structures for buses to move around, places to park.  
3 That's going to create opportunities for new businesses  
4 to come to and work with as well.

5 And I think that's another added feature that  
6 we want to look, long-term. Because I think that --  
7 ultimately in the end, I think that's going to enhance  
8 the community in which we live as well. So, again,  
9 that's why I'm supporting SR 99. Thank you.

10 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is William Cho,  
11 followed by Junhee Han, followed by Suzette Cooke.

12 Please state your name and spell your last  
13 name.

14 MR. CHO: Hi. William Cho, C-h-o. I'm the  
15 McDonald's franchisee located at 2302 South 320th  
16 Street. And good evening. Good evening, Councilmember  
17 Upthegrove and members of the Sound Transit Board -- or  
18 Sound Transit.

19 You know, I would just, first of all, like to  
20 say that I really appreciate the accessibility, the  
21 transparency, and the -- the informative nature that  
22 you're going through this process, through -- from my  
23 initial contact with Tralayne Myers at the beginning of  
24 this -- last year all the way to meeting you -- to  
25 meeting the Board Member -- Councilmember Upthegrove.

## Letter FW198

Rader, Deana

*No comments*

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1 That alignment portion is not the key element. It's  
2 where the station is located. So, therefore, the City  
3 of Kent is supporting an I-5 Alignment as the most  
4 practical approach -- with the station located between  
5 Highway 99 -- on the east side of 99 and west of 30th;  
6 so somewhere within that vicinity. So it is still  
7 within practical walking distance to Highline students.

8 Additionally, as we look at maximizing the  
9 safety, we are very -- very -- we feel it's very  
10 important to have access from an elevated station -- not  
11 at ground level -- because of the safety factors and an  
12 elevated walkway from that station across Highway 99 to  
13 the campus. That elevated walkway, by the way, needs to  
14 be covered; so, a covered elevated walkway. That's the  
15 ideal setup.

16 So, in summary, we are "no" to a Highway 99  
17 Alignment; "yes" to an I-5 Alignment, with the caveat  
18 that an elevated station be located between the east  
19 side of Highway 99 and the west side of 30th.

20 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Okay. Next up is Deana  
21 Rader followed by Matt P-u-e-t-z. I apologize -- the  
22 spelling.

23 Please state your name and spell your last  
24 name.

25 **FW198** MS. RADER: Deana Rader, R-a-d-e-r. I'm also



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1 a Highline staff here at Highline College. And I just  
 2 want to share with you some of the experiences that I've  
 3 had working with students who are low income, who live  
 4 in this area.

5 Many of the students that we help in the  
 6 program that I supervise are very low income. They're  
 7 probably the lowest income of all of South King County.  
 8 So transportation is vital for them to get anywhere --  
 9 whether that's to child care, to school, to work.

10 And I also want to talk about access. You  
 11 heard earlier from our President of our College --  
 12 President Bermingham -- talk about equity. This is  
 13 about equity. This is about having a place for people  
 14 to come, to gain access to short-term training, to gain  
 15 job skills so that they can in turn go out and find a  
 16 job and become a taxpayer, right -- to support programs  
 17 like this.

18 And so the closer that you have this station  
 19 or transit center to Highline College, the better. We  
 20 have a lot of students who -- who ride the A Line. That  
 21 is their only transportation. And if you displace that  
 22 A Line, you're going to be impacting a huge amount of  
 23 students and their access to get to short-term training  
 24 and availability to job skills and then, in part,  
 25 getting work.

### *Response to Comment I171-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. See Chapter 7, Environmental Justice, of the Final EIS for a discussion of potential impacts on low-income populations. The RapidRide A Line would not be displaced by any of the FWLE alternatives.

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1 In addition to that, we have a lot of people  
2 who are low income in this area. You've heard of people  
3 who are socioeconomically disadvantaged in this area.

4 And I could imagine this kind of a project would  
5 displace a lot of homeowners or low-income housing. I  
6 would ask that you pay special attention to developing  
7 some mixed neighborhoods, like you have in the past.

8 I think it was through Mercy Housing -- some  
9 workforce housing along the transit line -- so that  
10 there is availability for people who are low income, who  
11 perhaps are immigrants, who don't have access to -- you  
12 know, as much as other folks -- that you really take  
13 that into consideration. Thank you.

14 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Matt P-u-e-t-z,  
15 followed by Junhee Han, followed by Jason Schaplow.

16 Please state your name and spell your last  
17 name.

18 MR. PUETZ: My name is Matt Puetz. Last  
19 name's P-u-e-t-z. And some of the comments I'm going to  
20 make have already been made. But I'm a long-time  
21 resident, worker, and even a student here at Highline in  
22 the past. And I have multiple properties that are  
23 potentially fully or partially impacted by the  
24 particular options.

25 My particular interest is in the 240th

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13   that into consideration. Thank you.

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15   followed by Junhee Han, followed by Jason Schaplow.

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17   name.

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22   the past. And I have multiple properties that are  
23   potentially fully or partially impacted by the  
24   particular options.

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### *Response to Comment 1172-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Although a potential additional station at S 216th Street is evaluated in the EIS, it is not funded under ST2 or proposed for funding under ST3. This area would be accessible from the Angle Lake or Kent/Des Moines Station with a transfer to RapidRide A Line.

*Response to Comment I172-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

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1 Station. I've been following the light rail projects  
2 since its inception. And after scrutinizing all the  
3 many options, I find the best choice to be the  
4 Highway 99 track -- the West 99 station. One of the  
I172-1 5 main criteria for this is it has the most options for  
6 stations in the corridor.  
7  
8 Particularly with the recent development of  
9 the 216th Des Moines Creek Business Park, they've  
10 announced 1,600 jobs and a \$200 million project going  
11 there. That's a lot of cars, a lot of potential riders  
12 that -- none of those probably live in this area. And  
13 the Business Park is going to expand, and there may be  
14 5,000 jobs -- people there -- maybe more, I don't know.  
15  
16 The 99 to I-5 is a nice route, as long as it  
17 encompasses the 216th Street and bounces over to the  
18 east side of 30th -- the blue track -- is also the track  
19 I'm interested in. Secondly, I'd like to say I'd like  
20 to minimize the amount of impacts. I mean, I feel  
21 like -- I don't think we need a helicopter pad here as  
22 well or, you know, skating rink or whatever. But it  
23 seems like everybody's got their hands in the cookie jar  
I172-2 24 here for prime properties.  
25  
26 We have multiple tenants, some of whom are  
27 here tonight -- many 20-year tenants -- and not just  
28 tenants, they also live in the area. So it's a

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1172-2 1 dually-affected impact to those people. I'd also like  
 2 to point out here at the Highline location, there is  
 3 currently a plan to build 300 apartments on 236th  
 4 Lane -- the Highline Place Apartments. And that's --  
 5 Ironically, they're tearing down the buildings  
 6 today that they're going to -- be the location for that.  
 7 I know everybody wants to call it the Highline Station.  
 8 I personally think it should be Midway Station rather --  
 9 it's near Highline or not. People mentioned the boring  
 1172-3 10 concrete. I think we could bring back the old Midway  
 11 drive-in -- giant neon, red Midway letters in -- in lieu  
 12 of the art that they put in there.  
 13 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Your time's up.  
 14 MR. PUETZ: Time's up. Okay. Like I said,  
 15 the amount of riders is what you're looking for and  
 16 that's what generates the flow of money. So in order to  
 1172-4 17 expand to 260th in the future and who knows what  
 18 develops down there -- maybe a Costco, a Wal-Mart -- the  
 19 99 allows that to happen. Okay. Thank you.  
 20 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Thank you.  
 21 Up next is Junhee Han, followed by Jason  
 22 Schaplow, followed by Erik Seymour.  
 23 Please state your name and spell your last  
 24 name.  
 25 MR. HAN: May name is Junhee Han. I'm a

*Response to Comment 1172-3*

Sound Transit has a formal process for naming stations that occurs during final design. This is a public process and members of the public will have an opportunity to provide input on the station name. Sound Transit also gathers public input on station design and artwork as part of the final design process.

*Response to Comment 1172-4*

See response to comment 1 of this letter.

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Han, Junhee

*No comments*

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2 to point out here at the Highline location, there is  
3 currently a plan to build 300 apartments on 236th  
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17 expand to 260th in the future and who knows what  
18 develops down there -- maybe a Costco, a Wal-Mart -- the  
19 99 allows that to happen. Okay. Thank you.  
20 MS. STRAUSZ-CLARK: Thank you.  
21 Up next is Junhee Han, followed by Jason  
22 Schaplow, followed by Erik Seymour.  
23 Please state your name and spell your last  
24 name.  
25 **FW200** MR. HAN: May name is Junhee Han. I'm a

1 Highline College student. And, actually, I'm not taking  
 2 a bus to get here; but -- I'm driving -- but I think as  
 3 a student, transportation is important. One day, my  
 4 car is -- a flat tire. So I had to take a bus. But it  
 5 took -- for hours to get here from my house.

6 And then after I finish the school, I have to  
 1173-1 go back another -- an hour. So two hours to get back  
 8 and forth. So -- but so, as I said, the student need  
 9 the transportation. So they save the time, and then  
 10 they can focus more -- their study. And I think  
 11 although this project doesn't affect our community right  
 12 now, but it will -- I believe it will help Seattle  
 13 community group. Thank you.

14 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Jason Schaplow,  
 15 followed by Erik Seymour, followed by Karen Hopper.

16 Please state your name and spell your last  
 17 name.

18 MR. SCHAPLOW: Jason Schaplow,  
 19 S-c-h-a-p-l-o-w. Sorry for the clothes, but I was  
 20 working in my yard all day. Anyway, as this whole  
 21 project came up --

22 About a year ago, my wife and my daughter and  
 23 I moved to the neighborhood just north of here that will  
 24 be affected by the South 216th and South 260th --  
 25 alternative to 99 -- which would basically go on the --

### *Response to Comment 1173-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1 Highline College student. And, actually, I'm not taking  
2 a bus to get here; but -- I'm driving -- but I think as  
3 a student, transportation is important. One day, my  
4 car is -- a flat tire. So I had to take a bus. But it  
5 took -- for hours to get here from my house.

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7 go back another -- an hour. So two hours to get back  
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19 S-c-h-a-p-l-o-w. Sorry for the clothes, but I was  
20 working in my yard all day. Anyway, as this whole  
21 project came up --

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23 I moved to the neighborhood just north of here that will  
24 be affected by the South 216th and South 260th --  
25 alternative to 99 -- which would basically go on the --

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### *Response to Comment I174-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.



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1 the east side of 28th. I don't know if you're familiar  
2 with it. It kind of cuts -- that's our neighborhood.

3 Anyway, my biggest thought about the whole  
4 thing was that -- And it was conflicting for me because  
5 I understood the need for people who were in my position  
6 at one time, to get where they need to go -- to go to  
7 college and do that kind of stuff.

8 But I kind of wanted to have people to flash  
9 forward a little bit -- maybe 10 years -- to where they  
10 first get settled into their first place and start  
11 raising a family and find a community that they want to  
12 belong to.

13 I grew up on the Eastside by Kirkland and  
14 Bellevue and lived in Seattle and then moved out to West  
15 Seattle -- slowly and slowly got farther and farther  
16 out, right? But we finally found a place that we wanted  
17 to settle down and a community that we wanted to be a  
18 part of.

19 So I just kind of implore the people who are  
20 dealing with all these problems -- when they're kind of  
21 young and broke and trying to get to school -- to think  
22 about where they're going to be in 10 years and when  
23 they finally settle down and kind of get their life  
24 together -- like how it feels to have transit stations  
25 like coming through the neighborhood, you know what I

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1 mean? So that's about it.

2 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is Erik Seymour,  
3 followed by Karen Hopper. And we'll be at the end of  
4 our list. And so if there's anyone else who would like  
5 to provide comments, please make sure you sign up by the  
6 welcome desk; and I'll take you.

7 Please state your name and spell your last  
8 name.

9 MR. SEYMOUR: Yep. Erik Seymour,  
10 S-e-y-m-o-u-r. Jason's my neighbor. I'm in the north  
11 side of Highline. I'm actually a business owner in the  
12 neighborhood as well as a -- as well as a student at  
13 Highline. Grew up in Des Moines; never had to use  
14 transit to get to Highline.

15 However, I've been around the world -- used  
16 transit systems everywhere -- and I understand the  
17 importance of them. It's really problematic for me --  
18 the transit system intentionally coming into my  
19 neighborhood.

20 I think, in the long run, if you look at the  
21 real -- the big picture -- you know, beyond 20 years  
22 when this project is done -- beyond that -- I think it's  
23 a net loss for the community of Des Moines to lose 134  
24 business just to have more people come to the area. To  
25 have more people come to the area and not have

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Seymour, Erik

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1 mean? So that's about it.

2 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Erik Seymour,  
3 followed by Karen Hopper. And we'll be at the end of  
4 our list. And so if there's anyone else who would like  
5 to provide comments, please make sure you sign up by the  
6 welcome desk; and I'll take you.

7 Please state your name and spell your last  
8 name.

9 **FW202** MR. SEYMOUR: Yep. Erik Seymour,  
10 S-e-y-m-o-u-r. Jason's my neighbor. I'm in the north  
11 side of Highline. I'm actually a business owner in the  
12 neighborhood as well as a -- as well as a student at  
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20 I think, in the long run, if you look at the  
21 real -- the big picture -- you know, beyond 20 years  
22 when this project is done -- beyond that -- I think it's  
23 a net loss for the community of Des Moines to lose 134  
24 business just to have more people come to the area. To  
1475-1 have more people come to the area and not have

### *Response to Comment 1475-1*

Section 4.3, Economics, describes the potential positive and negative impacts from the FWLE. It includes information on the immediate negative impacts on businesses, employees, and the local tax base, and the potential for benefits for some businesses and the community.

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1 businesses to serve them is a net loss.

2 And -- and I -- I hear a lot of people's  
1175-1 3 pleas, and it has to do with convenience. And I  
4 definitely understand that. But the difference between  
5 the convenience of walking across the street versus  
6 landing right at school -- for families to lose their  
7 homes and for businesses to be displaced -- 134 of  
8 them -- it just doesn't pencil, so -- Thank you.

9 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Karen Hopper.  
10 Please state your name and spell your last name.

11 MS. HOPPER: Karen Hopper, H-o-p-p-e-r -- like  
12 bunny rabbit. And this is my moral support. We both  
13 live in a development of 26 homes called Greenfield  
14 Park, even though we don't have a sign to say that.

15 And I'm here to comment against the I-5  
16 Alternative and the SR 99 to I-5 Alternative, because it  
17 directly impacts the 26 homes that are in Greenfield  
18 Park. And our concern is -- while you're not buying any  
19 of our homes, our concern is that there is a sand base  
20 underneath our homes in the soil.

21 And when you start digging to bring that train  
22 underground, we're very concerned about the potential  
23 damage that might happen to our lots. Our lots are  
24 still, after 18 years, settling. Our homes are still  
25 settling. And if you start digging under that earth, we

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Hopper, Karen

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businesses to serve them is a net loss.

And -- and I -- I hear a lot of people's pleas, and it has to do with convenience. And I definitely understand that. But the difference between the convenience of walking across the street versus landing right at school -- for families to lose their homes and for businesses to be displaced -- 134 of them -- it just doesn't pencil, so -- Thank you.

MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Karen Hopper. Please state your name and spell your last name.

**FW203** MS. HOPPER: Karen Hopper, H-o-p-p-e-r -- like bunny rabbit. And this is my moral support. We both live in a development of 26 homes called Greenfield Park, even though we don't have a sign to say that.

And I'm here to comment against the I-5 Alternative and the SR 99 to I-5 Alternative, because it directly impacts the 26 homes that are in Greenfield Park. And our concern is -- while you're not buying any of our homes, our concern is that there is a sand base underneath our homes in the soil.

And when you start digging to bring that train underground, we're very concerned about the potential damage that might happen to our lots. Our lots are still, after 18 years, settling. Our homes are still settling. And if you start digging under that earth, we

### *Response to Comment I176-1*

See Section 4.11, Geology and Soils, of the Final EIS for a discussion of geologic conditions that could affect the design or geologic hazards that could be affected by the project.

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1 don't know what's going to happen to our homes.

2 We are told we can file some appeals if there

3 is some damage that starts to happen. My primary

4 concern is that you're going to add 700 parking spaces

5 to the Park and Ride that's at the corner of 272nd and

6 26th. 26th Avenue South is a very small side street.

7 It is the only street we have to get out to 272nd.

8 And if you build a concrete parking structure

9 in that Park and Ride, you're going to take away from

10 the aesthetic appeal because the area is surrounded by

11 trees. And then you put this concrete structure up

12 there, it's going to block what little bit of sunlight

13 we do get between the trees. So the damage to -- the

14 potential damage to our homes.

15 And then I'm also concerned that there would

16 be a transit center in such close proximity to an

17 elementary school. There are babies walking to school.

18 And you have to admit that there is a certain element

1176-3 19 that comes with a transit center located there. And I'm

20 very concerned about the young children that are walking

21 to the elementary school that's located across the

22 street. Thank you.

23 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Iesha Valencia,

24 followed by Shijuan Haynes and Dana Howell.

25 Iesha, please -- I'm sorry?

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### *Response to Comment 1176-2*

See Section 3.5.3 in Chapter 3, Transportation, of the Final EIS regarding improvements to accommodate traffic from the parking garage. See Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, and Appendix G5, Visual Technical Report, for assessment of visual impacts.

### *Response to Comment 1176-3*

Please see Section 4.14, Public Services, for a description of security measures incorporated into station design and potential impacts related to crime.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)  
2 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Iesha, please state your  
3 name and spell your last name.  
4 **FW204** MS. VALENCIA: Hi. My name is Iesha Valencia.  
5 And that's V-a-l-e-n-c-i-a. And I just wanted to  
6 echo -- I work at Highline College, and I think a lot  
7 of the faculty and staff at Highline College really feel  
8 strongly about supporting the real needs of our  
9 students.  
10 And a real need for every student I ever  
11 interacted with in my time here is around finances.  
12 And, you know, it is a real struggle for them to be able  
13 to afford just to get to campus, to be able pay for  
14 their tuition.  
15 And one of my main concerns is just, you know,  
16 making sure that we are thinking about access and  
17 affordability as students find multiple ways to get to  
18 campus; but also thinking about the different residents  
19 and people that potentially can be displaced in our  
20 community.  
21 Because many of these designs and -- and  
22 mock-ups that I've seen around here, they'll have  
23 different numbers attached to those; but each of those  
24 numbers have a story. And all of those numbers -- those  
25 residential units -- those are families, those are

### *Response to Comment I177-1*

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, compares the number of displacements among alternatives and describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

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1 community members, those are our students.  
2 And I just would really encourage Sound  
3 Transit to find an alternative -- you have many options  
4 to choose from -- but to find one that displaces the  
5 least amount of our community members, our students,  
6 people that we've grown to love over the years,  
7 and students that haven't even entered our community yet  
8 but they're still a part of our hearts.  
9 So if you could just really keep them at -- at  
10 the center of your decision-making, that would be -- I  
11 would appreciate that. Thank you.

12 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Shijuan Haynes,  
13 followed by Dana Howell.

14 Please state your name and spell your last  
15 name.

16 MS. HAYNES: Hello. My name is Shijuan  
17 Haynes. It's fine. H-a-y-n-e-s. I am a student at  
18 Highline College. I live on 216th and 30th, up the  
19 street. Although I would not personally be affected by  
20 the rail that you run through there, that community is  
21 still affected by the road you run through there. It's  
22 a low-income community. And building a rail --  
23 I'm -- I'm just going to echo some people.  
24 There's a certain, you know, kind of crowd that comes  
25 along with having a public transit station -- that will



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Haynes, Shijuan

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2 And I just would really encourage Sound  
3 Transit to find an alternative -- you have many options  
4 to choose from -- but to find one that displaces the  
5 least amount of our community members, our students,  
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10 the center of your decision-making, that would be -- I  
11 would appreciate that. Thank you.

12 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is Shijuan Haynes,  
13 followed by Dana Howell.

14 Please state your name and spell your last  
15 name.

16 **FW205** MS. HAYNES: Hello. My name is Shijuan  
17 Haynes. It's fine. H-a-y-n-e-s. I am a student at  
18 Highline College. I live on 216th and 30th, up the  
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22 a low-income community. And building a rail --

23 I'm -- I'm just going to echo some people.  
24 There's a certain, you know, kind of crowd that comes  
25 along with having a public transit station -- that will

### *Response to Comment I178-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 4 and 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Chapter 7, Environmental Justice, describes how the project would benefit and impact low-income and minority populations. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

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1 draw toward an already low-income community, toward an  
2 already troubled community.

3 And then to say that it wouldn't affect the  
1178-1 4 safety of the students coming to Highline, I don't feel  
5 like that would be true. I feel like you could run the  
6 transit along I-5 and still loop it back to run the  
7 station close enough to Highline to keep, you know, the  
8 safety of the students in mind -- but also not to  
9 displace residents or businesses when you already have a  
10 highway or whatever that is -- a freeway -- running out  
11 there.

12 I mean, you can spend 1.4 billion to add an  
13 extra lane to something that's already out there and  
14 save yourself some money just to run the track this way,  
15 to provide for the students and -- and not disrupt their  
16 businesses, these people's houses. I mean, there's  
17 other alternatives than spending \$1.7 billion to rip up  
18 a whole street of businesses -- when you just add a lane  
19 to something that's already there and being the track.

20 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Dana Howell,  
21 followed by Ron Hamilton and Noory Kim.

22 Please state your name and spell your last  
23 name.

24 MR. HOWELL: Dana Howell, H-o-w-e-l-l. For a  
25 personal impact, just for disclosure, the I-5

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Howell, Dana

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2 already troubled community.  
3 And then to say that it wouldn't affect the  
4 safety of the students coming to Highline, I don't feel  
5 like that would be true. I feel like you could run the  
6 transit along I-5 and still loop it back to run the  
7 station close enough to Highline to keep, you know, the  
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9 displace residents or businesses when you already have a  
10 highway or whatever that is -- a freeway -- running out  
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16 businesses, these people's houses. I mean, there's  
17 other alternatives than spending \$1.7 billion to rip up  
18 a whole street of businesses -- when you just add a lane  
19 to something that's already there and being the track.

20 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Up next is Dana Howell,  
21 followed by Ron Hamilton and Noory Kim.

22 Please state your name and spell your last  
23 name.

24 **FW206** MR. HOWELL: Dana Howell, H-o-w-e-l-l. For a  
25 personal impact, just for disclosure, the I-5

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### *Response to Comment 1179-1*

Chapter 8, Alternatives Evaluation, includes a comparison of alternatives and shows the trade-offs among alternatives, including ridership, cost, and environmental impacts.

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1 Alternative would probably cost me upwards of 160,000.  
2 I am not in a targeted property but close enough that,  
3 because of my wife's health issues, we're -- rest is  
4 paramount. I would probably have to move.

5 With that said, these comments are really for  
6 everybody else because there's been some really  
7 interesting points of view. The best alternative is not  
8 necessarily the cheapest; nor is it necessarily the most  
9 expensive. There are options within each of these  
10 alternatives to get a station closer to Highline -- to  
11 not impact as many businesses.

12 The bottom line is: Consequences are just  
13 that, with any project -- whether it's this or the  
14 airport, additional highway lanes -- it doesn't matter.  
15 There's going to be consequences. Some of them are  
16 going to be beneficial to people; some are not. It's  
17 how do we proceed? You're not going to stop this. No  
18 matter how you feel about it, that's -- gate's been  
19 closed a long time, okay?

20 But how do we maximize our effort to reach  
21 this goal at not necessarily the cheapest price but the  
22 best alternatives? In order to maximize that which we  
23 want from the community -- what is our goal, how do we  
24 maximize that? Projection is 26,000 riders. Well,  
25 okay, fine.

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1179-1 But can we maximize that more and get 40? I  
2 don't know. Time will tell. But you need to have an  
3 open mind. Some of the people here, it's going to  
4 affect greatly. Some people are really going to benefit  
5 from it. But it is what it is. Thank you.

6 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Noory Kim.

7 MS. KIM: Hello. My name is Noory Kim. My  
8 last name is K-i-m, Kim. Thank you so much for taking  
9 the time and opportunity for us to share our story. And  
10 I've been hearing a lot around -- just like the  
11 benefits. And I want to share more from a personal  
12 story.

13 I grew up around here. I grew up in Federal  
14 Way. I immigrated here in 2000 and come from a family  
15 where my mom was undocumented for a long time -- a  
16 single mother and two younger siblings. So I have to  
17 really grow up having to support my family and work  
18 three jobs at a time.

19 And I was actually a student here and now  
20 currently am a staff. And Highline -- being a Running  
21 Start student and meeting people here who are -- people  
22 who are like my family now and who are my mentors and  
23 having that kind of opportunity as a college student and  
24 seeing my future potential -- to be able to come back --  
25 I really would not be here if I had not had access to

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Kim, Noory

*No comments*

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2   don't know. Time will tell. But you need to have an  
3   open mind. Some of the people here, it's going to  
4   affect greatly. Some people are really going to benefit  
5   from it. But it is what it is. Thank you.

6           MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Up next is Noory Kim.

7 **FW207**   MS. KIM: Hello. My name is Noory Kim. My  
8   last name is K-i-m, Kim. Thank you so much for taking  
9   the time and opportunity for us to share our story. And  
10   I've been hearing a lot around -- just like the  
11   benefits. And I want to share more from a personal  
12   story.

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14   Way. I immigrated here in 2000 and come from a family  
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16   single mother and two younger siblings. So I have to  
17   really grow up having to support my family and work  
18   three jobs at a time.

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20   currently am a staff. And Highline -- being a Running  
21   Start student and meeting people here who are -- people  
22   who are like my family now and who are my mentors and  
23   having that kind of opportunity as a college student and  
24   seeing my future potential -- to be able to come back --  
25   I really would not be here if I had not had access to

*Response to Comment I180-1*

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

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1 education.

2 And so I just wanted to really share how  
3 important that is -- to be able to provide the access.  
4 There are more people that are like me. My story is not  
5 unique, as a second generation Korean-American, to be  
6 able to -- because I was inclined to be not -- ever be  
7 college-bound. And had I not had the opportunity to go  
8 to college, I would not be here.

9 And imagine any other students who could be  
10 potential students. And I -- honestly, if it wasn't for  
11 the public transportation system here and having some  
12 privilege to be able to have cars -- to be able to drive  
13 here. What about the other students who could be me, in  
14 my shoes?

15 I just think about the stories of all the  
16 other students who could be here today. And also  
17 another thing that I've been really noticing -- of just  
18 even the people that are here commenting -- is -- are a  
19 lot of business owners who are concerned.

20 Their business are -- on -- for the 99 Route  
21 because there are about 140 units that would be  
22 displaced, versus 29 along the I-5. But the number for  
23 the residential's completely the opposite, where there's  
24 only 36 that will be displaced if you're on the 99  
25 versus on the I-5 Route -- there are 285.

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1           So I don't know whether the residential areas  
2 will be as compensated or will have as much as our  
3 system for business. Even just thinking of equity --  
4 we've been talking continuously about access to our  
5 students and those -- So, just really thinking and  
6 considering and please --

7           Really, I mean, you've seen our students. We  
8 are -- Unfortunately, a lot of our students are not  
9 able to be here because they are working a couple of  
10 jobs, who knows. I'm -- just like me, working three  
11 jobs to afford an education.

12          So when you think about who's able to be here,  
13 just consider that there are more of us that wish they  
14 could be here that cannot make it today. So thank you  
15 so much for your time.

16          MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Okay. We've reached the  
17 end of our list. Is there anyone else that would like  
18 to speak tonight?

19          MR. HAMILTON: My name's on there -- Ron  
20 Hamilton.

21          MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought  
22 I called you. I apologize. Ron Hamilton.

23          Please state your name and spell your last  
24 name.

25          MR. HAMILTON: Ron Hamilton, H-a-m-i-l-t-o-n.



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Hamilton, Ron

*No comments*

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2   will be as compensated or will have as much as our  
3   system for business. Even just thinking of equity --  
4   we've been talking continuously about access to our  
5   students and those -- So, just really thinking and  
6   considering and please --

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8   are -- Unfortunately, a lot of our students are not  
9   able to be here because they are working a couple of  
10   jobs, who knows. I'm -- just like me, working three  
11   jobs to afford an education.

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13   just consider that there are more of us that wish they  
14   could be here that cannot make it today. So thank you  
15   so much for your time.

16           MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Okay. We've reached the  
17   end of our list. Is there anyone else that would like  
18   to speak tonight?

19 **FW208**   MR. HAMILTON: My name's on there -- Ron  
20   Hamilton.

21           MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought  
22   I called you. I apologize. Ron Hamilton.

23           Please state your name and spell your last  
24   name.

25           MR. HAMILTON: Ron Hamilton, H-a-m-i-l-t-o-n.

1 I've been a business owner here for 18 years, across the  
 2 street. And the I-5 route would disrupt my business.  
 3 I've been there for 18 years -- serve the public. You  
 4 know, my family working with me there.

5 It sounds there'd be -- conversations about  
 6 the one keeping it closest to the cost would be the best  
 7 one to -- major route here for all the college students.  
 8 Again, you wipe it down -- I-5 down there would wipe out  
 9 my business, which I've built for 18 years. That would  
 10 ruin me.

11 Kind of keep in mind all the small businesses  
 12 that would be greatly affected by the I-5 Route. And  
 13 keep in mind the college students -- keep them going.  
 14 They are -- they're our future. Well, thanks a lot.

15 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: I think there was another  
 16 hand -- of someone who wants to speak. Yes, sir.

17 And if you'd like to speak, I can take hands  
 18 or please go and sign up at the welcome table; and I can  
 19 call your name.

20 Please state your name and spell your last  
 21 name.

22 MR. CHAHAL: Tim Chahal, C-h-a-h-a-l. I'm a  
 23 resident and business owner here in Des Moines. And I  
 24 support the I-5 Alternative. The alternative is the  
 25 best choice. Firstly, the bottom line is always

### *Response to Comment I181-1*

In developing alternatives, Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements would be unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Chapter 8, Alternatives Evaluation, includes a comparison of alternatives and shows the trade-offs among alternatives, including ridership, cost, and environmental impacts.

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Chahal, Tim

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2 street. And the I-5 route would disrupt my business.  
3 I've been there for 18 years -- serve the public. You  
4 know, my family working with me there.

5 It sounds there'd be -- conversations about  
6 the one keeping it closest to the cost would be the best  
7 one to -- major route here for all the college students.  
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15 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: I think there was another  
16 hand -- of someone who wants to speak. Yes, sir.

17 And if you'd like to speak, I can take hands  
18 or please go and sign up at the welcome table; and I can  
19 call your name.

20 Please state your name and spell your last  
21 name.

22 **FW209** MR. CHAHAL: Tim Chahal, C-h-a-h-a-l. I'm a  
23 resident and business owner here in Des Moines. And I  
24 support the I-5 Alternative. The alternative is the  
25 best choice. Firstly, the bottom line is always

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### *Response to Comment 1182-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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important to consider.

The I-5 Alternative is the least expensive of all the alternatives -- millions and millions in savings over the most expensive alternative, SR 99. The I-5 Alternative will route the train along the 509 extension project, which will already be acquiring properties. So both projects together have some cost-sharing benefits.

There is also open land next to I-5, which isn't as densely populated as 99. So construction and eventual operations of the light rail will not impact as many residents and businesses. It's clear. Let's keep the train and construction and noise out on I-5 with vehicle traffic noise, where it belongs.

Also, I'd like to touch on the SR 99 Alternative. This will displace the most businesses. Further, the SR 99 Alternative will engulf the most amount of commercial land on 99. This is tax revenue lost to the City of Des Moines now, later, and forever. This commercial land would have -- potentially be developed. And the tax revenue would have come to the City of Des Moines for community and infrastructure projects.

Be it the I-5 Alternative, regardless of route proposed, the stations are relatively in the same areas; so riders are not inconvenienced. Sound Transit

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1 numbers show that daily ridership is not significantly  
 2 affected by the I-5 Alternative, compared with -- to any  
 3 other alternative. Lastly, I support the I-5  
 4 Alternative. The I-5 Alternative is the best choice.

5 We have some of the most scenic panoramic  
 6 views of the Puget Sound and Mount Rainier on Pacific  
 7 Ridge Highway 99. Adding a train in the current zoning  
 8 and to the Pacific Ridge Plan is counterproductive. It  
 9 would be a shame to bring a train through the middle of  
 10 our beautiful city, when we could route it on I-5 and  
 11 still realize every benefit light rail has to offer.  
 12 Thank you.

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13 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Okay. I have Scott Evans.  
 14 Please state your name and spell your last name.

15 MR. EVANS: Scott Evans, E-v-a-n-s. I'm here  
 16 to support the State Route 99 Routing. There is one  
 17 thing -- there are several things that have brought me  
 18 to this decision. A lot of them have been voiced  
 19 already.

20 As far as accessibility to the college, I  
 21 think it's key to try to market Highline College in a  
 22 very unique way that other colleges -- a similar size  
 23 and scale -- cannot offer.

24 The other thing that has happened recently is  
 25 the FAA moving into 216th. This is something that is

### *Response to Comment 1182-2*

Please see Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, regarding visual impacts.

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Evans, Scott

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2 affected by the I-5 Alternative, compared with -- to any  
3 other alternative. Lastly, I support the I-5  
4 Alternative. The I-5 Alternative is the best choice.

5 We have some of the most scenic panoramic  
6 views of the Puget Sound and Mount Rainier on Pacific  
7 Ridge Highway 99. Adding a train in the current zoning  
8 and to the Pacific Ridge Plan is counterproductive. It  
9 would be a shame to bring a train through the middle of  
10 our beautiful city, when we could route it on I-5 and  
11 still realize every benefit light rail has to offer.  
12 Thank you.

13 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Okay. I have Scott Evans.  
14 Please state your name and spell your last name.

15 **FW210** MR. EVANS: Scott Evans, E-v-a-n-s. I'm here  
16 to support the State Route 99 Routing. There is one  
17 thing -- there are several things that have brought me  
18 to this decision. A lot of them have been voiced  
19 **I183-1** already.

20 As far as accessibility to the college, I  
21 think it's key to try to market Highline College in a  
22 very unique way that other colleges -- a similar size  
23 and scale -- cannot offer.

24 The other thing that has happened recently is  
25 the FAA moving into 216th. This is something that is

**I183-2**

### *Response to Comment I183-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment I183-2*

Although a potential additional station at S 216th Street is evaluated in the EIS, it is not funded under ST2 or proposed for funding under ST3. This area would be accessible from the Angle Lake or Kent/Des Moines Station with a transfer to RapidRide A Line.

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1 really going to be impactful to the City of Des Moines  
2 and for our entire region. I don't want to see this --  
3 what's happened in Federal Way with Weyerhaeuser, happen  
4 with the FAA. I think what was happening with  
5 Weyerhaeuser is that they're finding it difficult to  
6 attract young people to that suburban campus. And  
7 they've had to move themselves into a downtown location  
8 in order to try to re-energize their workforce.

9 I don't want to hear the same sort of story  
10 from the FAA 20 years from now -- that they are having  
11 problems bringing in a young, vital workforce -- a  
12 workforce that does not rely upon cars the same way that  
13 we do today. That our -- it's much more multi-modal --  
14 sort of the lifestyle that I think we are moving  
15 towards.

16 And in order to have that station -- a  
17 potential for a station at 216th -- I think is going to  
18 position the Des Moines Street Business Park and the FAA  
19 in a very unique position. Thank you.

20 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Are there any other hands?  
21 Joey, you want to -- I remembered your name  
22 this time.

23 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. Sorry. There's a  
24 couple of things that I left out last time I was up  
25 here.

## Letter FW211

Jollimore, Jim

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### *Response to Comment I184-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations, of the Final EIS describes ridership for all the FWLE alternatives and the proposed changes to bus service to provide access to stations.

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1 new polish. Everyone was like, "Oh, the light rail's  
2 coming. We have to be ready." And so everyone  
3 actually -- when -- they should have done a long time  
4 ago, to get things moving and moving forward.  
5 And I think that moving the light rail through  
6 Pacific Highway is going to set us all in motion to be  
7 ready for the future and what it is to come. Thank you.  
8 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Sir, do you want to --  
9 And, just a reminder as well, the microphone  
10 is one way to speak. You can also, when we're done  
11 here, speak with the court reporter or fill out a paper  
12 form out in the hall.  
13 Sir, can you state your name, please, and  
14 spell your last name?  
15 **FW211** MR. JOLLIMORE: My name is Jim Jollimore,  
16 J-o-l-l-i-m-o-r-e. And I'm a long-term resident here at  
17 Des Moines. We've waited a long time for this train.  
18 We've talked a lot about it. And I'm disappointed to  
19 see that we're considering putting it out in the woods  
20 now.  
21 I think everybody has almost always assumed  
22 that this thing would go down Highway 99. Highway 99 is  
23 currently a busy and at times a day -- noisy corridor.  
24 **I184-1** People expect that and all the activities that go along  
25 with it. So the other thing -- if we put this thing out



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1 in the woods somewhere, we're going to be eliminating  
2 the possibility of a 216th Station -- which is currently  
3 an option.

1184-1 4 And, as other people have pointed out, there's  
5 a potential there for a lot of riders as well as a lot  
6 of riders that work in the nursing homes down in Des  
7 Moines to use that. Pac Highway is currently well  
8 served. It's like a feeder for a lot of different  
9 transit routes. So I think it would be a real mistake  
10 to put this thing out in the woods somewhere. Thank  
11 you.

12 MS. STRAUZ-CLARK: Does anyone else want a  
13 shot at the mike?

14 Yes, sir. Please state your name and spell  
15 your last name.

16 MR. WATLING: Hi. My name is Richard Watling.  
17 Last name, W-a-t-l-i-n-g. And just a quick comment.  
18 I'm for the Highway 99 Alternative. I'm a student here  
19 at Highline. I think it's a really good idea.

20 A couple of reasons why is because it's not  
21 just Highline students here; it's also Central students,  
22 a whole other college which is cheaper than a lot of  
23 colleges in Seattle. And I think it's really going to  
24 improve that highway instead of hurt the businesses.  
25 Because a lot of the businesses there -- no offense to

*Response to Comment 1185-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

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2 the possibility of a 216th Station -- which is currently  
3 an option.

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5 a potential there for a lot of riders as well as a lot  
6 of riders that work in the nursing homes down in Des  
7 Moines to use that. Pac Highway is currently well  
8 served. It's like a feeder for a lot of different  
9 transit routes. So I think it would be a real mistake  
10 to put this thing out in the woods somewhere. Thank  
11 you.

12 MS. STRAUSS-CLARK: Does anyone else want a  
13 shot at the mike?

14 Yes, sir. Please state your name and spell  
15 your last name.

16 **FW212** MR. WATLING: Hi. My name is Richard Watling.  
17 Last name, W-a-t-l-i-n-g. And just a quick comment.

18 I'm for the Highway 99 Alternative. I'm a student here  
19 at Highline. I think it's a really good idea.

20 A couple of reasons why is because it's not  
21 just Highline students here; it's also Central students,  
22 a whole other college which is cheaper than a lot of  
23 colleges in Seattle. And I think it's really going to  
24 improve that highway instead of hurt the businesses.

25 Because a lot of the businesses there -- no offense to

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1 any businesses -- they're kind of smaller. And I feel  
 2 like with the light rail, it would just kind of bring up  
 3 money, revenues, improvements.

4 Also, I feel like Pac Highway could become  
 5 like Martin Luther King Way in Seattle, which the  
 6 highway -- light rail already goes through. Recently,  
 7 there's been a lot of improvements -- a lot of  
 8 renovations -- new apartments, office buildings, stores.  
 9 And I feel like the light rail would do the same thing  
 10 here on Pac Highway -- Highway 99.

11 Also -- Yeah, I feel like with the light rail  
 12 here, there might be a little safety concerns; however,  
 13 there are a lot -- I'm sure there's a lot of money going  
 14 around. And with the new jobs and new money being put  
 15 into the transit system, security I feel like could be  
 16 boosted.

17 And also jobs from Des Moines -- like people  
 18 in Des Moines could work in Seattle -- but also there's  
 19 going to be a lot of people from Seattle who are going  
 20 to come in Des Moines and Federal Way, wanting jobs  
 21 along Pac Highway -- which is the most, let's say,  
 22 business-grown area rather than metro for -- like in the  
 23 woods and the trees.

24 It's not really as important, I feel, to move  
 25 small businesses or the houses -- the other way around.

### *Response to Comment I185-2*

Section 4.14, Public Services, Safety, and Security, describes security measures incorporated into station design and notes that crime levels at transit facilities generally reflect the conditions in surrounding neighborhoods.

### *Response to Comment I185-3*

Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits. Please see response to Common Comment 1.

### *Response to Comment I185-4*

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

## Letter FW213

Jones, Jennifer

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### *Response to Comment I186-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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1 know, as someone who grew up in this community, you  
2 know, I care a great deal about doing this the best way  
3 we can. And there are many other ways to continue to  
4 submit comments. I would welcome personal feedback,  
5 If you're talking to me personally, it doesn't  
6 go on the public record. So I encourage you to get on  
7 the public record. But if you're also -- if you're a  
8 Facebook junkie and want to find Dave Upthegrove on  
9 Facebook or my account email, I would welcome the chance  
10 to talk with any of you whose property is being impacted  
11 or get feedback from anyone.  
12 And, on behalf of Sound Transit, thank you for  
13 being here and have a good night.

14 **FW213** MS. JONES: My name is Jennifer Jones,  
15 J-e-n-n-i-f-e-r J-o-n-e-s. I teach at Highline. I live  
16 in the community. And I teach a large number of  
17 international students. And I want to comment on the  
18 fact that many of them come from countries that have  
19 very advanced public transit systems.  
20 And they come to this area, and they don't  
21 understand why we don't have easily accessible transit.  
22 Why do you have to buy a car, why do you have to own a  
23 car? They come from Europe, they come from Asia. They  
24 come from China, from South Korea -- where public  
25 transit is just a given and easily accessible to anyone

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1 who needs it to go to school, who needs it to go to  
2 work.

3 And I'm very glad we're doing this. But, on  
4 the other hand, by not having it in the communities, in  
5 the neighborhoods on 99, we're not providing the kind of  
6 transit that people who come from all over the world  
7 expect to see.

8 If you want to have a billion dollar project,  
9 you don't need to put it on I-5; just add another bus  
10 lane. If you're going to spend a billion-plus dollars,  
11 put the project through the community where people from  
12 all over the world expect to see transit.

13 Oh, one more thing. By having the transit  
14 come to the community and enabling people in the local  
15 community to get from place to place and do shopping and  
16 so forth without having to get into cars, is what we  
17 need for the future and for the environment -- a  
18 sustainability issue as well as an equity issue.

19 That, in terms of thinking about the future of  
20 the -- of the sustainable future, we're not going to be  
21 driving cars short distances around the neighborhood.  
22 We need to have that transit through the communities.

23 And the 99 option puts it right in the  
24 community where people are going to need it -- to do  
25 short-term travel -- not always going to Seattle but

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1 from one place to the other in Federal Way, in Des  
2 Moines, in Kent. Okay. Thank you.

3 (Proceedings concluded at 7:00 p.m.)

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1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1187-1 SR 99 Alternative Let a station at school is  
much better.

I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

No Build \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

None

3. Other comments?

None.

*Response to Comment 1187-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter FW215

Bah, Abdul Aziz

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1188-1 SR 99 Alternative I would my train be close to highway  
College because I believe many students will  
benefit from it, and I myself, also it save more student life if train  
is less student driving.  
I-5 Alternative

\* SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

1188-2 If there is less people (student) driving to school  
every there is low carbon monoxide emissions which help  
the environment

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1188-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1188-2

Section 4.6, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, describes air quality impacts and benefits from the FWLE alternatives.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 125 S Kent Ave. nears rd
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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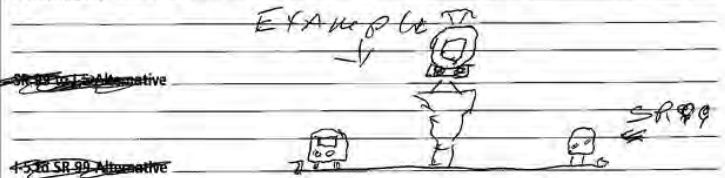
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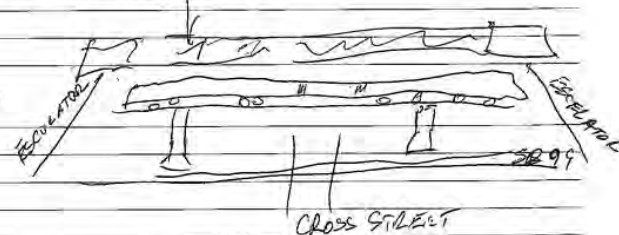
~~SR 99 Alternative~~ NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE OPTION OF  
RUNNING ELEVATED IN THE MIDDLE OF SR 99.  
WITH STATIONS ~~AND~~ AT INTERSECTIONS WERE THERE  
ARE SERVICES.



~~1189-1~~ ~~No Built~~  
AT INTERSECTIONS

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

### 3. Other comments?



### Response to Comment 1189-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Please see Chapter 2, Alternatives Considered, of the Final EIS for more information about this alternative.

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? 26706 CARNABY WAY KENT, WA 98032-7636
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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No comments

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1190-1 SR 99 Alternative I Strongly recommend this project, near  
Highline; Beneficial to students  
- Community.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

1190-2 Foreseeable project; Though with some minimal  
disadvantages the advantages are great  
if the SR 99 alternative is implemented.

### Response to Comment 1190-1

Please see response to Common Comments 1 and 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1190-2

Chapter 8, Alternatives Evaluation, includes a comparison of alternatives and shows the trade-offs between alternatives, including ridership, cost, and environmental impacts.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? HighLine College.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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1191-1 SR 99 Alternative *please stop on 99 @ Highline College. we need the service, please.*

I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

No Build \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1191-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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1192-1 SR 99 Alternative Water preferred and to have a stop near Highline College.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

1192-2 And hope in the near future will make one more line go all the way to Tacoma. It will be good idea. Since there is train most of the time and make daily commitment and especially those who live in Tacoma and have jobs here at Highline among other places.

#### Response to Comment 1192-1

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1192-2

Please see response to Common Comment 6.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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1193-1 SR 99 Alternative *WE WANT a station near highline so those students can go to Seattle Airport (Downtown) easily and also students go to school with no traffic delay.*

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

1193-2 *Looking at Asian countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Korea etc. train is the most common transportation for citizen and people living in those country. So that means car use will decrease and that may help more to keep ~~poll~~ emitting pollution away from our city.*

#### 3. Other comments?

*Car is the most ~~cause~~ cause for environment.*

1193-3 *Currently, <sup>many</sup> Highline students has to take bus for their transportation but it is very inconvenient because the bus bus arrive is ~~very~~ everywhere.*

#### Response to Comment 1193-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1193-2

Please see Section 4.6, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, for a description of air quality and impacts and benefits from the alternatives.

#### Response to Comment 1193-3

The FWLE would provide an alternative public transportation mode to the bus.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Higazi College
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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1194-1 SR 99 Alternative This would be the better choice for students the  
West/Des Moines HC campus station. (has this more  
accessible to students.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

1194-2 Since its got to go somewhere. Just like be sensitive to the  
PEOPLE who are going to be displaced. Make sure they have  
places to go. The people are first and foremost the most important.

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1194-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1194-2

In developing alternatives, Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements are unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Ugeline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1195-1

SR 99 Alternative

I-5 Alternative Only if there is a station close to the college that feels safe - would want SR 99 East station option

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative Like the 526th St station option would like a station close to the college for safety + accessibility

Station too far from college

1195-2

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

do NOT like at all

No Build

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

1195-3

Wish to see track coming down on I-5

How best to make 99 look good with elevated - to attract business + restaurants

## 3. Other comments?

1195-4

Most important to me

1) Safety walking to + from station - closest to college very important. It is scary walking Kent-De Moines Rd any way and East of SR 99 to I-5 feels very unsafe

1195-5

2) Help local businesses, creative businesses + restaurants thrive - I appreciate the changes along MLK in So Seattle - improved neighborhood rather than blight. I would love SR 99 to improve similarly

## Response to Comment 1195-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

## Response to Comment 1195-2

Your opposition to the I-5 to SR 99 Alternative has been noted.

## Response to Comment 1195-3

Please see Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, for a discussion of visual impacts and the mitigation measures that would be appropriate along routes that would follow I-5 and SR 99. See also Section 4.9, Ecosystems, for a discussion of habitat impacts from tree removal.

## Response to Comment 1195-4

Please see responses to Common Comments 4 and 7.

## Response to Comment 1195-5

Please see response to Common Comment 1. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Near Grace Church off Kent-Des Moines Rd
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other Want to take train downtown Seattle - so looking forward to it!

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Parcher, Andrew

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1196-1 SR 99 Alternative *I am opposed to any alternative along this route that would remove or effect residences along 28th Ave*

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1196-1

In developing alternatives, Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements would be unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Appendix D.4.1, Affected Parcels, identifies the parcels that would potentially be acquired by each FWLE alternative.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 23245 27th Ave S
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative

(with 216 West and 260th East Stations) Therefore this to be the best choice because it's the choice that most builds for the future. Running ~~the light rail~~ the light rail along I-5 would be a waste of taxpayer money that uproots many people from their homes. It creates a transit ~~alternative~~ alternative slower than the Express 578 Sound Transit. For every business lost we will have many more gained along ~~with property values going up~~ with property values going up. I lived in Tukwila next to the light rail and saw ~~it~~ before, during, and after. It lowered crime ~~produced more growth~~ produced more growth. Cleaned up businesses ~~made~~ made commute to everything easier. This also impacts 17,000 high line students and makes less traffic congestion on SR-99.

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

## 3. Other comments?

Also putting the light rail on SR-99 brings more money to the businesses around the light rail that aren't displaced and prepares us to be competitive with larger cities like Redmond and Seattle.

## Response to Comment 1197-1

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 3 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Chapter 3, Transportation Environment and Consequences, has a description of regional congestion with and without the FWLE alternatives, and of travel times. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits. Section 4.14, Public Service, Safety, and Security, describes security measures incorporated into station design and notes that crime levels at transit facilities generally reflect the conditions in surrounding neighborhoods.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 272nd ~~and~~ Star Lake Rd
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Lawrenson, Gary

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1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1198-1 SR 99 Alternative PREFERED ALTERNATIVE - BEST ACCESS TO WALKERS WITH 216 STATION. LONG TERM BEST OPTION. SELECTED ALTERNATIVE THAT WILL NOT LIMIT EXPANSION OF SR 99

I-5 Alternative TOO MANY BENDS IN LIGHT RAIL PATH. NO

1198-2 SR 99 to I-5 Alternative NO

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative NO

No Build

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

3. Other comments?

1198-3 EVERY STATION SHOULD HAVE 200+ PARKING SPACES.

1198-4 STATION NEAR HIGHLINE COLLEGE MEAN PARK CAN BE EXPANDED BECAUSE PUBLIC OWNS HIGHLINE COLLEGE.

1198-5 NOISE CONTROL BUILT ON SIDE OF RAIL TRACK.

1198-6 BICYCLE STORAGE AT ALL STATIONS IN SUBURBS

### *Response to Comment 1198-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. The S 216th Street area will be accessible from the Angle Lake or Kent/Des Moines stations with a transfer to RapidRide A Line.

### *Response to Comment 1198-2*

Your opposition to the SR 99 to I-5 Alternative and the I-5 to SR 99 Alternative has been noted.

### *Response to Comment 1198-3*

Please see response to Common Comment 5.

### *Response to Comment 1198-4*

Sound Transit would still be required to pay Highline College for any use of its property, regardless of whether it is publicly owned.

### *Response to Comment 1198-5*

Please see Section 4.7, Noise and Vibration, for a discussion of noise mitigation.

### *Response to Comment 1198-6*

All FWLE stations will include bicycle facilities.

*No comments***4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?**

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 3418 South 198
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter FW227

Asfaha, Alexander

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1200-1 SR 99 Alternative This option would make for the best investment into the community and it's members. I think it would be most advantageous in the long run.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

1200-2 As a flightline College student I think it is important that my peers and professors are taken into account. An investment in both parties is an investment in the future.

#### Response to Comment 1200-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1200-2

Please see response to Common Comment 4.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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SR 99 Alternative I would like to see a station close to Highline

I-5 Alternative if this is the one please put a station close to Highline

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

### 3. Other comments?

NICE PRESENTATIONS

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Des Moines
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter FW229

Walton, Allan

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative Best choice. Route should serve local community, inspire economic development, serve the college for next 150 years, not just be an I-5 substitute.

1202-1 I-5 Alternative No should not just be an I-5 substitute. Serve the local community along Hwy. 99

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative no - same reason as above

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative no - same reason as above

1202-2 No Build - don't even think about not building it.

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

They will be serious along SR 99, but long term benefits will ~~outweigh~~ outweigh them.

#### 3. Other comments?

1202-3 This project should serve the college directly! Put a stop at the college, on 99, or underground under the East parking lot. The college will be here for the long, long term, and has a huge impact on the lives of people in S.W. King County. Direct access to the college (not 3 blocks away) will make a huge difference for the next 50-100 years. Please think long term!

#### Response to Comment 1202-1

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1202-2

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

#### Response to Comment 1202-3

Please see response to Common Comment 4.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative Although this option is expensive, but you will also have a lot of students using it. Economically a good option.

I-5 Alternative Way too far for Highline students, and I would just drive to school instead.

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your comments on the environmental impacts

If SR 99 alternative would be chosen, less students would drive to school, helping the environment!

#### 3. Other comments?

Please choose SR 99 Alternative!

### Response to Comment I203-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Des Moines WA
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
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## Letter FW231

Beel Petersen, Autumn

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1204-1 SR 99 Alternative *This would benefit Soundy Students 17,000  
And mothers with children for Safety Issues  
And working 15 min to a Rail is not feasible and we  
need this destination*

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1204-1

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.



No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other Attend Highline College \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter FW232

Curry, Trina

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative

Like the convenience and location.  
Its surroundings and assist college  
life and other things are accessible.

I-5 Alternative

out of the way

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

The other routes are out of the  
way but 99 will continue to assist patrons

#### 3. Other comments?

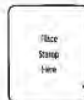
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## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1206-1 SR 99 Alternative This One would make it  
more convenient for the student population  
around Des Moines SeaTac and Federal Way  
I-5 Alternative to attend Highline Community College.

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1206-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1207-1 SR 99 Alternative I would like to see Highline College be a major destination for the Light Rail. 17000 Students plus faculty would use it after it close to our campus.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

1207-2 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

Don't want to see more cement along I-5.

3. Other comments?

The area needs a facelift.

Response to Comment 1207-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

Response to Comment 1207-2

See Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, for a description of visual changes and impacts, as well as mitigation.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Matsycek, Tatyana

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1208-1 SR 99 Alternative I would like to see Highline college be a major destination for the Light Rail. Many students would use it often if close to campus.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1208-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

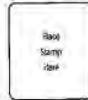
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4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative is good for go student go to school.

I-5 Alternative easy to go somewhere for the activity

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative all the way to the Airport when you don't have car. Don't have to worry about the way to go Airport.

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative good.

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment I209-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Des Moines
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline Community College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative Serves the most people, and is the ideal alignment

1210-1

I-5 Alternative Serves the fewest people, would make Link a really slow ride to Seattle, not much more.

1210-2

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative would make sense only if the crossover to I-5 happened south of S. 272 st, because it would position LINK to have a station at Fed Way TC and continue south.

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

## 3. Other comments?

1210-3

It would be ideal to include all the potential stations (S. 216th, S. 260th) into the final project, then have metro drop the A-line to every half-hour (re-instate the 17th mangle).

1210-4

Please do not reduce service on the peak or off-peak 577 & 578 routes. Link will take a full hour to make the distance, whereas an I-5 Seattle express rarely takes that long at peak, and can take around 22 minutes off-peak.

*Response to Comment 1210-1*

See Section 3.5.2 Transit Service and Operation, of the Final EIS for project ridership by alternative.

*Response to Comment 1210-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 6 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS regarding future expansion south.

*Response to Comment 1210-3*

Please see response to Common Comment 1. The S 216th and S 260th station areas would be accessible from the FWLE stations via RapidRide A Line.

*Response to Comment 1210-4*

See Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, of the Final EIS for a description of transit changes and how buses would integrate with the FWLE.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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SR 99 Alternative

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

It would be irritating for a mother with children to have to walk from I-5 to Des Moines near Hwy. 99, let alone unsafe

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

### 3. Other comments?

The east side of Hwy 99 is known in the community as unsafe - drug dealing, murder and prostitution are more rampant than on the west side of Hwy. 99. No route near 30thst, would be advised due to these issues.

### Response to Comment I211-1

Section 3.5.6, Non-motorized Facilities, of the Final EIS describes the pedestrian amenities to ensure the safety of pedestrians at road crossings. Please see response to Common Comment 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS regarding pedestrian safety and changes to the Preferred Kent/Des Moines Station. See Section 4.14, Public Services, Safety, and Security, for more information on safety at stations.

### Response to Comment I211-2

Please see response to Common Comment 7.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other and serve low-income students

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1212-1 SR 99 Alternative This is the Obvious destination  
all others are in concern of Money.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

1212-2 I would like to understand the  
Ethical Decision to build Mass Transit  
anywhere other as close to a public  
College as possible. The need for safety  
cannot go unnoticed. Our students need  
the safest place a station can be built.

#### Response to Comment 1212-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1212-2

Please see response to Common Comment 4.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative <sup>ISN'T</sup> WHY ~~AREN'T~~ THERE A MEDIAN STATIONS AT 272nd TO LESSEN IMPACTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS?

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative WHY ISN'T THERE A MEDIAN STATION AT 272nd TO LESSEN IMPACTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS?

No Build

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

## 3. Other comments?

CAN YOU BETTER EXPLAIN WHY RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS AREN'T MUCH HIGHER ON SR 99 THAN I-5? WITH <sup>MORE</sup> SHOPPING AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT ON SR 99, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT RIDERSHIP IS ALMOST THE SAME.

*Response to Comment I213-1*

A median station at S 272nd Street was not considered because constructing a station on the side of a major roadway such as SR 99 is preferred over constructing in the median. Constructing in the median would require acquisition from adjacent properties because the road would need to be widened around the station. SR 99 would need to be detoured around the construction area and would affect traffic in this area for an extended period of time. A median station would also require all users, regardless of mode of access, to cross at least 3 lanes of SR 99, whereas a station located on the side of SR 99 can have parking and bus access located nearby without a road crossing.

*Response to Comment I213-2*

See Section 3.5.2, Transit Service and Operations, of the Final EIS for a discussion of ridership by alternative and station. This section includes a discussion of why ridership estimates are relatively similar between alternatives.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other want to see improved transit connections coming from the south

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Pinney, Rebecca

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1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

214-1 ☒ SR 99 Alternative please keep promises to run the light rail along 99 with stops at 216<sup>th</sup> & Highline College  
☒ I-5 Alternative does not serve des moines

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

☒ I-5 to SR 99 Alternative The planned stop @ 30<sup>th</sup> is a scary place at nite. 1214-2

No Build

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

3. Other comments?

1214-3 Des Moines has been historically dismissed as an unimportant population. But this needs to stop now. We have many economic resources that have been untapped. It would do Sound Transit well to include us in the route plans.

### Response to Comment 1214-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1214-2

Please see response to Common Comment 7.

### Response to Comment 1214-3

All FWLE alternatives would provide access to the city of Des Moines with the Kent/Des Moines Station. Please see response to Common Comment 8.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? in Des Moines
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No Build \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

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#### 3. Other comments?

1215-1

You need To Widen the  
Roads.  
Beside Fare would need  
cheaper for there are on  
social security & disable  
person →

1215

#### *Response to Comment 1215-1*

Proposed improvements to transportation system are located in Chapter 3, Transportation, of the Final EIS.

#### *Response to Comment 1215-2*

Section 7.7, Project Benefits, in Chapter 7, Environmental Justice, describes benefits of the project to all populations including minority and low-income. Benefits include improved access to transit and employment and an increase in transit reliability. Sound Transit implemented a low-income fare in 2015.

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4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

☐ I live nearby. If so, where? We are Limited

☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? on Social

☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? Security

☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Income

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative

This route would have the greatest impact on community development for the most neglected part of this region. Also a stop near the Highline campus would greatly help the many students who commute. Staff and faculty who live nearby would also benefit. This route would improve access to education and potential jobs. The prospect of more development will also transform this community.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

This will also increase the safety by having more people present.

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

I am concerned about the people who will be displaced. However, fewer cars will help the natural environment.

3. Other comments?

We in the US (and especially the west coast) are behind the curve in providing modern public transit. An issue of environmental sustainability, public transit is vital. And as the population ages, more people will want safe, accessible alternatives to private cars. This project has great long term potential.

Response to Comment I216-1

Please see responses to Common Comments 1, 4, 7, and 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

Response to Comment I216-2

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Section 4.5, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, describes the air quality benefits from the project.

Response to Comment I216-3

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

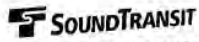
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## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 26827 Cannaby Way, Kent
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Nyline College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative I like this one because it is close to highline  
And I think the most important thing for the bus route is to  
benefit the students, especially for the night class students on campus.  
I-5 Alternative This one is much cheaper than SR 99 Alternative.

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative Although the project is 2<sup>nd</sup> choice among 4 choices,  
it is still not close enough to the campus.

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative Not close to school.

No Build 1

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

Try to reduce the environment impact by doing more monitoring  
for the project.

### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment I217-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment I217-2

Sound Transit is committed to mitigating project impacts. Details about proposed mitigation are provided in Appendix H.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? elementary class
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Xu, Yan

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1218-1 SR 99 Alternative I prefer this plan. More students can go through this line more convenient. This line also can share part of pressure from A-line. A-line always really crowded in morning and afternoon.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 1218-2 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

Other lines like I-5 have less ridership.

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1218-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1218-2

Section 3.5.2, Transit Service and Operations, of the Final EIS provides updated project ridership for the FWLE alternatives.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

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- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
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1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1219-1 SR 99 Alternative would displace the least amount of residents  
Please choose the route that displaces the least  
amount of families, especially low-income people  
I-5 Alternative with limited options for relocation

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

3. Other comments?

Response to Comment 1219-1

Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Please see response to Common Comment 3 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative No - Too Close to Acquire Properties  
North - Also SO AT 240? OR WE-S 99 Option  
 I-5 Alternative Yes  
 SR 99 to I-5 Alternative No  
 I-5 to SR 99 Alternative Yes - But Buy Back  
to 99 @ 524th St  
 No Build

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

3. Other comments? - Urban Plan / Re-growth - ACP  
50+ yrs / work on  
Major Transportation /  
LAND USE / TAXES  
ISSUES www.rwta.com  
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## Response to Comment I220-1

Cost estimates for the build alternatives, including property acquisition costs, are shown in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, compares the number and type of property acquisitions that would be needed for each build alternative. Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.



No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_☒ Other Work with Several Important  
Business Property Owner

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Lu, Yuan

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1221-1 SR 99 Alternative I think it's a good alternative cuz it's really close to school.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

1221-2 I don't know anything about the environmental impacts from building this, but I think that this comment paper shouldn't be printed in color, it's even more waste of resources.

#### 3. Other comments?

#### Response to Comment 1221-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1221-2

Sound Transit is committed to sustainable practices and will take this into consideration for future projects.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline college
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative This Alternative will help our community. Although it doesn't affect our community's growth, I believe our community and economy will grow after few years later.

I-5 Alternative I can't expect how this route will bring the advantages to extend the light rail. There are already a lot of buses to go to I-5.

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build I expect it will be more bad traffic.

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

All Alternatives will good for our environment because many people will use the light rail rather than their transportation.

### 3. Other comments?

If the light rail will extend on our community, it will help to develop and introduce our community to other people. Because many people can access our community, the people will visit more.

### Response to Comment I222-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

### Response to Comment I222-2

Section 3.5.1, Regional Facilities and Travel, describes the anticipated regional traffic with and without the FWLE.

### Response to Comment I222-3

Chapter 8, Alternatives Evaluation, includes a comparison of alternatives and shows the trade-offs between alternatives, including ridership, cost, and environmental impacts.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? Kent
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? -
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? -
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other I use SR 99 every day

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SR 99 Alternative *I DISAGREE WITH THIS OPTION (W. 216TH STATION)*  
*I BELIEVE LINK LIGHT RAIL IS A PUBLIC PROJECT, AND SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY*

I-5 Alternative *I AGREE WITH THIS OPTION*

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative *I AGREE WITH THIS OPTION*

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative *I AGREE WITH THIS OPTION*

No Build

## 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

## 3. Other comments?

*I LIVE IN THE QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WOULD BE RUINED BY THE SR 99 (WITH S 216TH AND S 220TH EAST STATIONS). ONLY 2 BLOCKS FROM MY FAMILIES HOME IS 28TH AVE S. THESE HOMES WOULD BE TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR A TRENCH CARRYING CONSTANT TRAIN TRAFFIC. I ALSO FEAR THAT OUR QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BECOME A THROUGHFAIR FOR PEOPLE WALKING TO CATCH THE TRAIN AT HIGHLINE CC. BESIDES OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THE ~~LOSS~~ LOSS OF COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN THE DES MOINES WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR THE CITY OF DES MOINES. PLEASE KEEP OUR COMMUNITY AND CITY ALIVE!*

*SINCERELY  
 JASON, HANA, + ELLA SCHAPLOW*

*Response to Comment 1223-1*

The FWLE will be constructed in existing right-of-way along existing transportation corridors where possible. All alternatives would require some acquisition of private property, primarily for stations, access, or construction staging. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

*Response to Comment 1223-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

*Response to Comment 1223-3*

Section 4.4, Social Impacts, Community Facilities, and Neighborhoods, describes neighborhood impacts.

*Response to Comment 1223-4*

Section 4.4 describes impacts on neighborhoods. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? MY HOUSE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE S 216TH STATION OPTION
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Seymour, Erik

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative I am opposed to this option because it will disrupt my neighborhood dramatically. Also it displaces too many businesses.  
I-5 Alternative This removes vital revenue from the City of Des Moines.  
I-5 Alternative I am all for the I-5 option  
SR 99 to I-5 Alternative because the land exists to accomodate a project like this.

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment I224-1

Section 4.4, Social Impacts, Community Facilities, and Neighborhoods, describes neighborhood impacts, and Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 234th St Res Mainer
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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SR 99 Alternative

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

*It's beneficial to support efforts systematically across our city that contribute to less waste (CO2) and increase community linkages that sustain transportation connecting near schools and small businesses that make up the bulk of our living economy.*

### 3. Other comments?

*I support Sound Transit bus station that is near Highline campus because it economically strategic in placement and a sustainable option for a very large staff and student population that commutes from Seattle to South Seattle.*

### Response to Comment I225-1

Please see Section 4.6, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, for a description of air quality impacts and benefits from the alternatives; Section 3.5.1 of Chapter 3, Transportation, for information on connecting regional centers; and Section 4.3, Economics, for a discussion of effects on businesses.

### Response to Comment I225-2

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I work in the project area. If so, where? Highline Community College
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter FW253

Watling, Richard

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1226-1 SR 99 Alternative This would be the best option because it is in the most urban centers, bringing in students for Highline AND Central WU. Can replace A-Line thus redirecting money spent.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1226-1

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. The RapidRide A Line would continue to operate on SR 99 and provide service to this FWLE station.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Federal Way
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Letter FW254

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1227-1 SR 99 Alternative *I think this is the best alternative for our community. More access to commute everyday to different locations.*

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

### Response to Comment 1227-1

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

No comments

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Federal way
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline college
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Pai, Tony

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SR 99 Alternative I think it's very convenient for students, but it will make noises when it's under construction.

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative this is the one I would like to choose. Because it's not too far from the school. And I think we only need this station on Pacific highway because there is A-Line ~~there~~.

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

I think it's necessary to ~~build~~ extend the light rail, but just need to build the station at the main destination people usually go to, e.g. Highline College.

#### 3. Other comments?

I've lived in Seattle for several years, and I'm an international student. I take A-Line to school every day and I think it's very convenient. I would love to see the new light rail stations built. There would be more convenient for us to go to downtown to explore the beauty of Seattle.

#### Response to Comment 1228-1

Construction noise is described in Chapter 5, Construction.

#### Response to Comment 1228-2

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

#### Response to Comment 1228-3

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☐ I live nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? Highline College
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No Build *near by starlake parking & I-5.*  
*because of environmental impact & safety*  
*purpose*

1229-1

## 2. Please share your comments on the environmental impacts

*There are many environmental impacts of this*  
*project. such as noise, robbery due to stations*  
*near houses, crimes ratio & market values goes down.*

## 3. Other comments?

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*Response to Comment 1229-1*

Noise impacts and mitigation measures are described in Section 4.7, Noise and Vibration. Section 4.14, Public Services, Safety, and Security, describes security measures incorporated into station design and notes that crime levels at transit facilities generally reflect the conditions in surrounding neighborhoods. Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts from the project. Light rail facilities provide additional transit access, which can increase property values near stations and increase the potential for development and redevelopment in station areas.

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Near star lake parking lot & I do not want station near by my house where are many things
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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Evans, Scott

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SR 99 Alternative PREFERRED OPTION: STATION @ 210<sup>th</sup> PRIORITY  
FOR NEW FAA FACILITY. STATION @ HIGHLINE COLLEGE (HC)  
EAST PARKING LOT - POSITION HC AS UNIQUE INSTITUTION  
I-5 Alternative CONCERNED PARKING NEAR I-5 WILL DETER  
T.O.B OPPORTUNITIES - CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO MOVE PEOPLE WEST  
ACROSS SR 99 (PEDESTRIANS)  
SR 99 to I-5 Alternative CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY OF LIGHT RAIL  
TO SMOOTHLY NEGOTIATE CHANGES IN GRADES AND  
CORNERS - STRAIGHTER ALIGNMENT PREFERRED  
I-5 to SR 99 Alternative SEE NOTES ABOVE RE SR 99 TO I-5

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

CONCERN WITH POTENTIAL LOSS OF TREE CANOPY  
WITH I-5 OPTIONS -

#### 3. Other comments?

WOULD ~~LIKE~~ PREFER OPTIONS WHICH MAXIMIZE  
TOD OPPORTUNITIES. NOT A HUGE SUPPORTER OF  
FREQUENT STATIONS - HOWEVER STATIONS WHICH  
CONVENIENTLY SERVE LOCATIONS OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS  
IS PRIORITY (200<sup>th</sup> & 210<sup>th</sup>). LIFESTYLE OF  
CAR-LESS INDIVIDUALS IS BECOMING MORE  
COMMON AND TRANSIT NEED TO RECOGNIZE CHANGE.  
NEED TO POSITION EMPLOYMENT CENTERS ~~PROPER~~  
~~ADJACENT~~ ADJACENT AND TRANSIT STATIONS DIRECTLY  
ADJACENT TO ONE ANOTHER, SO EMPLOYEES HAVE  
ABILITY TO LIVE/ADAPT TO CAR-LESS LIFESTYLE.

### Response to Comment 1230-1

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1230-2

See Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, and Section 4.9, Ecosystems, for information on loss of tree canopy and mitigation.

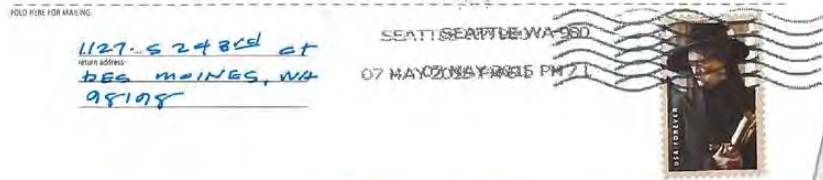
### Response to Comment 1230-3

Section 4.2, Land Use, describes potential TOD that could develop around FWLE stations.

No comments

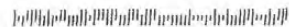
4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? ZENITH NEIGHBORHOOD - SOUTH DES MOINES
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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## Letter FW258

Simpson, Yvonne

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### *Response to Comment I231-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

SR 99 Alternative

I231-1 I-5 Alternative *I prefer this alternative.*

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 23235-28th Ave So
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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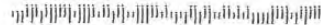
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Yvonne Simpson  
23235-28th Ave So  
Des Moines, WA 98198



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## Letter FW259

Sloper, Janelle

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1. Please share your comments about project alternatives and station options

*The best option for all neighborhoods is to utilize the I-5 alternate. It is the least expensive and impacts the fewest number of residential neighborhoods. Do not go down Puget Sound - Please!!!*

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

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*Janelle Sloper, 29709 - 9th Pl. S.  
Federal Way WA 98003*

### Response to Comment I232-1

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

## Letter FW260


Anonymous

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### Response to Comment I233-1

Section 4.12, Hazardous Materials, discusses potential impacts on the Midway Landfill.

Yes SR 99 - Medians

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1. Please share your comments about project alternatives and station options

Clearly, the elevated SR99 plan is already in place. No one w/ want to walk east from PHS. Lowe's @ S. 240th would need to be negotiated w/.

2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

Least impact is SR 99. How would we ~~have~~ deal w/ the Landfills?

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## Letter FW261

Dahl, Alan

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### *Response to Comment 1234-1*

Section 3.5.2 describes changes in bus service to access the FWLE stations, including a connection between the S 320th Park-and-Ride and the Federal Way Transit Center.

From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 8:16:47 PM

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From: Alan Dahl <[alandahl@mac.com](mailto:alandahl@mac.com)>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment:

1234-1 - SR 99 to I-5 Comment: If both the Federal Way Transit Center and Federal Way Park & Ride could be served that would be best because of limited parking at the TC and a walk that would be too long for old people like my mother.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Alan Dahl  
Address: 28358 26th Ave S  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98003

Email: [alandahl@mac.com](mailto:alandahl@mac.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: 284th and Military

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW262

Coorg, Ananth & Shree

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### *Response to Comment I235-1*

Extending this project to Kent Station or along the I-405 corridor does not meet the purpose and need of connecting SeaTac with Federal Way as described in Chapter 1, Purpose and Need.

From: [pradip@fox920.hushnet.com](mailto:pradip@fox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 3:08:48 PM

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From: Ananth & Shree Coorg <[scoorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scoorg@yahoo.com)>

Message Body:

1235-1 SR 99 Comment: We would like to see the route should join Kent Station that should be able to connect to Seatac airport and other cities like Renton towards 405 corridor.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Ananth & Shree Coorg  
Address: 24506 101st Pl SE  
City: Kent  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98030

Email: [scoorg@yahoo.com](mailto:scoorg@yahoo.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: We live in Kent.

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW263

Karalus, Megan

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### *Response to Comment 1236-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 2 and 5 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji6@my920 Mushoot.com](mailto:prdtgji6@my920 Mushoot.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 2:48:30 PM

From: Megan Karalus <megan.karalus@gmail.com>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

1236-1

I-5 Comment: This is the preferred choice. It takes advantage of current park and rides which are necessary to make light rail work in the suburbs. There must be parking at the stations. This would take many cars and buses off I-5. And I-5 is the main highway to take people from Federal Way to and from Seatac or downtown.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Megan Karalus  
Address: 27831 32nd Pl. S.  
City: Auburn  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98001

Email: [megan.karalus@gmail.com](mailto:megan.karalus@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: Near 272nd park and ride

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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*Response to Comment I237-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 2, 4, and 5 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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To: FW: E  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 7:16:05 AM

From: Alyne Hansen <[seatachansen@msn.com](mailto:seatachansen@msn.com)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: This route is the least preferred. Light rail through this part of SR 99 would ruin businesses, and be an eyesore. Just look at Seattle along Rainier. Light rail has done nothing for those businesses, and when I travel that route in a car, it is one more element to compete for my attention. It's difficult to look for businesses, when you have to focus on pedestrians, other vehicles and the train, plus manage all the turn lanes, etc. The elevated rail in Tukwila looms like a dark cloud over those businesses along E Marginal Way. Those businesses haven't seen any improvements. In SeaTac, the train runs along with the airport and blends in with airport, but no parking.

I-5 Comment: This is the preferred route, with the elevated station at HCC with a covered walkway over SR 99. It would also be a good location for a large parking garage for commuters.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I237-1 I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment: The I-5 route is the least impact on the environment. A good portion runs along the Midway landfill, where nothing can be built.

Other Comment: I attended the public hearing at HCC. The students and faculty seemed to prefer the SR 99 route. The light rail is not meant to be a replacement for buses. Many students live in the areas, where buses are already. Light rail is more for long distance commuting. The purpose being to get more vehicles off of I-5, not a primary mode of transportation. At least that's how government sold it to the taxpayers.

Also, Sound Transit doesn't provide adequate parking for commuters. There is no parking along Rainier, not enough at Tukwila and non-existent at SeaTac terminal station. If you want more riders, you need parking. The Sounder Kent Station garage is a good example.

Name: Alyne Hansen  
Address: 20012 - 35th Ave S  
City: SeaTac  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: [seatachansen@msn.com](mailto:seatachansen@msn.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: SeaTac, close to S. 200th Station

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW265

Gretzner, Nancy

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From: [Nancy Gretzner](#)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comments Sound Transit \ Des Moines  
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 3:04:29 AM

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This email is in response to the Railway project comment period April 10- May 26.

Hello,  
I have watched local programming  
That Displayed the comments about the project  
During the presentation at Des Moines council meeting Thursday.

I did notice many business people speaking their dislike for a 99 route.

I am submitting my comments As I am a home owner East of 30th Ave S. Des Moines. I have a degree in Social Services and am also a minister who walks the streets in Des Moines, helping those addicted and the homeless find help and information to find local rehab houses and clinics.

Why is it a good idea to displace 200 something Residences to build a light rail beside the freeway?

Some of the folks along I-5 being threatened by the project are elderly and disabled living in mobile homes and apartments and these frail populations would be traumatized by losing their property!

Personally my neighbor and I will be going into our senior years and do not want to lose our homes in the next few yrs.

1238-1 Many people who want to sell in the next few years will not be able to get a full price on their home because of the threat of the project for the next homeowners!

Seems to me that business owners would have an easier time and be able to afford finding new spaces for their businesses if 99 alternative would be the best route.

Is it really less expensive to trash all these peoples homes, not to mention those who would consider legal action?

1238-2 Another thought is-  
Is it visually healthy to run a train next to a major freeway ? Would this be a distraction for drivers on I-5?

1238-3 I am for light rail, as we all know about our city traffic issues. However I am shocked that my neighborhood may be threatened by the project. And my vote would be the route that would not disturb so many residential and business folks, truly there must be a perfect route, as we by the freeway must have a future and a hope!

I am in opposition of I5 alternative and I5 to Sr 99.

Thank You!

Nancy GSmith  
Lifcry777@yahoo.com

### *Response to Comment 1238-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 2 and 3 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. In developing alternatives, Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements would be unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

### *Response to Comment 1238-2*

Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Impacts, describes visual impacts for adjacent residents and drivers on I-5. Light rail runs next to I-5 in Tukwila, as well as adjacent to freeways in many other cities.

### *Response to Comment 1238-3*

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

## Letter FW266

Ojeda, Reyes

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From: [prdtgji@hwy920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji@hwy920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2015 5:13:25 PM

From: Reyes Ojeda <>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: Love it. Great bus connections. Easy to access by walking. Closer to homes & business. This is far different from North Link's route.

I-5 Comment: Bad bus connections. Too far from Pacific Hwy.

1239-1 SR 99 to I-5 Comment: Doesn't make sense to have the line zig-zag and disrupt properties.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: Doesn't make sense to have the line zig-zag and disrupt properties. It's inconsistent compared to the rest of the system.

Environmental Comment: If the route is along Hwy 99, then the environmental impact is the least minimal.

1239-2 Other Comment: Work well with Metro to redesign bus service along Hwy 99. Don't be afraid to disband RapidRide (because something better, the Link, will take its place). I can't think of any transit system that has both a BRT line AND a train line running on the exact same route.

Name: Reyes Ojeda  
Address: 27011 30th Ave S  
City: Des Moines  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98148

Email:

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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### Response to Comment 1239-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### Response to Comment 1239-2

RapidRide A Line would continue to operate with the FWLE. See Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, regarding bus service to stations.



## Letter FW267

LeMoine, Monica

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From: [monica@highline.edu](mailto:monica@highline.edu)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2015 2:16:54 PM

From: Monica LeMoine <>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: I am a tenured faculty member at Highline College, and a resident of Seattle, and I'm writing in support of the SR-99 Alignment option for the Angle Lake – Federal Way Link Light Rail Extension. Our reasons are as follows:

1) The light rail has the potential to be a catalyst for more sustainable economic development in south west King County. To reach that long term potential, the stops need to be located where people and businesses are - or where we want them to be in the future. Concentrations of businesses and people are what we need for sustainable development.

o The FAA facility that will be going in at 216th and 24th is a good example - it has 1600 employees. There should be a stop at 216th. If that facility is well served, other large-scale employers are more likely to locate there.

2) The light rail should be transit within our richly diverse community, not just another commuter train for people who work in Seattle. The Sounder Trains and express buses on I-5 already serve Seattle commuters - and do it faster.

3) No matter what the route, it's a lot of money (\$1.4-1.9 Billion). That money should be an investment with the greatest long term potential for serving - and improving the livability and quality of life - of our communities.

o South West King County is disadvantaged compared to wealthier areas of King County in terms of life expectancy (77 vs. 85 yrs), household income (\$45.5k vs. \$118.5k) and educational attainment (bachelor's degree or higher 24% vs. 46% for the county as a whole). To a large degree, the current placement of infrastructure - the freeways, airport, and large-scale industrial and retail facilities - have created those disparities. The light rail route should make an explicit effort to improve this history by creating as much potential for sustainable, community-accessible, mixed development as possible.

4) Public safety - as well as perceived safety - is another important argument for an SR-99 alignment. More ridership in well-traveled areas is safer. Keeping the stops in visible, busy destinations along Pacific Highway reduces the potential for riders to be targets for crime - or to feel that they are.

This regional development project is a unique opportunity to simultaneously address many challenges facing South West King County in a positive manner. We have the chance to create a model of how suburban transit can permanently transform a diverse community that has been historically disadvantaged in terms of housing, education, jobs and local transportation. To ignore the local neighborhoods in favor of building yet another way for development to literally pass us by would be a short-sighted and costly mistake.

Sincerely,

Monica LeMoine  
mlemoire@highline.edu

Environmental Comment:

### *Response to Comment I240-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment I240-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 8.

### *Response to Comment I240-3*

Please see response to Common Comment 7.

*No comments*

Other Comment:

Name: Monica LeMoine  
Address: 335 NE 92nd St  
City: Seattle  
State: wa  
Zipcode: 98115

Email:

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live in Seattle, but work at Highline College in Des Moines.

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Highline College

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW268

Smith, Dorothy M.

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### Response to Comment I241-1

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SR 99 Alternative

I-5 Alternative

I'm in favor of this! First! Travel time is 18 minutes, and it keeps the noise closer to I-5. Cost is lower @ 1.42 Billion!

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

No Build

#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

No comments

## 4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? 23418-28<sup>th</sup> Ave. So "Del Rose Manor"
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Letter FW269

Schanzenbach, Evelyn

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### Response to Comment I242-1

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

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#### 1. Please share your comments about the project alternatives and station options

1242-1 SR 99 Alternative *THIS WOULD BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO MORE PEOPLE*

I-5 Alternative

SR 99 to I-5 Alternative

I-5 to SR 99 Alternative

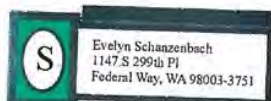
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#### 2. Please share your feedback on the environmental impacts

#### 3. Other comments?

4. Please tell us about yourself. Why are you interested in the project?

- ☒ I live nearby. If so, where? Marine Hills
- ☐ I work in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I own a business nearby. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I attend school in the project area. If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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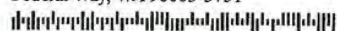
Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip



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## Letter FW270

Maran, Nina

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### *Response to Comment I243-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [jurdick@browns2201bluehost.com](mailto:jurdick@browns2201bluehost.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension()  
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2015 10:55:07 AM

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From: Nina Maran <ninacmaran@yahoo.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I like the SR 99 alternative because it is close to the home that I own. However, I live at 22700 28th Ave S and I would not be happy with the elevated Highline Campus station. It would be physically too close to my building. I would literally be living under the tracks.

I-5 Comment: The I-5 alternative would be too far away from home to be convenient. But the station close to SR 99 would be a good compromise. I would not have a problem walking to that station.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: I do not like this route because the Des Moines station would be too far away to be convenient.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: I do not like this route because the Des Moines station would be too far away to be convenient.

Environmental Comment: I am happy that Link will be coming further south. I am excited to be able to take the train to work! Since the train will mostly be elevated, I am not worried about noise too much. However, if the elevated Highline Campus station is selected, my building would be directly under the tracks and I do not want that. It would only negatively impact my property. Any other station would be preferable.

Other Comment: Thank you for all that you do and thank you for considering my opinion. I work at SeaTac Airport and this expansion will be very beneficial to me. Though it would be close to home, please do not choose the elevated Highline Campus station!!!

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Address: 22700 28th Ave s #210  
City: Des Moines  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: ninacmaran@yahoo.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: 22700 28th Ave S

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW271

Curry, Verna Lee

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### *Response to Comment 1244-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1, 7, and 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [verna@vernaenvironmental.com](mailto:verna@vernaenvironmental.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2015 12:14:04 PM

Good morning,

I was unable to attend the meeting in Des Moines, but am really torn about the best direction to go. I see benefits in all the options; however, it is my opinion that in the long run, the best option is the SR99 Alternative. I know it will be disruptive and I know some business will be displaced; however, I base my opinion on the following (not in any order of importance but as they come back to mind).

- Safety. It is my opinion that having the stations in a more public place than by the freeway will lend itself to better safety for the riders. There will be more options and places to run for help.
- Business hubs. It is my opinion that each stop along the way will result in a business hub that will serve the riders but will also provide community business centers that will better serve the area and will result in increased business. I think of Kent Station.
- Easier access to the stations. The buses travel Highway 99 continually and have stops all up and down the highway. I think the Highway 99 option will allow riders to catch a bus closer to their home and take the bus to the station.
- Community pride/art/center. I think having stations along the way will allow the different communities to showcase their personality with art and different media.
- Connection. I think traveling along Highway 99 will give rise to appreciation and knowledge about the different communities. All are quite alike but all are quite different. It's not as sterile as traveling along the freeway. I'm one who likes to look around as she travels.

I think that's all my thoughts – at least right now. I have clothes to fold and I do my best thinking when I'm folding clothes. I'm quite excited about the Federal Way extension. I travel quite a lot for my business and find that in different cities in North America, I have no need for a rental car. I can get around quite nicely using buses and commuter trains. I would love that to be the future for Seattle.

Thanks for your time!

Verna Lee Curry, MS Environmental Science  
253-939-9369 cell  
509-267-1955 fax



## Letter FW272

Roberts, Kevin

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### *Response to Comment I245-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji@bny920.bushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji@bny920.bushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 8:09:29 PM

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From: kevin roberts <>

Message Body:

I245-1 SR 99 Comment: I think this option would provide more access and create significantly higher ridership.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: kevin roberts  
Address: 5103 26th st e  
City: rife  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98424

Email:

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW273

Roberts, Stephanie

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From: [prdtgji6@fox920.hushmail.com](mailto:prdtgji6@fox920.hushmail.com)  
To: [FW: E](#)  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 8:02:50 PM

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From: Stephanie Roberts <Stefnoodle72@gmail.com>

Message Body:

1246-1 [SR 99 Comment: I support the sr 99 alternate ..the reason is this seems to be a fairly depressed area..I think by having easy access to public transportation would be a huge help and widen opportunities such enjoyment, entertainment and community resources.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

1246-2 [Environmental Comment: It seems to me that the I 5 alternate would serve a smaller ridership as well as impact local residents and businesses...but it would loose out on highline community college stop...

Other Comment:

Name: Stephanie Roberts  
Address: 5103 26th st e  
City: rife  
State: wa  
Zipcode: 98424

Email: Stefnoodle72@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I own a condo nearby

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### *Response to Comment 1246-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1246-2*

Section 3.5.2 in Chapter 3, Transportation Environment and Consequences, of the Final EIS describes updated ridership results. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide. Please see response to Common Comment 4.



## Letter FW274

Lane, Jessica

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From: [prdtgji6@roy920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@roy920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 7:51:19 PM

From: Jessica Lane <j.naomi.lane@gmail.com>

Message Body:

1247-1 SR 99 Comment: I chose SR99 with the trench option because I think it is important for the homeowners to keep their scenic view of our beautiful state. I have also chosen SR99 over I-5 because less homeowners will be affected by the light rail.

I-5 Comment: I chose SR 99 alternative over I-5 because of the Highline College station option. Getting students to use the public transportation is an investment towards future usage of public transportation.

1247-2 SR 99 to I-5 Comment: SR 99 to I-5 does not have Highline College as an option.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: I-5 to SR 99 does not have Highline College option.

1247-3 Environmental Comment: Environmental impacts should be studied carefully. Once the light rail is built, it should be sturdy both in construction and for the environment so that we wouldn't go over budget. It wouldn't be fair for the future generations to pay for our sloppy work.

Other Comment:

Name: Jessica Lane  
Address: 2911 1st Avenue #305  
City: Seattle  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98121

Email: j.naomi.lane@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: Belltown

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I work at Green River College and I am advocating for an effective public transportation.

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### *Response to Comment 1247-1*

Section 4.5, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, discusses visual impacts and mitigation. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

### *Response to Comment 1247-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. See Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, for a description of bus access to the stations.

### *Response to Comment 1247-3*

The Final EIS is a study of environmental impacts from the FWLE.

## Letter FW275

Nyholm, Debra

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### *Response to Comment I248-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [sprblit@bus926.husky.net](mailto:sprblit@bus926.husky.net)  
To: EIS  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 7:02:52 PM

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From: Debra Nyholm <dnyholm@comcast.net>

Message Body:

I248-1 SR 99 Comment: While it may impact me personally I feel that SR99 with a Highline Campus Station seems to provide convenience and accessibility for riders and would be the best selection for the community

I-5 Comment: Does not seem to serve the neighborhoods easily, would need more park and rides.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Debra Nyholm

Address: 22700 28th Ave S #302

City: Des Moines

State: WA

Zipcode: 98198

Email: dnyholm@comcast.net

I live nearby. If so, where?: 22700 28th Ave S #302. My property may be impacted and/or acquired.

I work in the project area. If so, where?: n/a

I own a business nearby. If so, where?: n/a

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: n/a

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW276

Chahal, Tajinder Tim

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From: [tundbair58@ox920.hq.vic.gov.au](mailto:tundbair58@ox920.hq.vic.gov.au)  
To: BULE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 6:55:41 PM

From: Tajinder Tim Chahal <>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I-5 Alternative is a better option. See my comments below.

I-5 Comment: Federalwaylink.org

I am a resident and business owner in Des Moines.

My family and I moved to Des Moines to live in a friendly, quiet, desirable city so we may pursue the American Dream.

I support the I5 alternative. The I5 alternative is the best choice.

1249-1 Firstly, the bottom line is always important to consider. The I5 alternative is the least expensive of all the alternatives.

There is \$300,000,000 in savings over the most expensive alternative SR 99.

The I5 alternative will route the train along the 509 extension project which will already be acquiring properties so both projects together will achieve some cost sharing benefits. There is also open land next to I5 which isn't as densely populated as 99 so construction and eventual operations of the light rail will not impact as many residents and businesses.

It's clear, let's keep the train its construction and noise out on I5 with vehicle traffic noise where it belongs.

Also I'd like to touch on The SR 99 alternative this will displace the most businesses so a huge loss in tax revenue for us the City of Des Moines.

Further, the SR 99 alternative will engulf the most amount of commercial land on 99. This is tax revenue lost to the City of Des Moines now, later and forever. This commercial land would have potentially been developed and the tax revenue would have come to the City for community and infrastructure projects.

1249-2

99 is already a busy traffic corridor. Adding Light Rail on the road or elevated will cause too much congestion on this corridor.

1249-3 Be it the I5 alternative, regardless of route proposed the stations are relatively in the same areas, so riders are not inconvenienced. Sound transit numbers show that Daily ridership is not significantly affected by the I5 alternative comparatively to any of the other alternatives.

1249-4 Lastly, I support the I5 alternative. The I5 alternative is the best choice. We have some of the most scenic panoramic views of the Puget Sound and Mount Rainier on Pacific Ridge Hwy 99. Adding a train in the current zoning and to the Pacific Ridge plan is counterproductive. We are already seeing the start of excellent development with a 4 star hotel under construction. It would be a shame to bring a train right through the middle of our beautiful city when we could route it on I5 and still realize every benefit light rail has to offer.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment: As I see it the I5 alternative will have the fewest environmental impacts.

Other Comment:

Name: Tajinder Tim Chahal  
Address: 22246 Pac Hwy S  
City: Des Moines  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98198

Email:

### Response to Comment 1249-1

Please see response to Common Comment 2 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition process for affected properties and the relocation benefits and process for residents and businesses. Section 4.7, Noise and Vibration, describes noise impacts and mitigation.

### Response to Comment 1249-2

Section 4.3, Economics, describes the economic impacts of displaced businesses as well as the project's potential economic benefits.

### Response to Comment 1249-3

Section 3.5.3, Arterials and Local Street Operations, of the Final EIS describes the local traffic impacts. Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, describes ridership.

### Response to Comment 1249-4

Chapter 8, Alternatives Evaluation, includes a comparison of alternatives and shows the trade-offs between alternatives, including ridership, cost, and environmental impacts.

*No comments*

I live nearby. If so, where?: Des Moines

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Des Moines

I own a business nearby. If so, where?: Des Moines

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW277

Higley, Rus

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### *Response to Comment I250-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prc8glt@box920.bluehost.com](mailto:prc8glt@box920.bluehost.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension(I  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 12:51:18 PM

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From: Rus Higley <>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: Needs to stay on 99 to enhance the flow of people and be a supplement to I-5. Priority should not be as a "commuter to Seattle" but as a people mover around south King County.

I-5 Comment: Lining up with I-5 moves away from the people on 99 and to some level is like adding lanes on I-5. This should be a "new" way to move people.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: Not a fan of.

I250-1 I-5 to SR 99 Comment: Not a fan of.

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment: Needs to be through or next to Highline College. Too large of a population to make walk 1/4 mile. Have the stop on I-5 still encourages people to drive. Ideally should connect with the FWTC but think the detour and extra cost is not worth given that the light rail will eventually continue further south. In other words have it stop somewhere between 99 and FWTC is reasonable, rather than actually go to the transit center.

Name: Rus Higley  
Address: 724 S. Tyler St  
City: Tacoma  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98405

Email:

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live in Tacoma and believe we need better connection besides just a commuter to Seattle.

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Highline College

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW278

Sandler, Jenni

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### *Response to Comment I251-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [jbsandler@comcast.net](mailto:jbsandler@comcast.net)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 11:06:25 AM

From: Jenni Sandler <jbsandler@comcast.net>

#### Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: If you are a person who has a mobility impairment, uses a wheelchair, is blind or visually impaired, or has an intellectual disability having a stop as close to businesses, the college, and the main highway (99) is preferable to a residential neighborhood a block away or on I-5 for a variety of reasons. That additional 300 feet could be the difference between getting here and accessing what the college has to offer and not being able to get here at all. Additionally, students have to carry books, packs, and school supplies. For any student this may be difficult but for a student with a disability or an older student this could create a substantial burden. Transportation is the number one most challenging barrier for most people with disabilities, and a lack of reliable, accessible transportation often renders people homebound with a significant lack of connection to community. Safety is also an important issue. Having a light rail stop on the west side of Pacific Hwy at the college would mean that people would not have to cross the highway which can be significantly more dangerous for a person with a disability. Having a stop at Highline on Pacific Hwy would also allow people to easily access Metro's A-line and other routes. This is also the most universally designed solution as it provides the greatest amount of access to the greatest number of people.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Jenni Sandler  
Address: 633 SW 299th St  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98023

Email: jbsandler@comcast.net

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live in Federal Way and commute to Des Moines for work.

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Highline Community College

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I work with people with disabilities all over the south sound community and an accessible, safe station should be the utmost priority.

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## Letter FW279

Greer, David

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From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 11, 2015 10:31:56 PM

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From: David Greer <[dgreer7@gmail.com](mailto:dgreer7@gmail.com)>

Message Body:

1252-1 SR 99 Comment: Please keep link along SR99. I think this makes most sense to commuters. Doing this right would get people to places. I5 does not do this. Stop frequently along SR99.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

1252-2 Other Comment: Express service needs to be planned for and added. Already a ride from airport to downtown takes too much time. So many of my community are turned off by the exhaustive amount of time it takes to traverse all the stations. Please please make for some express service. Thank you for your time!

Name: David Greer  
Address: 20407 32nd Pl S, A207  
City: Seatac  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: [dgreer7@gmail.com](mailto:dgreer7@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: 32nd Pl S.

I work in the project area. If so, where?: 28th Ave S.

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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### *Response to Comment 1252-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1252-2*

The light rail system would not allow “express” runs that would bypass some of the stations during normal operations.



## Letter FW281

Huang, Baipeng

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### *Response to Comment I253-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prr13316@ny920.hushou.com](mailto:prr13316@ny920.hushou.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:57:55 PM

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From: baipeng huang <baipenghuang@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I have never been to that high way.

I-5 Comment: I think this high way is not wide enough

I253-1 SR 99 to I-5 Comment: good

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: good

Environmental Comment: I-5 is clean and nice

Other Comment: None

Name: baipeng huang  
Address: 29225 military rd S E-5  
City: Federaway  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98023

Email: baipenghuang@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live in Federal way.

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: i am a highline student

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW282

Cochran, Teresa

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From: [prdtgji6@roy920.hushmail.com](mailto:prdtgji6@roy920.hushmail.com)  
To: [FW: E](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 4:29:44 PM

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From: Teresa Cochran <[terrycochran@comcast.net](mailto:terrycochran@comcast.net)>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

1254-1 [ Other Comment: Please don't go through the heritage court condos. Our learning disable son lives there. And this would bring on a hardship for us and him to lose his condo.

Name: Teresa Cochran  
Address: 11415 37th ave s.w.  
City: Seattle  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98146

Email: [terrycochran@comcast.net](mailto:terrycochran@comcast.net)

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): See above comment

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### *Response to Comment 1254-1*

In developing alternatives, Sound Transit avoided and minimized impacts where possible, but some displacements would be unavoidable. Section 4.1, Acquisitions, Displacements, and Relocations, describes the property acquisition and relocation processes, and the relocation assistance and benefits that Sound Transit will provide.

## Letter FW283

Wells, Chris

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From: [prndtj@box920.hushnet.com](mailto:prndtj@box920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:51:20 PM

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From: Chris Wells <[soundtransit@ciwells.com](mailto:soundtransit@ciwells.com)>

Message Body:

1255-1 - SR 99 Comment: I believe the SR 99 alternative with the S 216th West station is the best alternative because it provides the most ridership for the money while also having the lowest amount of impacts to residents and the most land with TOD potential.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

1255-2 - Environmental Comment: I think at grade stations are best. Trenches and above ground stations are not only costly but can be an eyesore and have additional needs to access and maintain them that use unnecessary energy.

Other Comment:

Name: Chris Wells  
Address: 1841 S King St  
City: Seattle  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98144

Email: [soundtransit@ciwells.com](mailto:soundtransit@ciwells.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I live in Seattle, work in Tacoma but live in the Puget Sound area and like the ability to get around without a car. I also want others to benefit as much as possible from light rail.

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### *Response to Comment 1255-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1255-2*

See Chapter 2 for a description of alternatives and how profiles are selected.

*Response to Comment I256-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prndtj@comcast.net](mailto:prndtj@comcast.net)  
To: FW: E  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:10:19 PM

From: Isaura Hernández <[isaura.hdz@gmail.com](mailto:isaura.hdz@gmail.com)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: My name is Isaura Hernández. I am an International Student at Highline College, and my major is Business. I am writing in support of the SR-99 Alignment option for the Angle Lake-Federal Way Link Light Rail Extension; I firmly believe that building a station in Highline College will have a significant impact in the South West King County area. It is well-known about the inequality of life, affecting these communities. The SR-99 route brings an opportunity to improve. There will be more transit, an increase of visitors and riders, and, therefore, more business will be developed, creating better jobs. Moreover, more students will be attracted to get a college degree from Highline, considering the easy way of transportation in hand.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment: Des Moines has a precious Pacific view; that is not been exploited due to the small amount of businesses around, which are not targeting tourism. With the new construction of the Light Rail Stations, a bright future is about to come, thriving business, higher education, more income, and a more flourished life for this community. I appreciate the open space for the public to speak up and be heard.

Isaura Hdz.

Other Comment: I will be moving to De Moines because when the Project is finished, it will be much easier to go to Seattle and the airport using the Ligh Rail Link.  
Thanks

Name: Isaura Hernandez  
Address: 950 Harrington Ave NE N513  
City: Renton  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98056

Email: [isaura.hdz@gmail.com](mailto:isaura.hdz@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: I will move to Des Moines

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: Highline College

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW285

Brackett, Daniel

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### *Response to Comment I257-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji@box920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji@box920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 1:41:09 PM

From: Daniel Brackett <gerard.brackett@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: SR 99 + S 216th West & S 260th East Stations

This is the best way to go. It is moving more people and is the one that refuses to think short term. We should be thinking of the next decades of growth and plan accordingly.

I-5 Comment: The I-5 alternative route will always be limited by I-5 itself. I-5 Will always make high density neighborhoods difficult by limiting the amount of land available for high density development, which is essential for successful mass transit.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment: We should weight short term changes to peoples lives and make the long term changes matter the most.

Other Comment: Any station near I-5 will limit the success of the line because of the lack of developable land within walking distance from the station making it more likely that it could be called a failure. Please use your discretion to ensure that stations are placed in areas that can and will be developed to take advantage of high density opportunities for habitation and job creation.

Name: Daniel Brackett  
Address: 521 4th AVE WEST APT 102  
City: Seattle  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98119

Email: [gerard.brackett@gmail.com](mailto:gerard.brackett@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: I want all citizen in the region to have great access to successful mass transit options. Also I might very well live in another part of the region if I thought I could use the Sound transit system to commute.

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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From: [marc.lentini@920.huskynet.com](mailto:marc.lentini@920.huskynet.com)  
 To: BUE  
 Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
 Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 12:41:51 PM

From: Marc Lentini <marc.lentini@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I am writing in support of an SR-99 Alignment option for the Angle Lake – Federal Way Link Light Rail Extension. Currently I work at Highline College, and regularly travel via Light Rail and A-line Bus Rapid Transit from my home in Seattle.

Fundamentally, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to choose between investing in the communities along that stretch of Pacific Highway, or once again ignoring them.

Light Rail on 99 would encourage economic development, and support existing development, on that stretch. Currently, the area south of roughly 208th St is lightly developed, mostly single story storefronts, such as an adult video store and several mini-marts. However, there is promise of more, particularly if supported by light rail.

\* A stop at 216th St would support the FAA facility coming soon to 216th St and 24th Ave. In addition to helping move the 1600 people working there, light rail would make investments in housing, retail, and restaurant businesses in support of those employees economically viable.

\* A stop at Highline College would allow the thousands of students and staff who travel to campus better access to education and work. Again, it would also create investment opportunities for additional housing, retail, and restaurant businesses. Highline serves many students too poor to own cars; enhanced transit is their only opportunity to get access to higher education and to balance that access with jobs and family obligations.

South King County is disadvantaged in many ways, from life expectancy, to household income, to educational opportunity and achievement. An investment on this scale should bring benefits not only to those commuting from better-heeled areas to downtown Seattle, but also to those who live in the area.

\*\* But this chance to generate investment, create economic and educational opportunity for disadvantaged populations, and increase tax revenue for the communities does not happen if stations are located at I-5. \*\*

Decades of research has shown that long distances from housing and businesses to transit seriously and negatively impacts the number of people who ride. In this instance, we get to decide whether to situate stations near or far from existing activities, or places where those can be created. To follow from the above examples:

\* Situating a station at I-5 and 216th more than doubles the walk distance for employees at the future FAA site, to over half a mile.

\* Situating a station at I-5 and South 240th St nearly triples the walk distance for students and staff at Highline College, again to half a mile.

\* There is limited land near the highway to develop, in part because it's covered with freeway, and in part because access by any other means (car, BRT, etc) is much harder, thus making investments less sound.

Security and safety are also negatively impacted by the I-5 locations. As a regular commuter on the A-line, I've observed a number of concerns.

Crossing from the east to west side of 99 is difficult and time consuming. At 240th St, there is a 3-5 minute wait between light cycles (assuming the "beg button" is working -- and like yesterday, it's often

*Response to Comment 1258-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 8 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

*Response to Comment 1258-2*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 8.

*Response to Comment 1258-3*

Section 3.5.6, Non-motorized Facilities, of the Final EIS discusses access to stations and walksheds. Please see response to Common Comment 4.

*Response to Comment 1258-4*

Please see response to Common Comment 1.

*Response to Comment 1258-5*

Please see responses to Common Comments 4 and 7. Section 3.5.6 describes improvements for non-motorized users.

not). Many commuters simply jaywalk the highway, since missing a light often means missing a bus. Even placing a large crossover bridge does little to resolve this: to create something accessible to all requires a large structure, makes an even longer walk, and depresses economic activity around it. Situating the station with access to major destinations in mind will significantly improve safety.

1258-5 In my regular commute, I've observed multiple instances of women being harassed and solicited. I have been sized up as a mugging target. Faculty at Highline report that some evening students leave class early in order to ride more crowded buses.

Situating light rail stops in visible, populated areas close to shops, businesses, and places where people congregate will improve security. Security and safety won't happen with an I-5 alignment. The stations will be too far from existing activities, and too far from any place where someone will invest in buildings and businesses.

1258-6 Regardless of the route, this is a lot of money (\$1.4-1.9 Billion). That money should be an investment with the greatest potential for serving – and improving the livability – of the community along Pacific Highway. It should be applied in a way that serves the people who live nearby and need transit; not just those who pass through on their way to the airport and Seattle.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

1258-7 Environmental Comment: Situating the route along SR-99/Pacific Highway has the greatest environmental benefits, as it serves both pass-thru commuters and the people living and working in those communities. It will kick off investment in what are currently under-utilized properties, and not impact the greenspace near the freeway.

Other Comment:

Name: Marc Lentini  
Address: 3238 NW 61st Street  
City: Seattle  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98107

Email: marc.lentini@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Highline College, commuting by bus/light rail from Seattle.

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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*Response to Comment 1258-6*

Please see response to Common Comment 8.

*Response to Comment 1258-7*

Please see response to Common Comment 11.



## Letter FW287

Walag, Joseph

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### *Response to Comment 1259-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1259-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 11.

From: [jurdgic@fox920.hushnet.com](mailto:jurdgic@fox920.hushnet.com)  
To: EWLE  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension()  
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 12:18:40 AM

From: JOSEPH WALAG <[joewalag@comcast.net](mailto:joewalag@comcast.net)>

Message Body:

1259-1 SR 99 Comment: I BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE THE BEST ROUTE, ALTHOUGH I THINK THE HIGHLINE COLLEGE STATION SHOULD BE OVER 9 NOT IN THE COLLEGE OR ACROSS THE STREET.

1259-2 I-5 Comment: I THINK THE I-5 ROUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT, IF YOU HAD STARTED WITH THAT IN SEATTLE. OTHER CITIES/STATES HAVE DONE THAT, USING THE MEDIAN. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM FROM EVERETT TO PORTLAND BY NOW.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: JOSEPH WALAG  
Address: 24132 21st Ave S  
City: Des Moines  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: [joewalag@comcast.net](mailto:joewalag@comcast.net)

I live nearby. If so, where?: JUST WEST OF HIGHLINE COLLEGE

I work in the project area. If so, where?: NEAR KEY ARENA

I own a business nearby. If so, where?: N/A

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: N/A

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW288

Bennett, Cassandra

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### *Response to Comment I260-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1, 4, and 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji6@ms920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@ms920.hushnet.com)  
To: FW: E  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:54:03 AM

From: Cassandra Bennett <[cbennett@highline.edu](mailto:cbennett@highline.edu)>

Message Body:

I260-1 SR 99 Comment: I believe this is the best alternative. If there is a potential Highline College stop, then it needs to be a safe decision for the students. Walking across the street, across 6 lanes of traffic is severely dangerous, as cars on 99 drive 45MPH, and sometimes even speed. The I-5 route is also dangerous, as many of our students have children and have to walk the 15 minutes to I-5 at night because of night classes. As many of us know SR 99 can be a very dangerous place for crime and drugs, especially late at night. Please consider the safety of our future business women and men and the Highline Alumni's that can learn safely in their environment, even during after hours. Thank you.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Cassandra Bennett  
Address: 5715 Orchard St W Apt b25  
City: University Place  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: [cbennett@highline.edu](mailto:cbennett@highline.edu)

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW289

Lamb, Corey

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From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushmail.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushmail.com)  
To: [FW: E](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 9:14:10 PM

From: Corey Lamb <coreylamb@students.highline.edu>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: SR 99 would be most beneficial for those in the southend to be able to connect to downtown. I believe it would also help with parking issues at the park and rides as those who use the Lightrail would be closer to a stop. This would also offer an option to put a station near highline college which would promote more revenue with the increased usage. This could also ease the crowding on the A-line route that runs down 99.

1261-1 I-5 Comment: I believe that this would be a great disservice to those who actually need and would be using the light rail the most. In making this less accessible to those who are in need of this service it would show a complete disconnect between those making the decision on where to put the route and those who would be best served with the light rail.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: As this seems like it would be more of a compromise I still think this is more self-serving.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

1261-2 Environmental Comment: I believe that the people who have houses between 99 and I-5 will suffer more than be helped by having an I-5 route. Either way the noise will be a disturbance, however if it is on 99 at least they will see an increase in their property value through the added amenity of the light rail stops.

Other Comment:

Name: Corey Lamb  
Address: 3022 South 212th Street  
City: Seatac  
State: WA  
Zipcode: us, 98198

Email: coreylamb@students.highline.edu

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live off 99 and 216th

I work in the project area. If so, where?: I work at safeway off 99 and 216th

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: I am a student at Highline and will be attending the remote CWU campus there as well

Other (please specify):

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### *Response to Comment 1261-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1261-2*

Section 4.3, Economics, describes potential impacts on property values. Section 4.7, Noise and Vibration, describes the noise and vibration analysis that was performed, which included light rail noise, park-and-ride noise, and traffic noise.

## Letter FW291

Cochran, Terry

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### *Response to Comment I262-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS. See Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, of the Final EIS for information on ridership.

From: [prdtgji6@ox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@ox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 15, 2015 4:16:09 PM

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From: Terry Cochran <[terrycochran@comcast.net](mailto:terrycochran@comcast.net)>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment: Less ridership and we need to get people to ride this light rail the congestion is so bad on the freeway and by making it convenient along 99 with buses they can get off the bus and catch the light rail at the stations

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment: I believe the light rail to run along 99 so people can get off the buses and catch the light rail I know the ridership would also be more on 99 then on I 15 we need to get as many people writing this light rail that we can get them by putting it close to a public road like 99 and have stations on 99 people can get off metro and then get onto light rail this would be the most convenient way for people to ride this.

Name: Terry Cochran  
Address: 11415 37th ave. s.w.  
City: Seattle  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98146

Email: [terrycochran@comcast.net](mailto:terrycochran@comcast.net)

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify). Own a condo in the area

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## Letter FW292

Nelson, Evan

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### *Response to Comment I263-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji6@my920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@my920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:29:17 PM

From: Evan Nelson <flytiw@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: This is the best routing.

I-5 Comment: Serving 10 lanes of freeway and the landfill make no sense.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: Stay where the population is and will be. Stay on 99.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: This is acceptable but staying on 99 makes more sense.

Environmental Comment: Enabling more people to walk or bike to stations by staying on 99 makes sense.

Other Comment: I live in Seattle but travel to federal way frequently to visit family. Good transit in the south end is important to me.

Name: Evan Nelson  
Address: 3103 S Dakota St  
City: Seattle  
State: wa  
Zipcode: 98108

Email: flytiw@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): My parents live in Federal Way. As they age, alternatives to driving become more important.

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## Letter FW293

Barkley, Dan

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### *Response to Comment I264-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 10 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Friday, May 15, 2015 2:11:52 PM

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From: Dan Barkley <[dan@danbarkley.com](mailto:dan@danbarkley.com)>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment: Not interested in environmental issues. The tradeoff is getting people off the road. If it were possible, it would be ideal to speed this process up.

I264-1 - Other Comment: Nothing matters more than getting a route decided on and built ASAP, but as long as you're doing it, might as well leverage what you already have a FW Trans Center and ought to provide service to HCC - students need it.

Name: Dan Barkley  
Address: 760 Commerce St. # 406  
City: Tacoma  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98402

Email: [dan@danbarkley.com](mailto:dan@danbarkley.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: Tacoma

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I choose not to have a car - use ST everywhere. We have to get this together: the line to the airport is grossly insufficient for the traffic problems this area has, and the current goals will seem like trivial progress by the time they are built.

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## Letter FW294

Yates, Robert

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From: [horjick@iunio.com](mailto:horjick@iunio.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Federal Way Link Extension Comment  
Date: Friday, May 15, 2015 5:44:34 PM

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I265-1 Consider helping to reduce traffic congestion at the Kent/Des Moines station by opening 240th street to I-5 southbound I

Robert Yates  
(253)839-6742

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### *Response to Comment I265-1*

Chapter 3, Transportation Environment and Consequences, includes the traffic impacts of all four build alternatives, as well as proposed mitigation.

## Letter FW295

Caldon, Brandon

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From: [prndtjg@boy920.hushmail.com](mailto:prndtjg@boy920.hushmail.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015 3:50:13 PM

From: Brandon Caldon <[brandoncaldon@gmail.com](mailto:brandoncaldon@gmail.com)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I believe that the SR 99 alternative is potentially one of the best options. It is nearby local businesses and is easily accessible for local residents, commuters, and students. I also feel that the trench option would be highly beneficial, being the fact that it would avoid additional interference with nearby traffic on 272nd Street which is a constantly active road.

I-5 Comment: The I-5 alternative is much cheaper than most of the SR 99 options and offers fewer displacements of businesses. However, access to these businesses and public facilities will be less convenient, since many of them are on Route 99.

1266-1 SR 99 to I-5 Comment: I believe that the SR 99 to I-5 alternative is possibly the most favorable option. The Kent/Des Moines station is closer to Highline College than the I-5 alternative, which will benefit nearby college students. There is also a station and the Star Lake Park & Ride which will benefit local commuters.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: In my opinion, the I-5 to SR 99 alternative is the least favorable option because it seems as if it will cause more issues than the other alternatives. It interferes with several homes, businesses, streets, and will call for the relocation of a water tank. The location of potential stations also seem less ideal than the other alternatives.

1266-2 Environmental Comment: I am unsure as to how much this project will affect the environment, since I was unable to find any firsthand information.

1266-3 Other Comment: I feel that the SR 99 to I-5 alternative would be the best option; second would be the SR 99 alternative, then the I-5 alternative, and being the least beneficial would be the I-5 to SR 99 alternative.

Name: Brandon Caldon  
Address: 32828 12th Ave Sw  
City: Federal Way  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98023

Email: [brandoncaldon@gmail.com](mailto:brandoncaldon@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live in Federal Way and often visit Seattle.

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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### *Response to Comment 1266-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1266-2*

The Final EIS evaluates environmental impacts of the FWLE alternatives. The issues are summarized in the Executive Summary, and Chapter 8 of the Final EIS compares the four alternatives.

### *Response to Comment 1266-3*

See response to comment 1266-1 of this letter.

## Letter FW296

Rider, Mark

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From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FW: E](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015 7:35:07 AM

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From: Mark Rider <[sanjuan\\_sailor@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjuan_sailor@yahoo.com)>

Message Body:

1267-1 SR 99 Comment: I favor the SR 99 Alternative with S 216th West and S 260th East Stations option as the choice providing the greatest service exposure for the line. This will benefit the greatest number of riders and integrate with the community.

I-5 Comment: No

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: No

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: No

Environmental Comment:

1267-2 Other Comment: Speed the timeline up, please. I am not a transit rider, outside of sporting event access. The SR 99 Alternative with S 216th West and S 260th East Stations options would change that immediately.

Name: Mark Rider  
Address: 28436 Redondo Beach Drive S  
City: Des Moines  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98198

Email: [sanjuan\\_sailor@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjuan_sailor@yahoo.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: Redondo

I work in the project area. If so, where?: Lower Queen Anne, Seattle

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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### *Response to Comment 1267-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

### *Response to Comment 1267-2*

Please see response to Common Comment 10.



## Letter FW298

Singh, Baljeet

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### *Response to Comment I268-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 4 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prdtgji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Monday, May 18, 2015 5:39:54 PM

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From: Baljeet Singh <baljeet905@gmail.com>

Message Body:

1268-1 SR 99 Comment: According to me highline is the best option for this project. It is least expensive and most appropriate for the link station. Having a station at highline college will not lead to replenishment of lot of businesses and will take least space as it is will be passing from the east lot of Highline College. I think it is extremely important to maximize potential and to have a station at Highline Community College and moreover highline is no more a community college. There are more possibilities of people joining highline by next 5-7 years as it offers Bachelors Degree. Additionally, there might be additional funding pools that could be tapped with the SR99 alignment. Proximity to Highline is one of the important considerations for the Link Station location. They offer 4 BAS programs. I feel like it's important to serve directly - the nearest community college on the line is over 1/2 hour away on Capital Hill. However, that means moving a station further from the nearby residential neighborhoods between 99 and I-5. There are possibilities of increase in ridership. Making a Link station at I-5 doesn't make any sense to me, as people would still have to take a bus to reach to their destination. Highline college is currently serving more than 5000 people as workers and students those are taking different buses to reach their destination. This will reduce the time gap and will be more helpful for them in extreme winters. I guess Highline will be best alternative for this project.

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Baljeet Singh  
Address: 25833 26th Pl S Apt E 103  
City: Kent  
State: Washington  
Zipcode: 98032

Email: [baljeet905@gmail.com](mailto:baljeet905@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: I'm a current Highline college student taking bus everyday just to travel 1 mile from my home.

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: It takes me 17 min from a bus to reach Highline which is just 1.3 miles away from my home.

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW300

Truong, Victor

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### *Response to Comment I269-1*

Section 4.6, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, describes air quality benefits from the FWLE.

From: [prrtqj6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prrtqj6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 9:22:13 PM

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From: Victor Truong <[vick611@yahoo.com](mailto:vick611@yahoo.com)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I think its a great way to reduce the traffic on i-5

I-5 Comment: I think it will lessen the amount of car driven

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: it will make life easier

I269-1 I-5 to SR 99 Comment: same as the other.

Environmental Comment: Save the gas

Other Comment: Simply, having more sound transit system will be great to utilize and expanding it is a great way to improve CO2 emissions.

Name: Victor Truong  
Address: 3802 S 335th pl  
City: Federal Way  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98001

Email: [vick611@yahoo.com](mailto:vick611@yahoo.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW301

Oakeley, Amanda

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### *Response to Comment 1270-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1, 4, and 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prrtqj16@ox920.huschool.com](mailto:prrtqj16@ox920.huschool.com)  
To: [FWL E](#)  
Subject: Comment - ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:07:12 PM

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From: Amanda Oakeley <>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I am a student at Highline college and many of the students that attend Highline rely on public transportation. By building the route along 99 it allows for much easier access to the school. Also, 99 is not considered to be the nicest area. Its not always safe to use public transportation along this road. By building the light rail along 99 we attract more attention to it and it would eventually become a very popular place to live.

I-5 Comment: Using the 15 route basically is no different then taking the bus and having to park at a parkride. It is inconvenient and takes away the idea of being able to use only public transportation. When you think about a city, cities don't just offer public transportation along freeways and easy to access areas.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Amanda Oakeley  
Address: 31240 22nd ave. SW  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98023

Email:

I live nearby. If so, where?: Federal Way

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: Highline College

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW302

Burton, Kristin

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From: [purdip@box920.hushnet.com](mailto:purdip@box920.hushnet.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 12:31:44 PM

From: Kristin Burton <mkmburt@msn.com>

Message Body:  
SR 99 Comment:

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

1271-1 Environmental Comment: I would be extremely concerned about the integrity of SR 99 between 272nd and Dash Point Road - there are homes below the impact area that will likely hear noise if on west side of street

1271-2 Other Comment: what is the impact of crime on this?

Name: Kristin Burton  
Address: 28808 13th Ave S  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98003

Email: mkmburt@msn.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: I live below SR99 off of S 288th st - would love access to the rail but really concerned about noise

I work in the project area. If so, where?: I work across the street from the airport so this would be an ideal commute

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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### *Response to Comment 1271-1*

Section 4.7, Noise and Vibration, describes noise and vibration impacts and proposed mitigation.

### *Response to Comment 1271-2*

Section 4.14, Public Services, Safety, and Security, describes the project-related operations that could affect emergency response services related to crime or other emergencies, among other public services in the study area. Please see response to Common Comment 7 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

## Letter FW304

Leslie-Haug, Kara

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### *Response to Comment I272-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [Kara Leslie-Haug](#)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Federal Way Link Extension Draft EIS Comments  
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 6:49:40 PM

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Dear Cathal Ridge and Sound Transit Board Members,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Federal Way Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I support a light rail alignment that achieves the following principles:

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2. Connect light rail well to Federal Way Transit Center;
3. Maximize the opportunities to create transit-oriented communities with housing, retail and economic development; and
4. Make sure that South King County residents can access light rail stations by walk, bike or bus.

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The light rail alignment that best achieves these principles are the options that run on Highway 99. The I-5 options while cheaper and faster, do not connect directly to Highline College and miss the opportunity to create transit communities. The hybrid options especially the Highway 99 to I-5 option get close to accomplishing the principles outlined.

As you make deliberations on cost, ridership and other factors, please remember that your choices will shape communities for decades to come. Please choose the option that achieves the principles above.

Thanks for your consideration.

## Letter FW305

Ranganathan, Shefali

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### *Response to Comment 1273-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [Shefali Ranganathan](#)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Federal Way Link Extension Draft EIS Comments  
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 11:36:27 AM

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Dear Cathal Ridge and Sound Transit Board Members,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Federal Way Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I support a light rail alignment that achieves the following principles:

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4. Make sure that South King County residents can access light rail stations by walk, bike or bus.

1273-1 The light rail alignment that best achieves these principles are the options that run on Highway 99. The I-5 options while cheaper and faster, do not connect directly to Highline College and miss the opportunity to create transit communities. The hybrid options especially the Highway 99 to I-5 option get close to accomplishing the principles outlined.

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Thanks for your consideration.

## Letter FW307

Franklin, Seiji

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From: [prfrjji6@cox920.hushnet.com](mailto:prfrjji6@cox920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:52:43 PM

From: Seiji Franklin <captfranklin27@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: SR-99 route will help increase the number of daily riders.

I-5 Comment: I-5 freeway would be the fastest route to the end of line (FW/320th St)

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: Good combination between ridership and travel times.

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: Same as above

Environmental Comment: N/A

Other Comment: Is it possible to add the station @ Dash Point Road?

Name: Seiji Franklin  
Address: 29649 21st Pl S  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98003

Email: captfranklin27@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: Hwy 99 and Dash Point Road

I work in the project area. If so, where?: N/A

I own a business nearby. If so, where?: N/A

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?: N/A

Other (please specify): I'm a huge fan of mass transit.

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### *Response to Comment 1274-1*

See Section 3.5.2, Transit Operations and Service, of the Final EIS for information on estimated ridership and travel times.

### *Response to Comment 1274-2*

A potential additional station at Dash Point Road was evaluated during the alternatives analysis phase but was not advanced for consideration in the Draft EIS. Please see Section 2.3, Alternatives Development and Scoping, for a discussion of this process.

## Letter FW308

Cristel, Colleen

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### *Response to Comment 1275-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prdtjg@bus920.hushmail.com](mailto:prdtjg@bus920.hushmail.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:47:54 PM

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From: Colleen Cristel <[ccristel@comcast.net](mailto:ccristel@comcast.net)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: I like this alternative - these are hard choices, you are doing a great job!  
Price is better here but whatever you choose I'm sure it will be the best for all. Colleen Cristel

I-5 Comment:

SR 99 to I-5 Comment:

I-5 to SR 99 Comment:

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Colleen Cristel  
Address: 2013 So. 250th Street Kent, WA  
City: Kent  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98032

Email: [ccristel@comcast.net](mailto:ccristel@comcast.net)

I live nearby. If so, where?: close to Highline college

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW309

Bonner, Brian

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### *Response to Comment 1276-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 11 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [prrhaji@cox920.hushmail.com](mailto:prrhaji@cox920.hushmail.com)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 5:36:22 PM

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From: Brian Bonner <brianbonner3622@yahoo.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: Like this one. Keep it above ground SAFETY SAFETY

I-5 Comment: no good

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: N/A

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: N/A

Environmental Comment: N/A

Other Comment:

Name: Brian Bonner  
Address: 12461 SE 280th Street  
City: Kent  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98030

Email: brianbonner3622@yahoo.com

I live nearby. If so, where?:

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify):

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## Letter FW310

Smith, Randall

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### *Response to Comment I277-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 10 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [pndtjg@fox920.hushnet.com](mailto:pndtjg@fox920.hushnet.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 5:27:01 PM

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From: Randall Smith <job4randy@gmail.com>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: This is the best option. Pac Hwy needs new economic development and this alignment is the best option. This will as it has in the Rainier Valley bring new businesses to the So. King County area.

Also if ST get the funding of ST3 on the November ballot I would strongly encourage ST to go the the FEDS and get a low interest loan and get building this in its entirety and not wait until 2032 to Federal Way. There is no reason this construction is taking as long as it has

1277-1 — LETS JUST GET THIS DONE AND FIX THE UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION NIGHTMARE WITH ALL OF THIS NEW GROWTH. It will also be far less cost to finish this now.

I-5 Comment: Do Not think about it.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: Dont think about it

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: Dont think about it

Environmental Comment:

Other Comment:

Name: Randall Smith  
Address: 32122 46th Pl SW K5  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zipcode: 98023

Email: job4randy@gmail.com

I live nearby. If so, where?: Federal Way

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): Read above comments

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## Letter FW311

Renney, Justin

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### *Response to Comment 1278-1*

Please see responses to Common Comments 1 and 10 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [jprdtgji@cox920.hushmail.com](mailto:jprdtgji@cox920.hushmail.com)  
To: FWLE  
Subject: Comment: ST Federal Way Link Extension  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:49:54 AM

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From: Justin Renney <[justinrenney@gmail.com](mailto:justinrenney@gmail.com)>

Message Body:

SR 99 Comment: This is the best option looking towards the future. I know there has been a lot of pushback by FW politicians but the decades long dominance of car culture in this area has to stop. People are tired of sitting in their cars and wasting money on gas and parking in Seattle. Besides why not spend that savings on FW businesses on the way home? TOD will transform FW into a more livable place rather than a neverending big box strip mall. FW is going to have to decide whether it want to live in the 20th or 21st century.

I-5 Comment: See above.

SR 99 to I-5 Comment: See above

I-5 to SR 99 Comment: See above

Environmental Comment: It appears ST has done a careful job.

Other Comment: Any chance this can be ready by 2020? Eight years seems a bit long for a LR segment with no tunnel...

Name: Justin Renney  
Address: 9826 18th St Ct E  
City: Edgewood  
State: Wa  
Zipcode: 98371

Email: [justinrenney@gmail.com](mailto:justinrenney@gmail.com)

I live nearby. If so, where?: Edgewood

I work in the project area. If so, where?:

I own a business nearby. If so, where?:

I attend school in the project area. If so, where?:

Other (please specify): I commute daily from the FWTC.

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## Letter FW312

Davis, James

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### *Response to Comment 1279-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 1 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

From: [James Davis](#)  
To: [FWLE](#)  
Subject: Federal Way Link Extension Draft EIS Comments  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 12:34:53 PM

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Thanks for your consideration.

## Letter FW313

Brooks, Walter

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### *Response to Comment 1280-1*

Please see response to Common Comment 10 in Table 9-6 of Chapter 9 of the Final EIS.

**From:** [Myers, Traiayne](#)  
**To:** [FWLE](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: regarding sound transit and light rail  
**Date:** Friday, May 22, 2015 11:15:29 AM

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**From:** Walter Brooks <[sskoorb62@comcast.net](mailto:sskoorb62@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2015 5:04 PM  
**To:** Myers, Traiayne  
**Subject:** regarding sound transit and light rail

I appreciate the fact that a light rail installation connecting Federal Way and Tacoma as well as other areas is quite expensive. I do understand that there are limited funds it seems to me that Federal funds should be requested to much more rapidly create new infrastructure. The cost in terms of time lost to families, medical costs relating to accidents and our aging society really demand a much shorter schedule for linking these and other cities.

Walter Brooks Jr. & Carolyn J. Brooks 29814 11th Ave SW Federal Way, WA 98023-8210  
253-941-3854