

Lynnwood Link Extension

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Submit your comments by September 23, 2013

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Comments

I-541-001

I have been a member of the Latvian Lutheran Church and Community Center since it was built and the activities at that location are an important part of my life. After examining the Lynnwood Link Extension draft plan I'm very concerned that the preferred route, that runs right past the front door of the church will make that location untenable due to the noise and vibration from the passing trains.

Please take another look at the "5th Avenue Option" as an alternative for this project.



I-541-001

Your concerns about the potential impacts on the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and community center are noted. At the church location, there would be a wall built between the church property and the light rail guideway with the Preferred Alternative. See Figure G-17 in Appendix G of the Final EIS for a visual simulation. Section 4.7 of the Final EIS discusses noise and vibration impacts from the project.

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I-542-001

Please go with option A1, with the station at grade and parking on the west side of the freeway. I believe this would provide maximum access and minimum impact and inconvenience.

Thank you

Dale Herauf



I-542-001

Your preference for Alternative A1, including the at-grade station at NE 185th Street and the parking garage on the west side of the highway, is noted.

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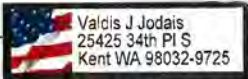
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I-543-001 I am bitterly disappointed about the proposed Light Rail plan to disrupt in a major way the well being and perhaps even destroy the existence of the Latvian Lutheran Church and Cultural Center by constructing the Light Rail link between Northgate and Lynnwood. In my lifetime we were forced by the dictatorial regime to leave Latvia with just what we had on our backs. In the United States we were again driven out of the haven that we were using as a cultural and religious Center. Now we are facing a similar fate for the third time.

We believe that the Sound Transit has not fully examined nor addressed and given clear responses to our concerns. Frankly, I feel that the Sound Transit doesn't care, except that we are not faced with death this time. There is no meaningful rail alignment option given where the rail bed could be moved few feet westerly. There has been no meaningful concern about the noise, vibration, lights and radio interference nor is there evidence of geotechnical studies having been performed. You have given minimal, if any, concern about the cultural, ethnic and religious impact that this would cause to a very large group of people.

For that reason we respectfully request that you seriously review your plan and provide us with some other workable alternatives.



I-543-001

Your disappointment with the potential displacement of the Latvian Church is acknowledged. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

The EIS has evaluated the areas of concern you note. For the evaluation of potential noise and vibration impacts, see Section 4.7. For potential visual impacts (light), see Section 4.5. For potential radio interference impacts, see Section 4.13. For potential geology impacts, see Section 4.11.

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I-544-001

It is my understanding that the current Lynnwood link Extension project would require the destruction of the current Latvian Center and church in Northgate. I hope that this can be prevented. The Latvian community is very passionate about their current building and location - much work has gone into making the Latvian Center what it currently is. The current center provides access to many aging Latvians (who may have trouble with stairs) and a caretaker's house on the property - both of these aspects are important to the community. I hope the plans can be revised so the current building for the center is saved. There is much love and history in that building and a new one could never truly replace it.



I-544-001

Thank you for your comments regarding the Latvian Center and church. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

18739 12th Ave NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
September 21, 2013

Sound Transit
Draft EIS Comments to Lauren Swift
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Swift and Sound Transit:

I am a newly-retired RN who has lived in her home on 12th Ave between 187th and 188th streets for 12 years.

I-545-001

I am writing to express my belief that Option A1 is the best plan for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

- An at-grade station would be less noisy and less visually distracting.

- Placing the parking garage on the West facilitated/preserved commuter access via Meridian Ave, an established arterial. I'm concerned about the routes commuters coming from Lake Forest Park would take to and from the station. 188th street is dangerous at the current level of use, it is narrow with a blind hill/rise. Placing the parking garage on the E side would invite commuters to use 188th, which cannot accommodate more vehicles.

- Please build for 500 parking spaces. Commuter parking on our narrow, sidewalk-less streets would greatly and negatively impact residents' quality of life.

I-545-001

Your preference for Alternative A1 and concerns regarding neighborhoods, traffic, and access are noted. The Preferred Alternative places the NE 185th Street Station park-and-ride garage on the west side of I-5 with access to 5th Avenue NE. Parking is being planned for 500 spaces with pedestrian improvements across I-5 between the park-and-ride garage and the station.

I-545-001

- Please respect our valuing of our green spaces
and trees and choose plans that preserve them
as much as possible.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mary K. Knoll



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I-546-001

Comments *Nearly Weekly for the past 22 years*
 I've driven from Aberdeen, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle to join with my Latvian community through dance, song, school, church, various holiday functions, fundraisers, and weddings - even my little sister's wedding reception. They say there is a power to place - this is certainly the case for me. So many memories, joy, + sorrows woven into my life, and into the walls of the Latvian center. My emotional connection to this place is huge, and my weekly pilgrimages fuel me for my work, serving humanity through my clinical practice as a doctor of physical therapy, and as an adjunct professor at The University of Puget Sound.

My father came to America with his immediate family after years in a displaced persons camp in Germany. Most of the rest of my family was murdered by World War II, and my family lost their wealth, their land, their jobs + place in society. Their lives were disrupted forever with countless volunteer hours and the sweat of their labor and craftsmanship, they + others like them poured their longing for home into places like the Latvian Center. The building is symbolic, infused with an ache for home, and these immigrants, and I, a 1st generation descendant, created home and community in this place - this precious wonderful community center, school, choir + dance rehearsal space, and church.

This place is sacred. It mattered. This is home. Please help us respect and care for our precious home. We've lost so much. Please help us protect + protect our sacred space.

Sincerely, Dina macs DPT OCS PPT



I-546-001

Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Center to you. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

From: Iwata, Roger
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 1:36 PM
To: Lynnwood Link DEIS
Subject: FW: Seattle Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Center

From: Madara McFarlane [<mailto:madara.mcfarlane@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:03 PM
To: Dixon, Rhonda
Subject: Seattle Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Center

I-547-001

I would like to express my deep concern about the threat to the Seattle Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Center as a result of the proposed Lynnwood link. This church and center has been such an important cultural hub for my family and all the Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians in the Seattle area. It is a place where my children have learned of their heritage and would be impossible to replace. It continues to be a center for all our important cultural traditions. Please consider preserving our center in your plans!!

I-547-001

Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church to you. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

I-548-001

To Sound Transit and the Counsel,

I question all the decisions made by the Shoreline Counsel. I believe Shoreline makes many decisions that are never voted on by the people and that is not fair. Many people voted for light rail, but they didn't have all the facts. For example, where the stations would be, who would be impacted etc. Will people get out of their cars to even take the rail and how will that affect the buses?

Shoreline spends so much money. For example the trail from 150th to 200th cost some 13 million dollars. I rarely see people even walking on this trail. WASTE, WASTE, WASTE is Shoreline's motto.

Most of the decisions about light rail affect people east of the freeway. Yet those west of the freeway should not just think of their own interests. Each and every aspect of this light rail should be voted upon. Perhaps they move too quickly without thinking of the consequences. Let's slow down and reconsider the consequences. Also a station at 185th is a poor location. I live in Edmonds and would never use that station. Perhaps I would use the Ballinger area. That is a better location. Still in this economy we should think twice about all these decisions and put things before the people to vote on. Example: plastic vs paper bags. The community should vote on everything

Personally, I'm against light rail. I question if it will really be used, and now we're in competition with buses. If the rail sits vacant, who pays all the costs? I'm really concerned about Shoreline and how they do business.

Please think seriously about this rail and where the stations will be located. Thank you for reading this letter. A concerned citizen.

Carolyn Moore

I-548-001

Your comments against light rail are noted. The Sound Transit 2 package that voters approved in 2008 included this project and indicated likely station locations. The City of Shoreline is not a financial partner for the Lynnwood Link Extension.



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* Sincerely Indra Ozolnicks

Comments

I-549-001

In 1944 my parents and sister left their home in Latvia with my Dad's neighbor and best friend and family, as the tanks and the front approached three miles from their homes. My grandparents, all my aunts and uncles and cousins were left behind as the borders closed and the communists took control. They lived in displaced persons camps in Germany for 7 years (my parents) until they came to America. I was born 2 yrs later. The Latvian Center became a place for all of us to get together as a family - especially those with none. My father was a builder, he helped build the center with many others who are now gone. The center was a place to learn the Latvian culture and language. I was a single parent but I raised two University of Washington graduates. I contribute this to what I learned and passed on as a Latvian. The center was paid for by hard working Latvians. Please consider alternative routes and save the center. * SOUND TRANSIT logo

I-549-001

Thank you for describing your family's history and the importance of the Latvian Center to you. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

This applies to all Light Rail Stations.

- I-550-001** | 1. **Residents need to vote on these decisions and demand that they be voted on.** Just because people voted for light rail does not mean they have agreed to all the light rail plans. They should be aware what each station costs, decide how many we need and vote on where they would be located. They should know how many people will be impacted, and the number of homes and businesses that need to be relocated. All the impact is on the East side of the freeway. Decisions are made by an elected few. Most, if not all, are living on the West side of the freeway. They were elected to represent all of the people. People believe they have already made up their mind on what they are going to do and these meetings are just to let the people vent. I agree.
- I-550-002** | 2. **Any stations should be located near the already existing freeway exits and already existing parking areas, not in the middle of the communities. Traffic will increase making it unsafe and crime will increase as well.** Making a 500 car parking garage and trying to bring cars into the area will destroy the quality of peoples lives. The 185th station is a perfect example. Seniors and young adults use the churches, senior center, stadium, pool and tennis courts. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic in that area. They don't need more car traffic. Shoreline officials, not the transit company is and has all along pushed for this 185th station and put it in all their options. A better option would be to put it on the North side of Ballinger way. **Shoreline would only need one station at 145th.** The Ballinger way station would be used by Edmonds, Lk Forest Park, Shoreline, Mt Lake Terrace. Shoreline is just diving in and has out of control spending of our already too high taxes and the money from the federal government is also coming out of ours and our children's pockets.
- I-550-003** | 3. Of course they will need riders to pay for this. The people I have talked to will not be riding the train and they expect trains to be empty like all the bicycle paths are. How much has been spent on bicycle paths? How many people are using them? How much did that overpass cost that is on 155th & Aurora. Shoreline wants to get rid of the single family homes and make multiplexes and microplexes increasing the density for more revenue and put them near the stations so they will have more riders. They say its for the low income and seniors but they need to say this to get money from the federal government. Seniors need to be safe. Crime will increase and traffic will make it unsafe for them. **Again a few people can change the codes and offer building incentives to carry out their vision without the residents voting on them. We are letting a few people determine how we will live. Residents need to be informed with the Pros and Cons and Vote on everything.** We can stop this if we all work together. People need to get involved now. Single family homes are being taken down and builders are getting incentives to do this. Look at the Ballard area and their new plans for microplexes (43 units with only 6 kitchens) on a 5000 sq ' lot where there was one single family home. Drive to North City 175th & 10th Ave. It is starting to look as bad as Ballard.
- I-550-004** | 4. I believe that the best choice for a train would have been to go to Northgate and then Hwy 99. Others say it should always have followed Hwy 99. They could use existing

I-550-001

The Lynnwood Link Extension is part of the Sound Transit 2 program of projects, which was approved by voters in 2008. The final decision regarding what will be built will be made by the Sound Transit Board after publication of the Final EIS.

I-550-002

Section 3.2 outlines anticipated long-term operation transportation impacts such as increased traffic congestion, and Section 3.6 identifies mitigation measures that Sound Transit commits to implement to prevent a worsening of project conditions without the proposed light rail system extension.

The City of Shoreline is not a financial partner with Sound Transit for the construction and operation of the Lynnwood Link Extension. See Section 5.3.1 for additional information.

I-550-003

Your concerns regarding density are noted. Zoning is the responsibility of the City, not Sound Transit. Section 4.14 discusses safety around station areas. Typically, crime at stations reflects the conditions of the surrounding neighborhood.

I-550-004

Construction of a high-capacity transit system from Northgate to Lynnwood following Aurora Avenue (Highway 99) was considered in early planning studies for the project. Please see the *Alternatives Analysis Report* in Appendix K. The final evaluation showed light rail alternatives along Aurora Avenue would be substantially more expensive due to acquisition of right-of-way along the entire length in order to widen the roadway and lower ridership.

I-550-004

transit parking. Riders would have the option to use bus or train and have it go to Lynnwood and then to Everett. A few stations could be made now and more added as needed. This would be more fiscally responsible. Land for stations could be purchased as it becomes available. Noise would not be a factor.

I-550-005

5. **When there is a decision to have level or elevated they should always choose the one that would not take peoples property. Level uses more property.** When they do take property they should offer 2x the current property value so the person would have a good chance to find a new home instead of being put out of the housing market.

I-550-006

6. The people along the freeway have to constantly hear the traffic and noise from the freeway. **It is unfair to run the train along the freeway increasing the noise and also the additional noise at the stations of the trains arrival and departure.** No one cares about those people. Most of them are older homes, lower income and Seniors. Its more like get out of the way the train is coming and if you don't like it move.

James Peck
P.O. Box 55392
Shoreline WA 98155

I-550-005

Sound Transit developed the alternatives considered in the EIS based in part on their ability to minimize acquisitions, compared to other possible alternatives, but some property acquisitions will be unavoidable. Section 4.1 discusses Sound Transit's mitigation for acquired property.

I-550-006

The noise analysis for the Lynnwood Link Extension uses the FTA impact criteria and Sound Transit mitigates noise impacts to levels below these criteria. Potential mitigation measures for noise are described in Section 4.7.7 of the Final EIS.

Noise walls are planned for all alternatives in this area, either at-grade or elevated, as mitigation for the light rail impacts.



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I am writing in regards to the impact the current option will have on the Latvian Lutheran Church & Culture Center in Northgate I am the caretaker and have been for the last 26 years. This complex is more than you can imagine. We have visitors here from all over the world.

Please reconsider. Save our Church!

Sincerely,

Selga Petersons



I-551-001

Thank you for your comments about the Latvian Lutheran Church. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall. With the realigned street, access to the property has been maintained, although a portion of land on the church property would be acquired for the Preferred Alternative and other at-grade alternatives. Elevated alternatives would also require a portion of the church property. The caretaker's house would be displaced, but Sound Transit will help with its relocation, consistent with relocation policies as described in Section 4.1 of the Final EIS.

I-551-001

Oskars Poukens
760 N 7th St., Apt. #4319
San Jose, CA 95112

Comments
c/o Lauren Smith
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

September 20, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I-552-001

My name is Oskars Poukens, and I am writing regarding the Lynwood Link DEIS issued July 26, 2013. It may surprise you that a comment regarding this situation is arriving from California, but I hope you will nonetheless take my opinion to heart, even though I may not be a member of your voting block. It is my sincerest hope that the time I take now, to write you from over 800 miles away, is not wasted, but helps to bring to your attention the importance of the dire situation which you have created for the Seattle Latvian Community Center.

The Latvian Community Center serves as a Sunday school, church, holds choir practices and dance practices, hosts rummage sales and bazaars, plays and more. It is a wonderful place where we can meet and socialize and strengthen our community bonds. We are fortunate enough to have a center here in San Francisco, and I could not even imagine the hit our community would take if someone were to take that away from us. My friends in Washington have reached out to me and I am writing on their behalf, because any loss in our community is all our loss.

I do not doubt for a moment that the proposed changes – whether “just” losing ingress/egress and parts of the lot, or losing the property as a whole – would be devastating to the Seattle Latvian Community. While I am absolutely supportive of public transportation expansion, I wonder if there are no possible alternatives to this. The Seattle Latvian Center is a unique and irreplaceable place for the Seattle Latvian Community, and it would be wildly difficult if not impossible for the community to replace this building were it taken away from them. Finding another building that so perfectly suits all of their needs would be difficult enough, but at this point in time, thinking financially, I think it would be impossible.

I sincerely hope that the efforts of our community to reach out to you do not go in vain. I am certain that we can find a solution that will still enable an expansion to the public transport line, but no longer put the Seattle Latvian Community Center in peril. I hope that you will work with us to protect this dearly loved fixture of the community.

Sincerely,



Oskars Poukens

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Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Community Center to you and the Latvian community. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

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Comments
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ilze Puķīte, and I am writing regarding the Lynnwood Link DEIS issued July 26, 2013. It may surprise you that a comment regarding this situation is arriving from California, but I hope you will nonetheless take my opinion to heart, even though I may not be a member of your voting block. It is my sincerest hope that the time I take now, to write you from over 800 miles away, is not wasted, but helps to bring to your attention the importance of the dire situation which you have created for the Seattle Latvian Community Center.

The Latvian community is one of the most closely knit communities I have ever had the honor to be a part of. Our culture is a small one, and our home country of Latvia has a population just barely topping 2 million – less than a fifth the size of L.A. However, our people are strong, and united. When Latvia was occupied by the USSR, thousands of Latvian refugees fled the country, and many found safe haven in the United States. There, we found solace in each other, and vowed to keep our language, traditions, and history alive, despite the tragedies back home. To this end, we created Latvian Centers all across America – including Seattle.

These community hubs served as schools, dance centers, churches, choir halls, and homes. They host everything from Christmas bazaars to rummage sales, to folk dance performances and evenings of song. I have fond memories of the Latvian Center in Seattle, when my mom and I would occasionally drive up from Portland, where I grew up, to participate in an event or see a Latvian group performing. These centers provide so much for the communities they serve – they inspire children to take pride in their heritage, they give our seniors opportunities to socialize, and they unite us as a community.

I do not doubt for a moment that the proposed changes – whether “just” losing ingress/egress and parts of the lot, or losing the property as a whole – would be devastating to the Seattle Latvian Community. While I am absolutely supportive of public transportation expansion, I wonder if there are no possible alternatives to this. It is, quite frankly, shocking to me that this plan has gotten so far. I wonder that at no point during the propositions for this expansion did anyone think to wonder what this building was, and, if they did inquire as to its usage, did they really think it should be razed nonetheless? Were this new construction going to have to go through a 7-11, well, I think the world would be quite indifferent, as there is one on every corner. Of Latvian Centers, however, we have very little, and the community it supports would be very hard pressed indeed to find a replacement, let alone afford the move.

I sincerely hope that the efforts of our community to reach out to you do not go in vain. I am certain that we can find a solution that will no longer put the Seattle Latvian Community Center in peril, and I hope that you will take the necessary steps to protect this dearly loved fixture of the community.

Sincerely,



Ilze Puķīte

I-553-001

Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Center and the Latvian community. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.

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This school is important to me
 because Santa won't find us no
 because where will we go when
 we want learn Latvian. Latvian?
 This school is important to me
 & everyone else.

From,

Lilja

IN SUPPORT OF LATVIAN CHURCH AT; 11710 3RD AVE
 NE, SEATTLE, WA, 98125.



I-554-001

Santa will be able to find you at the Latvian Church for years to come because the Lynnwood Link Extension will not remove the church. You will also be able to continue to learn Latvian there. Thank you for telling us the school is important to you.



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The Latvian center provides a beautiful setting for the Latvian people, family and friends to celebrate our heritage.

Please let us continue to celebrate our roots in our beautiful center.

Thank you
L. Macs Randich



I-555-001

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Comments

I-556-001

Please don't close the Latvian center - it means everything to the people who lost their home land.



I-556-001

Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall.



Draft EIS Comment Form

Submit your comments by September 23, 2013

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Comments

The Latvian Church and Center have been my second home for the last 40 years. For many of those years my family used the Center 4 to 5 times a week. My son and daughter live in Seattle and continue going to the Center for many different functions. My daughter is already involved in planning for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. I will also be helping there. Even after moving to Lacey, WA I continue to make the trip to the Latvian Center (often through traffic congestions around Tacoma and IBL17) so I understand the need for light rail. I feel that the light rail should run at ground level and hope that access to the Latvian Center & Church is not lost. Thank you for listening.

Ilze



I-557-001

Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Church and Center to you. Following the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board directed Sound Transit to develop a Preferred Alternative that would avoid displacing the church. The Final EIS describes the additional engineering Sound Transit undertook to realign 3rd Avenue NE and avoid the potential displacement of the church. As a result, none of the Segment A alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS would displace the church or the church hall. With the realigned street, access to the property has been maintained, although a portion of land on the church property would be acquired for the Preferred Alternative and other at-grade alternatives.

I-557-001

Lynnwood Link Extension

Summer 2013



Draft EIS Comment Form

Submit your comments by September 23, 2013

NAME: David C. WILLIAMSON

ADDRESS: 4800-200th St. SW Apt. E205

CITY: Lynnwood STATE: WA ZIP CODE: 98036-6362

EMAIL ADDRESS: dcw481@yahoo.com

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Comments

I-559-001

I, David C. WILLIAMSON, live in the CEDAR CREEK CONDOMINIUM and have made comments before on objecting (opposing) your C-1 and C-2 alternatives in favor of C-3. I must ask for the geology of the area to be SERIOUSLY noted and acted on ESPECIALLY with EARTHQUAKES, The Nisqually Earth quake in 2001 was the last one I have personally lived through, At 6.8 on the Richter scale and its epi-center 32 miles under ground the damage it caused would be mild in comparison to the next Cascadia mega-earthquake. The last occurred on January 26, 1700 (and was about a 9 on the scale) when few people lived here. Brian Attwater of USGS and David Yamaguchi are your best sources, CONSULT for the Scriber Creek wetlands could liquid fact the ground under your piers and lead to collapse in a large quake



I-559-001

Your preference for Alternative C3 is noted. The EIS includes a summary of the geologic hazards that have been identified in the project areas, including the Scriber Creek area. The project design will address identified geologic hazards, and will include earthquake engineering in accordance with applicable building codes. Earthquake engineering includes evaluations of and design for ground shaking, liquefaction, lateral spread, liquefaction-induced settlement, and seismically induced slope instability. The earthquake engineering building codes incorporate USGS research on hazards from identified faults in the Puget Sound area, including the Cascadia subduction zone.

September 23, 2013

Sound Transit
Draft EIS Comments
c/o Lauren Swift
401 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Lauren Swift and Staff,

I-560-001 40 years ago I helped design the Latvian Center. Edvins Circenis was in charge of the overall design and he and I chose everything that went into the building. Every capable person in the Latvian community helped build the church and the hall next to it, as well as all the school classrooms/meeting rooms on the second level of the hall.

Soon after the center was built my youngest son was christened in the church.

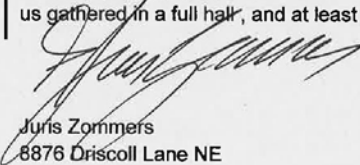
30 years ago we celebrated my grandmother's 100th birthday in the community hall.

During these years all of my kids got up on Saturday mornings, missed the cartoons, and attended school in those classrooms. . For all these years there have been weddings, celebrations of births, christenings, confirmations, folk dance rehearsals and dances, play practice and theatre, community choir rehearsals and community choir performances, ladies aid "quilts", seniors' evenings ---and funerals.

Now my grandkids get up on Saturday mornings and go to the same school as did their fathers. The next generation to take charge is coming right up.

Two years ago my youngest son christened his youngest son and there was a huge celebration in the hall afterwards, as there always is.

Yesterday, September 22, 2013 The President of Latvia, Andris Bērziņš, spoke to all of us gathered in a full hall, and at least 5 generations celebrated that event.



Juris Zommers
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I-560-001

Thank you for describing the importance of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church to you and your family, and the pictures you sent.



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I-561-001

Your preference for Alternative C3 is noted. A modified Alternative C3 is evaluated in the Final EIS as the Preferred Alternative.

From: LindaZopfi@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Lynnwood Link DEIS
Cc: pkrauss@ci.lynnwood.wa.us; jlambert@ci.lynnwood.wa.us; lwata, Roger
Subject: Lynnwood Link - Route C3!!

I-561-001

Hello - would someone kindly acknowledge that this email has been received? I will not be able to attend the community meeting in Lynnwood on Saturday regarding the Route Alignments, and I want to be certain that my opinion/preference is noted and considered.

As a Lynnwood homeowner for 24 yrs, and a home-based small business owner for over 20 yrs, I feel the ONLY possible and acceptable route that should be considered for the track alignments through the City of Lynnwood is the one called "C3". This option not only spares our parks and wildlife, but also homes and businesses and will cause the least amount of interruption to our daily life here in the City we call home.

I appreciate your consideration and I am hopeful that the correct choice will be made. Thank you.

Best,
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I-562-001

Your preference for a station at NE 155th Street is noted.

From: Minda Tochihara <mytochihara@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 9:19 PM
To: Lynnwood Link DEIS
Subject: comments

I-562-001 | I think the station should be at 155th St.