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To whom it may concern,

It is vital that Sound Transit update its long range plan to include service to as many neighborhoods in Seattle as possible. Updating the Sound Transit long range plan before locking the new downtown Seattle Link Light Rail Tunnel in concrete without expansion features is essential for sustainable population growth in Seattle. In the future Sound Transit must be able to serve Aurora, Georgetown/South Park/South King County, and the Central District in Seattle from this new light rail tunnel. Leaving out neighborhoods is a serious equity issue.

I am a resident of Wallingford and have greatly benefited from the the light rail station at UW and will benefit even more when the U. District stations open up this fall. In Wallingford I live in the best transit world Seattle has to offer. I can get to a lot of neighborhoods without a car and truly do have the option to not use my car. The population of Seattle is set to continue growing and we need all neighborhoods well served by transit. Car ownership is hugely expensive, just getting the car is a lot, maintenance is more and more over the years of ownership. We need efficient transit options for all neighborhoods in Seattle especially lower and moderate income neighborhoods. Please update the Sound transit long range plan to keep expansion options open in the Downtown Seattel Link Light Rail tunnel.

Thank you for considering my view.

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