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Hi Board members,

Today you are discussing the OMF for the North and some work in Tukwila. You are having some difficult decisions before you in authorizing funding for these projects.

Please keep in mind that reimbursements are not nearly as good as being able to leave things undisturbed.

When you must disturb people and/or the environment do as little as possible, and future generations will thank you profusely.

Paying people and exchanging land credits may put your minds at ease that all is well, but that does not put people affected and the environment they love at peace. You can compensate someone for the loss of an arm or the death of a loved one, but it does not make it all better regardless of how much you try to compensate for it. Likewise with our natural habitat, the only way the environment can be compensated is to restore the environment to what it was before it was plowed it under and placing man built structures upon it.

Please consider alternatives that disturb communities and the environment the least. Future generations will thank you for the extra effort to preserve as much of the environment as possible and disturb the existing community infrastructure the least.

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