

12/9/2021 System Expansion Committee
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Stephen Fesler

Good morning:

I request that the board picks the South 336th Street site as the preferred alternative for the Operations and Maintenance Facility South location. This is the most prudent choice among admittedly difficult choices. The agency must make financially and strategically wise choices to ensure that the Sound Transit 3 program is delivered timely and with quality. The other two alternatives are more disruptive and risky to the overall project objectives. Please proceed with the South 336th Street site. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Stephen Fesler

Paul Feldman

To the ST Board,

Please select either of the Federal Way sites for the south OMFS, because the Midway alternative is simply too risky, in two ways:

- The attenuated timeline for Midway threatens Tacoma expansion. If board members are considering this decision's political implications, selecting Midway will bullseye the entire board.
- The Midway development is by far the most expensive option, which will result in correspondingly greater change order costs, especially later addressing current unknowns. Midway's environmentally hazardous siting fairly promises. Excess cost threatens to rein in scope and delay deployment of further ST regional development.

Thank you.

Best,
Paul

Paul Feldman
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Brian Lawler on Behalf of the Christian Faith Center

Greetings Members of the Board:

This statement is tendered on behalf of my client Christian Faith Center (CFC).

As you know, CFC's Campus is identified as the main part of the South 336th Street Alternative, and also as a significant part of the South 344th Street Alternative. CFC would prefer not to be in any alternative, but

also recognizes the reality of the situation and would prefer to not be in an antagonistic position with Sound Transit.

Of the two, CFC prefers the South 336th Alternative which would result in a total taking of the CFC Campus and allow CFC new opportunities for campus projects.

The South 344th Alternative takes the eastern portion of the CFC Campus, which has multiple adverse consequences for the remaining western portion.

You should understand that 15 years ago, CFC entered into a comprehensive Master Plan and Development Agreement with the City of Federal Way for the entire site. What now appears as undeveloped areas on the eastern side of the campus include required open space, required storm drainage facilities, planned recreational areas, and possible expansion areas.

To take those areas away has multiple potential severe consequences, including the following:

- Renders the remaining facilities of CFC as a non-conforming use;
- Likely triggers a myriad of code compliance issues;
- Will mandate that CFC find alternative storm water management facilities on the remainder of the parcel;
- Likely affects ingress and egress requirements of the City; and
- Deprives CFC of any further campus expansion.

For these reasons, among others, if the Midway Landfill is not chosen as the Preferred Alternative, CFC requests that Sound Transit select the South 336th Alternative.

Thank you for the consideration of these comments. I hope to speak on this statement and answer any questions you may have.

Brian

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[Ken Broyles](#)

Hello, my name is Ken Broyles and I am a GarageTown unit owner. I bought my unit over 10 years ago. Today the System Expansion Committee will make a recommendation for a preferred alternative for the OMF-South facility. **I am urging you not to recommend or select the S. 344th Street** site as the preferred alternative for the OMF-South facility.

According to the DEIS comment summary, of the 120 people who expressed an opinion regarding the S. 344th St. site, 93% opposed the selection of our site. On the other hand, the Midway Landfill alternative had 170 people express an opinion about the site, with 95% in support of its selection, including the City of Kent.

Of the remaining sites, the S. 344th St. site has the most residences that would be impacted, homes that are well below King County's median home price. The S. 344th site is also home to Ellenos Yogurt, GarageTown, and many other businesses that employ nearly 250 individuals in the last remaining industrial and manufacturing zoned land in Federal Way. It is also home to 3 churches. Even Christian Faith Center stated in a letter included in the DEIS comment summary that the selection of S. 344th St. as the preferred alternative would be worse for them than the selection of S. 336th due to the impacts to their financing obligations and development agreement with the City of Federal Way.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. **I urge you not to select the S. 344th Street** site as the preferred alternative, it would impact the most people, homes, businesses, and social resources.

Thank you, Ken Broyles
Unit C-10

Paul Mungai

This message was received after the noted cut-off time to be included in the meeting. It was distributed to the Board of Directors following the meeting.

Paul Mungai:

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Good afternoon System Expansion Committee members. Thank you for taking the time to hear from the public today. My name is Paul Mungai and I own two properties in the S. 344th neighborhood specializing in adult home care, with one in operation and one opening soon.

If the S. 344th St. site is selected, my residents will be displaced. Due to its proximity to the shopping center, hospitals, and overall walkability, this is an excellent location for active seniors. The residents at our home don't have to make arrangements with other forms of transportation or rely on family members to get out of the house, go shopping, or have a meal.

As a business owner and operator, I see the benefits of our current location for my residents. I have already invested a substantial amount of money into the business and the process to get licenses to operate adult family homes. I currently have 3 residents and am licensed to have up to 5 at my first location and my second location will have up to 8 residents. It would be very challenging for me to move my business, and very impactful to my senior residents.

The selection of the S. 344th St. site would be very impactful to me, my residents, and our community. I want to encourage Sound Transit not to select the S. 344th St. site as the preferred alternative given its severe impacts to our neighborhood.