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Hi, all. Karen Hartman, writing as a citizen and also part of the Kirkland Senior Council (in limited capacity since I am giving personal perspectives not condoned by a vote from the Council). Here goes.

The transportation options for the City of Kirkland are gravely lacking. The proposed rapid line to go down 124th Avenue to get to the 85th Street Station (once built) and to downtown Bellevue is just that - that's the only rapid line. What about the rest of Kirkland? Nothing for 100th Avenue NE, Finn Hill, Market Street, etc. The transit options as they stand have taken away the direct route of the 255 bus line from Kirkland straight to downtown Seattle, and, quite frankly, if one of the major goals of this whole program is to have folks use cars less or not at all, That Is Impossible given the transit options we have. Even to get downtown to the finished 85th Street station, most folks will need to be dropped off (but by who?) or drive downtown, but when you get downtown there is no place to park your car by the 85th Street station, no multi-level parking garage (or free to the public), no shuttle from anywhere to the station.. etc. And there has been an onslaught of new apartments being built everywhere in Kirkland, meaning more cars blocking up the roads that already experience car challenges, with no solution in sight. Fix Metro bus lines! If you want folks to use cars less, well, help the situation. Make Rapid Ride lines more accessible, more lines, and get folks directly to places. For the elderly, blind, disabled, transportation is currently a nightmare for folks and most choose to either keep their cars, stay at home, or brave the many challenges (sometimes at risk for their safety) in order to get around Kirkland itself or out of Kirkland.

Thanks for listening.

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