



City Of Kenmore, Washington

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Kelly McGourty
PSRC
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Dear Ms. McGourty:

The City of Kenmore has reviewed *The Regional Transportation Plan – 2018* and has the following comments:

- We note that although the “King County Metro Transit Bothell to UW via Kenmore” project is shown on Figure 6 (King County Key Investments), the “Sound Transit NE 145th Street and SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit” project, starting in 2017, is not. These two projects are coordinated and the BRT project should be identified under Key Investment Transit Projects.
- The Light Rail Study for the SR-522 corridor, approved under ST-3, is not mentioned in the Plan. This is a significant analysis for future transit planning and should be recognized.
- The Plan, overall, focuses on regional corridors, but also should consider and discuss plans for significant connectors to the regional corridors.
- A passenger ferry from Kenmore is not mentioned under the discussion on pages 52 and 53, even though other planned ferry expansions are included. In a recent feasibility study conducted by King County, Kenmore was identified as a first choice for passenger ferry service on Lake Washington.
- The distribution of user fees to a corridor or geography has not, historically, and will not, in the future, address the corollary impacts of tolling. For example, Kenmore traffic suffered when 520 tolling was instituted as drivers used SR-522 as an untolled alternate route. User fees should be available to help mitigate the adverse impacts of new projects outside the corridor or geography.

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Thank you for considering our comments and for your work on this significant planning effort.

Sincerely,



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