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Julie Timm, CEO Sound Transit
401 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear CEO Timm,

Thank you for taking the time on October 3rd of this year to meet with me, Council Member Furutani, members of the CORE citizens' group, and members of the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation. We sincerely appreciate the consideration and efforts by your team to make this meeting happen.

I want to also sincerely thank you for our subsequent conversation in which you expressed your commitment to pedestrian, multimodal safety and to lower speed limits on SR 522. These elements are all fundamental to keep everyone safe on the 522 corridor.

To ensure additional progress towards that goal of ensuring the safety of all on the SR 522/ Bothell Way corridor, I am requesting a letter of support from you addressed to WSDOT supporting the City of Lake Forest Park's request to have the speed limit lowered on SR522/ Bothell Way from 40 MPH to 35MPH.

Currently, LFP is the only city remaining with a 40 MPH speed limit on 522 amongst the three cities of Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and Bothell. Therefore, it is essential that Lake Forest Park have the speed limit on SR 522 reduced to 35 MPH.

This change is crucial for the safety of the users of mass transit and the general public. As you know, Kenmore and Bothell recently reduced the speed on their relative sections of 522 to 35 MPH. National standards and data support that consistency is essential in the setting of speed limits and expectations by drivers.

The City of Kenmore is supportive of this change in LFP and has submitted a letter to WSDOT to that effect.

I urge you to write to WSDOT to express you and your agency's support of this change for the safety of all.

Thank you and we all look forward to continued engagement and dialogue to ensure that the natural character and safety of our community is preserved.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom French", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom French
Deputy Mayor and Council Chair

On behalf of the Lake Forest Park City Council

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