

HELP SAVE LAKE FOREST PARK

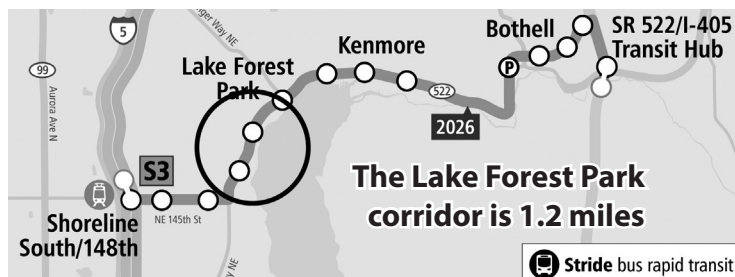
*Our Trees Define Our City
We Support Transit*

Sound Transit and the State want to cut down almost 500 trees and remove over 500 shrubs in the 1.2-mile corridor through Lake Forest Park, for Stride S3. They want to take land from our neighbors, punching through backyards to construct tall concrete walls for nearly the length of the corridor.

Sound Transit's misunderstanding and mismanagement of this project could ruin our City's character and ecology and divide our community.

We insist on a better design that would provide the needed rapid transit upgrade that benefits all.

Stride S3 is Sound Transit's proposed new bus line serving Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and Bothell; connecting to the new Link light rail station at Shoreline South/148th.



When planning Stride S3, between 2019 and 2020, the City and Sound Transit initiated a westward expansion of Bothell Way, without informing impacted residents along the alignment. This requires cutting down trees and shrubs in 60,000 square feet of private property (our neighbors' backyards) to move the highway closer to homes.

The Sound Transit Plan does not mitigate increased roadway noise on either side of Bothell Way. Sound Transit's own Noise Report is deeply flawed, failing to sample sound near impacted homes and businesses.

At Bsche'tla Creek, the steep hillside and landscape buffers will be cleared, trees cut down, destroying habitat, and creating high risk for landslides.

Lake Forest Park has only 1.2 miles of the 8 mile project, yet it costs 40%+ of the overall budget, with 110 property acquisitions out of the total of 205 taken over five cities. This costs \$250 million or more for 2.3 minutes of bus transit time savings.

THERE IS A BETTER WAY

We are Citizens Organized to Rethink Expansion (CORE), a group of Lake Forest Park community members concerned about Stride S3's impact on the future of our city.

We propose that Sound Transit use Bus Queue Jumps (bypasses) instead of a dedicated bus lane through our City. Bus Queue Jumps are special bus lanes, placed only at congested intersections, that give buses a head start over traffic.

Bus Queue Jumps allow for significantly improved bus service without a new dedicated full bus lane along Bothell Way. This will reduce the need for walls, as the road will not have to be widened along the full length of Bothell Way, reducing costs and impacts while helping to save our trees and our city.

OUR ASK OF THE SOUND TRANSIT BOARD

As citizens of Lake Forest Park, we deserve far more complete answers to our questions than the broad generalities provided to us by Sound Transit staff.

We deserve a better, more equitable design.

We ask Sound Transit to do the following:

- Examine another option: instead of a dedicated 1.2-mile eastbound bus lane, utilize queue jumps (like the design for 145th Street) and signal priority. Also, allow for smaller bus stop footprints at 153rd and 165th Streets. This would substantially reduce construction costs, property takes and environmental impacts while retaining 50%-80% of the 2.3-minute transit time savings.
- Hold a community-wide meeting and invite all of Lake Forest Park to evaluate the 60% design in comparison to the proposed modifications, comparing costs, time savings, and impacts.

WHAT YOU CAN DO / CALL TO ACTION

You must voice your concerns. We need to be heard as neighbors united to save our City:

- Contact the City and Sound Transit.
- Attend the CORE Community Meeting from 7pm-9pm on March 7th at Lake Forest Park Elementary: 18500 37th Ave NE, LFP
- Attend the 60% Sound Transit Drop In Open House from 3pm-7pm on March 15th at Brookside Elementary: 17447 37th Ave NE, LFP

If you would like to learn more, have any questions or would like to stay in touch, please email CORE at:

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