



July 19, 2010

Dear Mayor McGinn,

We are happy to report to you that the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce and the South Lake Union Community Council are cooperating to form a joint task force to address mobility issues in South Lake Union.

To that end, we are writing to request that you appoint an individual within city government to work with us to coordinate mobility planning efforts in South Lake Union.

Transportation matters to the people of our city. With \$2.84 billion in public and private funds committed to the revitalization of South Lake Union and over 40,000 residents, employees and visitors expected by 2015, the neighborhood's growth is unprecedented in our city. It is of vital importance to Seattle that we address the rapidly changing mobility needs of South Lake Union.

As you are aware, planning efforts already underway include the SLU Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the SLU Urban Design Framework, and Mercer West and North Portal projects. We urge for more efficient coordination of these projects between and among departments and levels of government.

Specifically, we request the following steps:

- City of Seattle, King County and Washington State Dept of Transportation better coordinate and integrate "Walk. Bike. Ride." in all planning efforts affecting the South Lake Union neighborhood.
- Transit planning be integrated in the Mercer West (SDOT) and North Portal (WSDOT and SDOT) planning effort.
- More attention be paid to planning all street grid reconnections (John, Thomas and Harrison Streets) and the North Portal/Aurora off ramps (Republican Street) so that they function adequately, create the environment that supports a mixed use neighborhood and promotes safety for residents, employees, pedestrians and cyclists.
- These transportation and mobility planning efforts be better integrated with the SLU EIS.

Our goal is to help the City of Seattle implement its broader Comprehensive Plan goals, the South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan and achieve goals to reduce dependence on single occupancy vehicles.

In South Lake Union, we believe that if we can work together, we can solve any problem.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Dinndorf
President, SLU Community Council

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Damien King
President, SLU Chamber of Commerce