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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 9:37 AM
To: 'Brandi Lane'
Subject: RE: South Park Bridge Funding/Support

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming City Council meeting.

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From: Brandi Lane [mailto:b@brandilane.com]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 9:29 PM
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Subject: South Park Bridge Funding/Support

Dear Elected Officials,

First of all, I just want to thank you for all that you do for our great city, county and state. I love living in Washington, and I adore my little community of South Park and Georgetown. However, we are a stressed community getting the short end of the stick when it comes to transportation support. As you know, the South Park Bridge is scheduled to close on June 30, 2010 with no plan to rebuild anytime soon. This landmark bridge literally bridges these two small communities so we can share the limited services available down here. We have basically been told as a community we need to find the funding for the replacement, or we will be without a bridge.

With no replacement for the South Park bridge, you will leave residents with only one route out of the neighborhood. Only one extremely congested route to drive to work, school, stores, hospitals, pharmacies and most other services. It is the same route that many of the industrial companies use with semi-truck and bus fleets and already over capacity at peak drive times. There is also a high percentage of residents living in South Park and working in Georgetown, and vice versa, so their once fossil-free commute is now all but impossible. We run the risk of lacking emergency support because we rely primarily on emergency services from other South Seattle neighborhoods. South Park will practically be an island, with less safety and emergency services than now.

This will create a chaotic transportation situation for the entire south end, especially since the closure coincides with the Spokane Street construction and the Airport Way bridge replacement closure. With all of these closures combined – and the removal of Metro bus routes from this area - there is ample opportunity to create a whole new "mess" and it will be called the "Michigan/Marginal Mess".

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I hope you will do everything in your power to bring together all the parties involved with ownership of this bridge and come up with a concrete solution that makes the closure of the bridge a temporary issue. Please also find better band-aid solutions while the bridge is closed. Please consider funding a water taxi or even better, install a pedestrian/bicycle bridge where the bridge currently stands.

Please do more than pledge your support of finding funds, please pledge to support the community while we have to live through this devastating change.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Brandi Lane

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