

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 9:41 AM
To: 'Betsy McFeely'
Subject: RE: South Park Bridge Funding

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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City Manager's Office

From: Betsy McFeely [mailto:egmcfely@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2010 1:44 PM
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Subject: South Park Bridge Funding

Dear Elected Officials - I am writing as a South Park resident to urge each of you to support funding for a new South Park Bridge and to join forces with our city, county, state, regional and corporate partners to make this happen **sooner** as opposed to later. It is unfortunate that we find ourselves in this untenable position of racing against the June 30, 2010 closure date, followed by a potential 3-year wait for a new bridge, assuming all systems are GO.

Closing the bridge will have an **immediate** and **dramatic** impact on the livelihoods and quality of life for residents and business owners around this region. Consider the following consequences of a South Park Bridge closure:

- A SP bridge closure means the closure of a major roadway that services 20,000 vehicles PER DAY!!! Rerouting that traffic will impact other, already busy roads such as the First Avenue Bridge. Bus riders will be forced to use circuitous routes which will lengthen their daily rides and prohibit access to jobs and vital services.
- A SP Bridge closure will directly impact the ability of emergency vehicles to access this neighborhood, possibly threatening the health and safety of South Park residents.
- Business owners *on both sides of the bridge*, that provide much-needed services such as gas, food, medical care, and social services, etc., will experience an immediate decrease in business as cars no longer travel this route. Some of these organizations can not exist for 3 years while we figure it all out, and may be forced out of business.

Now is the time for LEADERSHIP!!!!!! Please come up with a viable solution to meet the needs of this growing, diverse, and vital community and the many surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

CFTR: 05/10/10

Betsy McFeely
South Park Resident

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