

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:50 AM
To: 'jmx 99'
Subject: RE: Ambaum Construction - 24 More Street Trees Needed

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

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City Manager's Office

From: jmx 99 [mailto:jmx99@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:22 AM
To: Public Council Inbox
Cc: Doug Lamothe
Subject: Ambaum Construction - 24 More Street Trees Needed

Dear Council Members,

It appears that the street landscaping is now almost complete for the road and sidewalk construction project along Ambaum Blvd. SW. Although many street trees have been planted, there are at least three stretches of "bald spots" where no trees will be planted. I am requesting that the City plant an additional two dozen trees along Ambaum. As you know, Burien is designated as a Tree City USA, and the current design does not even provide one new tree for every existing tree that was removed.

It is my understanding that one of the challenges to planting street trees is that, due to the limited width of the city right-of-way at these locations, trees would need to be planted on private property next to the public sidewalk. I do not think that should be a reason to prevent the City from planting trees in those locations since Ambaum is a major arterial roadway in Burien and there is great public benefit to having trees line such a thoroughfare. If the property owners tried to obtain a construction permit for his or her land, the City would require public improvements on the private property, including the planting trees. I suggest that, for a relatively small amount of money for this large roadway project, that Burien add two dozen trees at this time.

Specifically, the locations of the Ambaum bald spots are:

- The east side of Ambaum between 136th Street and 137th Street
- The west side of Ambaum between 128th Street and 130th Street
- The west side of Ambaum between 124th Street and 126th Place

Please drive by and take a look for yourselves and consider adding two dozen trees for a more beautiful and more sustainable Burien.

Sincerely,

John McWilliams

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From: jean.carlson@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:27 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: LWW May 5 Forum "Smart Transportation Choices"

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The League of Women Voters of Greater Seattle invites the public to examine our current local transportation choices and how best to fund them, Thursday, May 5 at Seattle First Baptist Church (Harvard and Seneca) 7:30 - 9:00 PM. The Forum is free; audience questions are welcome.

Speakers from three local government agencies, Deputy King County Executive Fred Jarrett, Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation Peter Hahn, and Deputy CEO of Sound Transit Celia Kupersmith will address the "perfect storm" of shrinking revenues, increasing congestion and pollution affecting how we will plan for moving people, goods and services. Journalist Erica Barnett will offer a perspective from covering local transportation processes.

150 years have passed since Northwest settlers arrived using waterways as our first highways. Then the popularization of the automobile held sway for the next hundred years culminating with the interstate highway system and the gradual diminishing of public transportation services. Only recently have voters begun to question the demands for more roads and their related impact on the environment and the community.

For more information please contact the League office www.seattlelww.org or call 206-329-4848.