

Nov.28, 2011  
To The Burien City Council  
TIP-Resolution 325

To the Council Members and the Transportation Dept.;

This is now at least the fifth or sixth time that I have spoken about #4 on the Chart-Shorewood Dr. S.W.

Shorewood Dr.S.W. should probably not even be considered a medium level project. It stretches from 130 th S.W. and Ambaum to Shorewood Dr. S.W. and up to 26<sup>th</sup> S.W. Much of the land in this stretch is on critical steep slopes. It is not a major road of travel in the city. It is very much like Maplewild Dr. along sections. It becomes extremely steep and narrow at the southern half of Shorewood Dr.S.W. by the sewer treatment plant. There have been numerous slides in the area. Generally, it is not a hill for the average citizen to bike on or hike on. There are clear safety issues on this hill related to its steepness.

The box for #4 states that there is 60' of city road space to work in. In reality this is simply on true unless the dig back into critical slopes or majorly fill critical slopes. This area should not be shown as needing sidewalks on both sides of the street. Sections of it cannot even tolerate a sidewalk on one side of the street. Very few bikes use this road per year. Only, very skilled bikers use this hill and frequently it is used to train for competition like the Seattle to Portland bike competition. It can only be used during the most sunny weather due to the steepness of the slope. The nature of the hill forces most drivers to drive it at low speed.

Each time this is brought up before a Transportation Director, we are told it will be looked at during the next cycle. The Transportation Director's agree with what citizens have said but then this item remains the same on the chart. Please correct this item before voting on this resolution.

Mark the road for shared bike lanes if you want to, but this road cannot handle sidewalks on major sections of it because there is simply not the space and this is not a high priority or even a medium priority area for sidewalks.

Sincerely,  
C. Edgar

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