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Fereshteh Dehkordi
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**SUBJECT: East Lake Sammamish Trail, Issaquah/Sammamish City Limit to SE 33rd St.
Public Agency Comment – Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
DPER File No. SHOR14-0022
City of Sammamish File No. SSDP2014-00171**

Dear Fereshteh Dehkordi:

Listed below are the official comments from the City of Sammamish for the subject development application. The City is very interested in working proactively with the County's design team to minimize the project's impact to both the natural environment and to the adjacent residents. These comments are related to design issues important to the city and its residents and are in advance of City code compliance/permitting. City staff are available for assistance from a design perspective and to assure the final transmittal will also meet city code requirements.

General Comments:

1. We appreciate the inclusion of both the existing interim trail centerline and the proposed master plan centerline on the EX sheets (this was not done on the North Sammamish Segment). The existing interim trail centerline should be shown on the final construction drawings in the Site Preparation plans.
2. The plans should show the limits of existing hedges and trees not currently captured by the tree inventory.
3. There are multiple locations where the trail footprint should be narrowed to avoid impacts to existing trees. Context-sensitive design principles should be used.
4. There are numerous locations where the trail footprint could easily be shifted to the east. There are many locations where the proposed eastern edge of the clear zone is a foot or more from the existing split rail fence. The alignment should be shifted such that the edge of the clear zone coincides with the face of the existing fence.
5. Please utilize the City of Sammamish sight distance standards for intersection sight triangle evaluations.

Specific Comments:

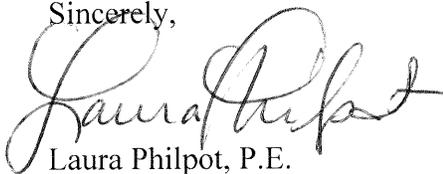
6. Driveways # 1 and #2: Install facilities to redirect runoff from the portion of the driveway east and uphill of the trail crossing.
7. STA 218+90 to 220+50 LT: Reduce trail width to preserve existing screening trees (including un-mapped arbor vitae)
8. Vicinity STA 221+00 LT: Minimize removal of un-mapped screening trees within the sight triangle. First evaluate limbing existing trees to increase sight lines.
9. STA 222+50 to 223+45 LT: Justify the need for expansion of clearing limits at this location. Ensure the function of existing screening trees is maintained.
10. STA 224+40 to 226+75 LT: Provide screening plantings between the new walls. Screening plantings to be quantified and shown in the contract bid drawings.
11. STA 227+25 LT: Revise wall design and/or location to preserve existing trees (No. 43545 and 43543)
12. STA 228+50 LT: Revise wall design and/or location to preserve existing tree (No. 43542)
13. STA 228+90 to 230+50 LT: Provide screening plantings between the new walls. Screening plantings to be quantified and shown in the contract bid drawings.
14. STA 230+90 LT: Revise wall design and/or location to preserve existing tree (No. 43245)
15. STA 234+50 to 238+75 LT: Add note to preserve existing fence
16. Driveway No. 4 (206th Ave SE): Shift alignment east to avoid impact to existing neighborhood entry landscaping.
17. Driveway No. 4 (206th Ave SE): The City will not allow a stop sign on 206th Ave SE. 206th Ave SE has the right of way over the trail.
18. STA 239+75 RT: How is the widening going to be constructed immediately adjacent to the stream (No. 0163)? There are no walls shown.
19. STA 240+00 RT: Why is the existing tree (No. 42644) called for removal?
20. STA 242+50 LT: Existing significant tree (No. 42337) must be saved. The trail alignment and/or width shall be revised as necessary to ensure that this tree is not impacted.
21. STA 244+50 LT: Do not eliminate existing trees (No. 42189 and 42190) within the sight triangle. First evaluate limbing existing trees to increase sight lines.
22. STA 246+50 LT: Why is the existing tree (No. 42071) called for removal?

23. STA 248+30 to 249+35 RT: Reduce trail width to eliminate wall at this location. The significant added impact caused by this wall is not justified. A clear zone is not necessary on the east side of the trail at this location.
24. STA 256+25 LT: An existing tree (No. 260539) assumed to be called for removal is missing from the plans.
25. STA 259+25 to 261+75 LT: Reduce trail width to preserve existing screening trees.
26. Driveway No. 8 (SE 33rd Street): Do not extend the sidewalk along SE 33rd St west of the trail crossing.

The City remains supportive of the County's goal to pave the East Lake Sammamish Trail. However, implementing context-sensitive design principles to narrow the trail footprint by narrowing the clear zone or shoulder width or both would eliminate nearly all of the identified conflict points identified and described above.

Please contact me at 425-295-0570 or lphilpot@sammamish.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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