

September 1, 2020

Mr. David Lee  
Principal Planner  
City of Redmond  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Redmond, WA 98052

**Re:                   Alteration of Geologic Hazard Permit Public Hearing**

Dear Mr. Lee:

SWK offers the following responses to comments received during the Public Hearing for the Alteration of Geologic Hazard permit held on August 31, 2020.

- 1) Response to the public comment at Ex 2 from Jason Malinowski.  
*SWK Response: SWK concurs with the written responses prepared by yourself in email exchanges with Mr. Malinowski as shown in Exhibit 2.*
- 2) Response to the question whether the sidewalk in front of the TPSS will complete the existing gap, or only partially complete it - and if partial, where the gap will remain.  
*SWK Response: Sidewalk will be constructed along the frontage of the parcel acquired by Sound Transit for the TPSS, a gap of approximately 85 feet will remain south of the TPSS site.*
- 3) The trees that are currently in place provide some noise buffer from the highway traffic on SR-520. Do the noise mitigation studies factor in the impact of the reduction of the tree buffer on highway noise and the additional noise from the light rail?  
*Trees blocking the direct path of sound between a source such as a highway or rail system are often thought to provide significant noise reductions. The actual noise reduction usually is substantially less than people expect. Because of the low contribution to noise mitigation trees provide, they were not included in the analysis. Had the trees been included in the analysis, the mitigation impact would not have been sufficient to change the conclusions about potential noise impact.*

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (425) 280-5177 or by email at [matthew.johnson4@jacobs.com](mailto:matthew.johnson4@jacobs.com).

Sincerely,



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