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Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on behalf of our members on the North – South Corridor Study. Our 35 members represent over 100,000 employees, many of them along Willows, 160th, 166th, Redmond-Woodinville, and Avondale.

After consulting with our members, we recommend the following improvements:

Safe, stress free walking and biking paths along and across Willows Road and Avondale

Willows Road urgently needs safe pedestrian walkways along its length in both directions in the near and long term. It also needs near term protected bike lanes. The intersection of 100th & Willows was the site of a serious injury to a person riding a bike in 2017. Sidewalks along Willows will allow for King County Metro buses to pick and drop off passengers along the route without deviating into the business parks.

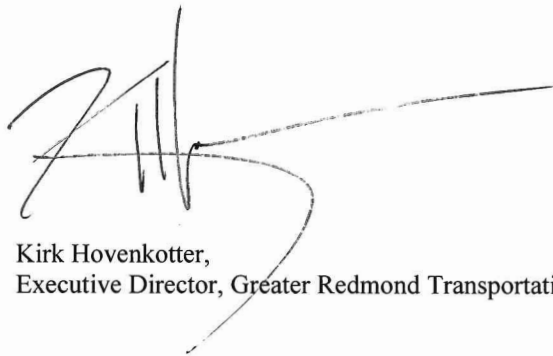
Avondale needs protected bike lanes along its length. Its current bike lanes are stressful, leading most people who ride to work to use the sidewalk. Crossing the road by foot is dangerous and stressful. The intersection of 116th and Avondale was the site of a pedestrian fatality in 2017. Shorter crossing distances and leading pedestrian intervals would prioritize people walking or taking the bus on Avondale.

Leading pedestrian intervals on 160th, 166th, and Redmond-Woodinville in Downtown Redmond

The intersections of 160th, Redmond Woodinville and 166th continually see pedestrians being seriously injured or killed. Leading pedestrian intervals and shorter crossing distances at all the Downtown intersections would make these streets safer for employees to get to work.

Transit priority on Willows and Avondale

The speed and reliability of King County Metro bus route 930 and the future 250 would immensely benefit from business access- transit lanes and queue jump at major choke points on Willows and Avondale. This would be especially impactful at Union Hill road and Avondale and 100th st and Willows Road where packed buses get stuck behind drivers.



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