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April 5, 2018

To: Mayor Jenny Durkan  
Shefali Ranganathan, Deputy Mayor for External Relations  
Goran Sparrman, SDOT Interim Director  
Ahmed Darrat, Transportation Policy Advisor

Re: **City Center Bike Network | 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Two-Way Protected Bike Lanes**

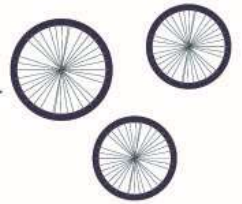
The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board would like to impress upon you the urgency of the completion of the Center City Bike Network. For the past two years, we have waited for the One Center City process to determine where to locate much-needed protected bike lanes. We were pleased to see plans to build a two-way protected bike lane on 4th Avenue; however, after years of waiting and millions of dollars spent planning, we are extremely frustrated that this momentum has been lost and this critical project is now being delayed for another three years.

The Center City is the heart of Seattle. It is the home of over 70,000 residents and place of employment for over 250,000 people, with more housing and jobs added each day. Yet, the Center City is the most dangerous area of Seattle for people biking.

Adding protected bike lanes improves safety and predictability for all users. Protected bike lanes provide an attractive, traffic-free transportation option for commuters wanting to escape gridlock, which in turn helps to alleviate congestion for all road users. In addition, the 4th Avenue protected bike lane is a major component of completing a basic bike network. A completed bike network is integral to giving all people the option to bike, and to reaching the City's mode share and environmental goals.

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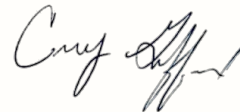
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We need your leadership to complete a safe bike network in our Center City, an area where thousands of people bike every day and where thousands more would if there was a complete, safe network.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mike O'Brien, Rob Johnson, Kshama Sawant, and Bruce Harrell; City Council  
Serena Lehman, SDOT  
Rob Gannon, King County Metro Transit General Manager  
Peter Rogoff, Sound Transit CEO  
Jon Scholes, Downtown Seattle Association President and CEO

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