



February 24, 2011

Hon. Tom Rasmussen, Chair, Transportation Committee  
Seattle City Council  
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RE: Georgetown Street Rechannelization

Dear Councilmember Rasmussen,

Yesterday, Mayor Mike McGinn issued his decision on two rechannelization projects, Airport Way and East Marginal Way located in the Georgetown neighborhood. I am writing to let you know I support the decision for the City to proceed on these projects.

As a member of the Freight Advisory Board, I understand a letter was sent raising some questions. CleanScapes, and our subsidiary CDL Recycle, runs hundreds of trips daily in this area with large trucks, tandem trailer combos, and an assortment of support vehicles and we support the decision.

I believe it is safest for bikes to have a separate lane in congested areas. I also believe that the slightly narrower lanes proposed by SDOT are, in our view, an enhancement that makes the road inherently safer by causing large trucks to slow down and pay attention. The lane widths proposed by SDOT still meet the needs of even our largest trucks. We have found the Stone Way and Nickerson Street improvements much better than expected, and we have had no problems operating on these roadways.

With large vehicles operating in some of Seattle's most dense communities, I am proud of our safety record. Our safety training focuses in large part on instilling in our drivers a respect for all users on the road. Consequently, we support engineering solutions that limit speeds and give bikes and pedestrians safer travelways. We support these solutions even if the outcome means slower traveling speeds and more stops. As a company we will never balance efficiency against the safety of community residents and our drivers – some of whom bike to work!

Sincerely,  
CleanScapes, Inc.

Chris Martin  
President

cc: Mayor Michael McGinn, City of Seattle; Peter Hahn, Director, SDOT; Seattle City Councilmembers