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To: Darby Watson, Jim Curtin, Moica DeWald; Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Re: **Downtown Bike Network | Immediate Need for Necessary Connections**

Due to the lack of progress being made on completion of the downtown bike network, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) would like to emphasize the immediate need for safety improvements within the area. All ages and abilities connections into downtown from the north, south and east are critical for the viability of the city-wide bicycle network. As downtown streets will experience heightened congestion during the “period of maximum constraint”, traveling by bike will be one of the most reliable modes of transportation available to everyone. Creating a safe and effective means of accessing the downtown commercial core by bike will benefit all roadway users.

We would like to emphasize the necessity of linking existing bicycle facilities to create a safe network connecting all directions traveling downtown. SBAB would like to highlight the following routes as top priorities to be completed as soon as possible:

- A protected bike lane (PBL) along either Bell Street or Blanchard Street, connecting 2nd Avenue to 9th Avenue;
- A PBL along both Pike Street and Pine Street, connecting the connection to downtown all the way to Broadway; and,
- A safe connection to downtown from the south.

A south connection is of highest importance and SBAB would like to be actively involved in the selection of this alignment.

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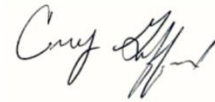
Ongoing construction in downtown highlights the need to expedite these projects to maintain safe access for cyclists. We understand some of these routes are located adjacent to parcels where construction is in progress; in those locations adequate interim solutions should be implemented, with the expectation that interim bike facilities will be upgraded to permanent facilities immediately upon construction completion.

Sincerely,

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