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Subject: Comments For ELST – Segment 2B Public Hearings

I am a Sammamish resident who owns lakeside/trailside property (229 E Lk Sammamish Pkwy SE). Please take that fact into account as you read my following comments.

In short, as a longtime user of trails, including this one, I have seen numerous accidents happen at points where the trail changes width.

For that reason, first and foremost, I strongly urge that the proposed 18' footprint (12' paved, 2' gravel shoulders and 1' clear on both sides) should be used along the entire trail length. This is the footprint used in Issaquah, Redmond and the north part of the trail in Sammamish. For SAFETY the trail width should not vary and it should run as straight as possible i.e., in its present trail bed.

This is the fact: Accidents are most likely at variations. Indeed, the trail should not be altered to accommodate existing trees. This trail will be used for decades and decades to come, long after many of those trees have died. This trail will be part of our legacy and future users should not be asking, "why in the world did they put a bend in the trail here"

Moreover, we have been waiting for the trail to be finished for nearly two decades. It is long past the time for the City of Sammamish to get out of the way and allow King County to finish the trail. We deeply resent that the tax dollars we pay to the City of Sammamish are being used by the City to oppose the trail, a benefit to all residents.

Sincerely,
Bob McNeal