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To: Countryman, Ryan
Subject: RE: Point Wells and possible Sounder service

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Hi Ryan,

Thanks for your message and for the opportunity to offer comment. Below are responses to your questions.

1. Sound Transit staff are not aware of additional recent contact between BSRE and the agency since the Long Range Plan FEIS. The ST3 package approved by voters in 2016 does not include a station at Point Wells. To construct a station there (or any other additional location along that corridor) would require an additional easement from Burlington Northern Railroad, something that likely would be very challenging to obtain.
2. Sound Transit does utilize design guidelines for Sounder stations. Our staff are able to respond to specific questions from Snohomish County staff. Please contact Fouad Chihab, Corridor Design Manager at fouad.chihab@soundtransit.org or 206-398-5481.

Again, thanks for the chance to comment. Let me know if you have questions.

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From: Countryman, Ryan [mailto:ryan.countryman@snoco.org]
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Hi Kamuron,

I am following up on our phone conversation earlier today regarding the possibility of a sounder commuter rail station at Point Wells in unincorporated Snohomish County. I called to see if you knew of any recent contact between Sound Transit and representatives of Blue Square Real Estate (BSRE), the applicant proposing to redevelop Point Wells. Their current proposal is for 3,085 residential units plus commercial amenities.

As I described, under Snohomish County Code the Point Wells proposal requires access to high capacity transit to receive approval for buildings over 90-feet (up to half of the proposed 48 buildings would exceed 90'). Snohomish County has repeatedly asked BSRE for documentation of progress working with Sound Transit on the design and approval of a sounder station. The best information we have is the attachment from the *Regional Transit Long Range Plan Update FSEIS*, November 2014, where Sound Transit provided some general statements in response to comments from BSRE representatives.

What is critical to the present-day issue is that we do not have any documentation from BSRE or Sound Transit that indicates a specific commitment from Sound Transit to use a commuter rail station at Point Wells even if BSRE were willing to build one. The land use hearing for the Point Wells proposal begins on May 16. It would be helpful to have answers to the following questions by May 4 so that Snohomish County staff can include any new information from Sound Transit in a supplement to our Staff Recommendation. Here are our questions:

1. To your knowledge, has Sound Transit had any recent contact from BSRE regarding commuter rail?
2. Does Sound Transit have any design criteria for a sounder platform that you can share with us? (For context, BSRE's proposal includes a 400-foot platform and zero associated parking).

Thank you!

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