



LETTER OF INTENT

January 19, 2010

Chris Curtis, Director
Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance
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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter dated August 7, 2009 expressing interest in permanently locating the Broadway/Capitol Hill Sunday Farmers Market at Sound Transit's future Capitol Hill light rail station and TOD developments. We understand that the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance (NFMA), which manages the Broadway Farmers Market, is pursuing temporary Capitol Hill locations for the next several years and is seeking a long term permanent location adjacent to the Capitol Hill Station, once station construction is complete in 2016.

As you know, Sound Transit has been working diligently over the last year to engage with the community to identify issues to be considered in future Sound Transit TOD at the Capitol Hill Station site. In addition to your letter of interest, Sound Transit has heard clear community support for providing a long term home for the popular Broadway Farmers Market as part of our TOD program.

This letter serves as acknowledgement of the staff level preliminary recommendation, and Sound Transit's intent to accommodate the Broadway Farmers market into future TOD plans at the Capitol Hill Station. As we explained at the Capitol Hill TOD forum on October 27, 2009, Sound Transit staff has completed an initial assessment of NFMA's request including market site requirements.

Sound Transit's initial staff recommendation is based on the following principles and conclusions:

- Accommodating the Farmers Market does not compromise light rail station requirements or plans for the adjacent TOD projects.
- The Market's requirements (i.e. space, electrical, plumbing, access, etc.) appear to be doable at minimum design or construction costs.
- The Farmers Market adjacent to the Capitol Hill station would attract additional ridership to light rail.
- The Farmers Market would increase the appeal of the adjacent TOD sites (retail and housing) and further activate the area.
- A Farmers Market at the Capitol Hill station site is consistent with Sound Transit's sustainability goals and supports the Market's sustainability mission
- The Broadway Sunday Farmers Market is a popular local institution with strong public support.

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As we have discussed, there are several design and operational considerations that must be worked out to implement this "vision." These issues include Nagle Extension and TOD access issues, roadway width and configuration, and further design to consider Farmers Market requirements. We look forward to further discussions with you as this work proceeds.

In addition, Sound Transit will also continue to look at a broader range of issues associated with the implementation of TOD projects at the Capitol Hill Station site. We will continue to brief our Board and the community as new information becomes available.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with NFMA to create a long term home for the Broadway Farmers Market at the Capitol Hill station. Feel free to contact me or Michelle Ginder, Sound Transit's Capitol Hill Station TOD lead, at 206-398-5328, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Endlich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" being more prominent than the last name "Endlich".

Ron Endlich
University Link Deputy Project Director

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