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The Honorable Bill Baarsma
Mayor of City of Tacoma
747 Market Street, Ste 1200
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Eric Anderson, City Manager
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Dear Mayor Baarsma and City Manager Anderson:

Recently, I facilitated a meeting with members of the Sound Transit Board from Pierce County and representatives from the Dome District. The subject was the Gateway Concept and earthen embankment chosen as the final design alternative for the D-M Street Sounder Extension.

Dome District representatives have raised a number of questions and concerns about the design decision and contend their opinions are shared by many of Tacoma's community councils and other groups involved in environmental and development issues.

As a result, the Pierce County members of the Sound Transit Board would like to meet with the community leaders to present data prepared by Sound Transit explaining the basis for the recommended final design as well as address the post and beam alternative offered by the Dome District representatives.

A time for this meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 27th at 9:00 AM. We would like to begin at the Freighthouse Square for a presentation then walk the alignment so participants can connect design elements with actual locations.

This meeting will only be successful if members from the community groups attend. Would you help by inviting the appropriate leaders to the meeting? I would encourage available City Council Members and key Tacoma staff to attend as well.

Thank you

Pat McCarthy

cc: Mayor Dave Enslow, City of Sumner
Councilmember Julie Anderson, City of Tacoma
Councilmember Pete Von Reichbauer, King County
Councilmember Claudia Thomas, City of Lakewood

