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**Once Again, Court Tells SDOT to Stop Building the  
Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link and Issue an Adequate EIS**

*The City of Seattle began construction on the trail, despite  
a court order requiring more analysis of impacts on businesses*

SEATTLE – On Tuesday, a King County Superior Court Judge again put the brakes on the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link project, ordering the Seattle Department of Transportation to halt all work related to the bike path until a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is complete and approved.

The City has been moving ahead with construction on the trail, even though King County Judge Samuel Chung ruled last December that the EIS failed to disclose the adverse economic impacts that the Shilshole Avenue section of the bike trail will have on longtime businesses in the area. Judge Chung ordered the City to redo the analysis in the EIS to disclose those impacts.

In ruling for the Ballard Coalition, King County Judge Roger Rogoff clarified Judge Chung’s orders, making it abundantly clear that work on the trail can’t be started until the City completes and issues an updated FEIS with the missing disclosure and analysis. That EIS will then be subject to further review and possible appeal.

“The Court’s ruling once again vindicates the Coalition’s efforts to ensure the City properly discloses the significant adverse impacts from the Missing Link, which can easily be avoided by moving the middle section just two blocks onto Leary Avenue,” said attorney Joshua Brower, representing the Ballard Coalition. “The City Council or Mayor can resolve this and complete the Missing Link by putting it in the right location instead of putting working-class women and men at risk of losing their jobs.”

For two decades the City of Seattle has focused solely on routing the last 1.4-mile section of the Burke-Gilman Trail along Shilshole Avenue. Shilshole is one of just two industrial zones remaining in Seattle, and the only location with sufficient water access for maritime industries and the businesses that support them. The bike trail would put these companies – and the family-wage jobs they provide – out of business.

The Ballard Coalition a large collection of labor, business owners, employees, union members and residents who support moving the Missing Link two blocks north to Leary.

The Coalition will continue to closely monitor the City’s actions to make sure it complies with the Court’s latest ruling.

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