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Public Comment

EIS scoping comments:

1. Emergency Management: on July 21, 2020 EFR's Emergency Manager gave City Council a presentation on Hazard Mitigation. During the presentation, evacuation routes were highlighted as a hazard. Specifically, the EM compared Sammamish to Paradise, CA, showing that Sammamish has twice the residents per egress route compared to Paradise. It is imperative the City includes hazard mitigation and evacuation in the EIS.
2. Schools: the Town Center sub area EIS included impact on schools. However, the kids generation factors were taken from the national averaged ITE - which severely understates the impact on schools in Sammamish. Just recently, in two instances, LWSD issued letters to the City of Sammamish and King County warning that LWSD schools in Sammamish are out of capacity. The EIS must include a school impact study using realistic, local, kids generation factors, including the Town Center sub area. Schools District's impact fee studies have kid generation numbers however limited to only newer developments (from the last 5 years). The data exists and the city should be able to obtain accurate kids generation factor for all types of land use.
3. Traffic choking points: SEPA allows the City to study the impact of the choking points out side of city boundaries. Specifically, the impact of 202/Sahalee intersection, Hwy 202, 244th/202 intersection, ELSP/Redmond Way, 520 onramp, 228/43rd (Issaquah), ISS Fall City/ Iss Pine lake intersection, and 56th/Sammamish Way Intersection should be included in the study.