



MAYOR

As our region poises for the big one – as in a transportation apocalypse, with Bertha, ST3 and One Center City driving the bulk, but not all, of the change – Seattleites are facing an era, the likes of which no major urban area in the U.S. has ever faced concurrently.

On top of managing all the very real social issues impacting quality of life and impinging our ability to move about the region freely (homelessness, income disparity, environmental impacts, racial tensions and justice inequities), Seattle's next leader must also be adept in laying the groundwork for an exemplary 21st century transportation network that will serve current residents well into future generations – including the next century.

Fortunately, voters have a slate of exceptionally well-qualified, articulate candidates from which to choose. Members of Seattle Subway's board agree, it's in Seattle's best interest to have choices who generally favor our vision for expediting high capacity/high quality transit in the region. As result of the competition, there was healthy debate among the Seattle Subway board as to where we should throw our support.

For a myriad of reasons, we are giving our nod of approval to Cary Moon to be Seattle's next Mayor.

It was music to our ears when she told us she advocates for making transit improvements a priority over single occupancy vehicles because "when transit is fast, convenient and reliable, people use it." Also her emphasis on multi-modal safety and holistic integration with transit service align with our value priorities. Oh, and she had us at "Speed up design and planning of ST3 to maximize available construction funding," accelerate "delivery of Seattle projects with City money" and/or combine that funding with bonding measures. The frosting on our cake? "I support tunneling under the ship canal and would work closely with the planning and design teams to determine a feasible, cost effective solution" and "Make sure we find enough cost savings in the design to ensure we have funding for Ballard to UW and West Seattle to Burien Bus Rapid Transit."

This was not an easy decision. We've followed Jessyn Farrell's transportation-centric career and admired her advocacy work and policy positions in the past. However, her recent legislative approval of HB 2201 cost her our endorsement. Not just because of her decision itself, but because of her decision to make it one of her platforms in this race. In a close race with several tough and legitimate supporters of Seattle Subway's policy preferences, that was the deciding factor for many of us.

Seattle Subway endorses Cary Moon for Mayor.

DISTRICT 8

From her desire to expedite ST3 to her sensible, resourceful reforms and solutions to Seattle's housing crisis, Seattle Subway believes Teresa Mosqueda deserves the chance to bring her fresh, forward-thinking vision to the council. In tandem with Cary Moon's leadership and their shared urban planning philosophies, we believe they will bring much-needed leadership and action to the City.

Seattle Subway endorses Teresa Mosqueda for City Council, District 8.



DISTRICT 9

Part of what made Lorena Gonzalez an attractive candidate when elected to the Council in 2015 was her sensible, pragmatic positions on density and multi-modal transit. In the two years that she's served the City, she hasn't disappointed on these issues, but her uninspiring, often milquetoast, responses to the Seattle Subway survey left us wanting and wondering if she's not looking past these issues and focused on other things. Ty Pethe did an admirable job with his responses and he's demonstrated his commitment to improving transit in the region through his community service and making his voice heard. However, neither candidate received sufficient votes to receive a resounding endorsement.

Seattle Subway abstains from endorsing in the City Council, District 9 race.