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After attending the public meeting on February 11, I have come to the conclusion that the proposed activity needs to be completely reevaluated and the project resequenced. Since the Midway Landfill in its entirety is being considered for a ST maintenance yard, the track portion of the project proposed in these documents needs to be put on hold pending the decision for siting this maintenance yard. For minimal impact on personnel and property in South King County, the landfill site should be the one selected for the maintenance yard. In the event it is selected, the work done to prepare the track bed by this proposal would significantly impact, possibly restricting, the development work on the rest of the site. It would restrict direct access to I5 which would be critical for removing waste products and hauling in solid base material. If I5 access is not available, an unacceptable amount of traffic would impact Pacific Highway. The ecological impact would be significant. The timing for preparation of the track bed is not so urgent that the overall project could be planned before implementing this activity. It was also obvious at the meeting that Sound Transit has not adequately communicated with the affected public and some of them were blindsided by this proposal. This is another reason that more work needs to be done in planning before rushing into this track bed effort.