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**From:** Roger Averbeck [roger.averbeck@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 6:24 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Comments on Barbur Concept Plan  
**Attachments:** City Council Comments on BCP\_April 24 2013\_RA.pdf

Please accept the attached comments on the Barbur Concept Plan, as testimony for the April 24th City Council Hearing: Agenda Item 362.

Roger Averbeck  
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4/24/2013

To: Mayor Charles Hales  
1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 140  
Portland, OR 97204

April 24th, 2013

RE: Barbur Concept Plan

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

As a member of the Community Working Group, I represented both the SW Neighborhoods, Inc. Transportation Committee and the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition (Oregon Walks). However, the comments below are mine, and do not represent any organization's official position.

The Barbur Concept Plan recommends the "Establishment of safe and comfortable conditions for active transportation." To achieve this goal, the city and its partners must fund and implement:

- More marked crosswalks with appropriate signs and signals
- Complete the sidewalk and bike lane gaps
- Improve the transit stops and the connections to them
- Vehicle traffic calming, using engineered boulevard treatments
- Improved access management for driveways and medians

An emerging high capacity transit (HCT) corridor must become increasingly multi-modally oriented before HCT is implemented. Building the transit ridership, pedestrian and bicycle use in the corridor now is an essential step in creating a successful HCT project that demonstrates the future corridor transformation; and will build local support now for the larger changes coming.

Once the Concept Plan is approved, to implement the community vision and city goals; and to provide a basic standard of service that all city residents deserve:

- Please become actively engaged at the regional table in pursuing funding for these essential safety improvements, sooner rather than later.
- Please direct city staff to prioritize their time in working on the grant applications needed to procure the funding to improve safety and aid in the mode shift to active transportation, sooner rather than later.
- Please support further planning and study of the West Portland Crossroads Focus Area, which will likely require innovative and major changes in traffic circulation.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.



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**From:** Carl Larson [carl@btaoregon.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Item 362: Barbur Concept Plan  
**Attachments:** Barbur Concept Plan Letter.pdf

Hello Karla.

I've attached a letter to council regarding Item 362, The Barbur Concept Plan, for Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Thanks.

Carl

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April 22, 2013

Portland City Council  
Attn: Karla Moore-Love, Council Clerk  
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Portland, OR 97204

Re: Barbur Concept Plan

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

I would like to thank you for considering adoption of the Barbur Concept Plan – agenda item number 362. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is to be commended for this document and the 18-month of public process behind it.

Improved land use patterns, like those outlined in this plan, are key to making active transportation a safe option for SW Portland residents.

The plan recommends a road diet that would add buffered bike lanes across the Vermont and Newbury Street Bridges. This change would address a long-standing barrier preventing people from riding bikes to and from SW Portland. Metro Regional Government and the Oregon Department of Transportation are currently analyzing this recommended change as part of the SW Corridor Plan.

**The Bicycle Transportation Alliance urges council to support the Barbur Concept Plan and, in particular, this vital low-cost safety project.**

Sincerely,



Carl Larson  
Advocate



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**From:** Greg Schifsky [gregschifsky@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 7:23 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla; Roger Averbek; Bogert, Sylvia  
**Subject:** Barbur HCT

Karla,

The Barbur Blvd. HCT corridor's proposals while long overdue for improvements, especially south of the two bridges near Burlingame, an idea of taking space to add a very expensive light rail system is unwarranted.

If for any reason, Interstate - 5 is jammed from a mishap or catastrophic event, then an alternative route needs to be kept in place to move people into town(for medical or other) or out of town to escape fire, earthquake damage, safety. That means keeping two lanes in each direction for auto and pedestrian mobility. It's most likely any rail system would be 'down'.

It is that simple; we are due (so say the 'experts') for some major event.

Greg Schifsky  
Bridlemile Neighborhood  
History on 99W? since the mid 1950s

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