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Dr. Helzer: I am sending you this message to inform you of my opposition to the proposed bike path that will traverse the perimeter of Hayden Bay. As an avid biker and a resident of Hayden Island I hope you will consider what I have to say: I believe Hayden Island offers a great deal for bike enthusiasts like myself who regularly ride in the area. As a resident I am very familiar with what the area offers and the problems associated with proposing to include the walking path along Hayden Bay in the plan. There are several constricted areas bordered by the steep incline down to the water on the bay side and two existing pool/recreation areas that encroach upon the path as it existed. It is my opinion that a strong engineering and financial input would be necessary to change those choke points that would have to include bikers and foot traffic that already requires single file passage in those areas. You may find my next point to be somewhat amusing but to us residents the flocks of geese that claim the bay and bordering lawns and pathway are a real problem in that they have not responded to any attempts to move them or discourage them from raising their young there and copiously defecating on the walking path. The large population of geese inhabiting Hayden Bay and their activities makes the walking path virtually unusable from early spring to early fall as the amount of feces on the path discourages anyone from walking let alone biking there during that time. I believe the West end of the Island offers a much better option for biking and extending access to a wonderful undeveloped area. Thank you for your consideration!

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