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My name is Michael Steinbach, I live on Hayden Island. I have recently been informed that the Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission is proposing a bike path/walking path on Hayden Island. From what I have read this path would cross over many Condominium HOA properties and extend from the Columbia River Red Lion hotel to the Columbia River Yacht Club and then onto Tomahawk Island Drive. I also understand that this path would necessitate the cutting down of up to 30 trees.

I am vehemently opposed to this plan and I wonder if anyone on the commission has ever come out to Hayden Island and walked along the existing walking path.

The existing walking path extends from The Waterside Condominiums along the Columbia River into Hayden Bay and ends at the west edge of the Columbia River Yacht Club. This walking path has signs along the way prohibiting bicycles, skateboarding, and skating. There is a very good reason for this - the majority of people who walk along this narrow path are adults ranging from age 40 up to 70 and beyond. This is a leisure walking path where people can enjoy the view and serenity of a quiet and peaceful walk without being run over or harrassed by bicycles..and we like it that way.

The walking path in and around Hayden Bay is narrow and does not have available space for bicycles. It passes by 4 condominiums and a homeowners association that all enjoy the respite from crowds of people clamoring along a narrow path with bicycles speeding along disrupting the enjoyment of a leisurely walk. This proposed bike path would bring an element of people who would disrupt a lifestyle enjoyed by people who have paid a price for their quiet environment and they should not have to endure some city bureaucrats idea for a bike path that is neither wanted or necessary.

In a city known for it's love of trees, I find it ludicrous that a city bureaucrat would think it a good idea to cut down up to 30 trees to make a bike path for a small segment of the population at the expense of those people who currently enjoy the solitude and the environment that these very trees provide.

As a resident of Hayden Island, I strongly urge the Planning and Sustainability Commission to strike down this ill conceived proposal.

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