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Hello,

I have been a resident of Columbia Point Condominiums on Hayden Island for 33 years. This email is to provide comments on the proposed City Bikeway, along the Columbia River waterfront and extending around the Hayden Bay bayfront, that is currently included in the *Planning and Sustainability Commission Transportation System Proposed Draft of December 2015*.

I am opposed to that City Bikeway for the following reasons:

**UNNECESSARY -- A PUBLIC-ACCESS PATH IS ALREADY BUILT**

A primary plan goal of public access has already been met. A 1-mile-long public easement path already exists from the Red Lion hotel to the Columbia River Yacht Club, which is regularly enjoyed by both island residents and visitors for walking, jogging and bird-watching.

**LAND CONFIGURATION MAKES THE PLANNED PATH UNFEASIBLE**

There is no room for widening the path to accommodate bikes or to meet the width requirement for a City Bikeway. Multi-family homes are built to the edge of the current narrow path in many places. The water edge of that same narrow path has drop-offs of 30 feet or more at low water. Bikes and skateboards are currently prohibited due to danger both to pedestrians and to potential bike-riders. Widening the path to City Bikeway requirements would require massive landfills to build up and extend the shoreline along the Columbia River and Hayden Bay. Such a landfill would shrink the size of the bay, and displace several marinas placed close to the current shoreline.

**CONCERNS ABOUT NOISE, CONGESTION, TRAFFIC AND PRIVACY**

The Hayden Bay neighborhood hosts a quiet, largely retirement community. Multi-family and single-family homes around the bay are built with decks and windows facing -- and mostly very close to -- the path. A City Bikeway would substantially increase path traffic and noise, interfere with elderly resident walkers, and reduce privacy from resident decks and lawns.

**CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY AND SECURITY**

The increased traffic of a City Bikeway will almost certainly draw in more transients to sleep or camp under structures, on beaches and in shrubbery, resulting in drug use, harassments, thefts and home break-ins. This will create new dangers to resident people and property, since all the homes along the bayfront and riverfront are so close to the path, and homeowners live and have property on their decks.

**WILL DEGRADE WILDLIFE HABITAT**

Hayden Bay is home and feeding ground to many marine birds, including ospreys, bald eagles, coots, mallards, Canada geese and grebs. It is also a stopover for migrating birds using the Columbia River flyway, and by marine mammals including seals, sea lions and beavers of which

there are frequent sightings. Efforts to widen the path to City Bikeway requirements would shrink the bay area, extend the river frontage into the river and disturb the river and bay banks. And added bike and pedestrian traffic would discourage marine and shore animal life and stopovers.

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Sincerely,

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