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I am writing in regards to the planned Hayden Island Public Bike Path along the Columbia River. It is my understanding that this bike path is part of a 20 year plan. However, in 2009, after a comprehensive study of the pathway location, safety hazards, liability risks and cost, the Planning and Sustainability Commission enacted an ordinance banning such an endeavor.

A bike path that barely runs 3 miles is a huge waste of tax payer money. I ask you who will load their bike up, drive to Hayden Island, try to find parking and unload their bike, to bicycle 3 miles. Portland is a mecca of bike trails including, but not limited to, the one along Marine View Drive that runs from 33rd all the way into Gresham.

To enlarge the existing walking path which is approximately 3 feet wide, to 26 feet across would encumber multiple condo units, pools, and yards. It would open a private path to outside visitors affecting our privacy, home values, damage and litter control, and require the addition of 24/7 security.

We also understand that you plan to link this path to Tomahawk Drive. To do that you would need to run the outlet through a gated community. Those homeowners bought within those gates for the privacy and security it offers.

I am totally against this proposal and ask that Portland use our dollars for the needed road repairs all over the city. I have never been in a city with such low regard for its roadways. Fix the pot holes and leave the walking path to those who pay for it, the homeowners of Hayden Island.

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