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Subject: TSP Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

It has recently come to our attention that the privately owned walking path that runs along the front of our condo (Hayden Bay Condos) is in danger of becoming an approximately 26 foot wide, large use walkway meant to accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians and a median between the two. To say that we have serious and legitimate concerns about such an environment would be an understatement.

We currently have a path that is primarily used by individual walkers, people with strollers and people walking their dogs, usually on flexible leashes. We residents enjoy this walkway and bicyclists are not allowed due to safety concerns. Users already have easy viewing into the condos from the current walkway distance and even with the relatively high berm leading up to our place, privacy is at a minimum....but we knew that at our time of purchase and accepted it as the "negative" to what is otherwise a peaceful setting. More importantly, several of our condo residents, including ourselves, already experience thefts and vandalism throughout the year, but especially during the summer when the island is at it's busiest. In fact, just this morning my husband chased off a man carting away a garbage bag of belongings and UPS boxes after jumping the fence of a secured parking area for the floating homes. Two weeks ago a home was broken into in the middle of the afternoon. Boats have had things stolen off of them and one shot at. To have the path widened to such a great width and inviting even more non-residents, would leave us with a much higher volume of strangers basically parading by our living rooms, front windows and various watercraft, etc., and open us up to increased crime. We feel our home values would be effected by this Grand Central type atmosphere....we certainly wouldn't have purchased this condo with a 26' wide, south waterfront style walkway 20 feet away from our couch.

A few more questions:

- a) Has anyone really analyzed what it would take to accomplish this project? The preexisting infrastructures, ie., stairs, ramps, pools, etc., the narrow area to work with in many places and the serious grading it would take to cut into the side of the hills at several spots.....who is paying the costs associated to construct this walkway?
- b) who is paying to repair/maintain this walkway along with the regular clean up the surrounding area will require (trash, etc.)?
- c) who is liable when John Biker and Jane Walker collide on the walkway...the City or one of the Condo HOAs? The embankment is steep and rocky as it is and we believe it would be one accident or injury after another waiting to happen.

d) are there going to be additional Portland Police patrolling the island, this new walkway and the much larger number of people traipsing through? The homeless and transient "Stop and Rob" lifestyle is already a huge problem on the island and it is only getting worse.

e) what is going to stop bikers from deciding they want to get off the path and stroll their bikes around condo properties...most of us have large paths going by our front doors that currently get enough public going back and forth to the docks. We personally have had delivered packages stolen, opened and tossed in bushes and personal plants stomped on. We fear the number of non condo residential persons walking by our front door would be greatly increased by this proposed walkway.

f) what about the habitat on the west end of the island? There are many spots that would be affected negatively by this type of development. It's bad enough there are the few homeless camps already set up there. Why invite more?

We love Portland and it's many trails, walking paths and bicycle opportunities, but feel strongly this area IS NOT appropriate for what is being proposed. Thank you for your consideration in this issue.

Sincerely,

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