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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: TSP Testimony Hayden Island

I am voicing my concern and opposition to including the Hayden Bay walking path into a mixed walking and biking usage in the current PBOT proposal. As an avid bicyclist and a resident of the Hayden Bay community I have first hand knowledge of the problems presented in such a proposal. I bike regularly on the island and always use the existing streets as they are safer and conform to existing multi use plans and laws. The infrastructure already exists and is regularly used by bikers in the area who avoid the walking paths because of the unsafe conditions presented by the wild goose resident population along with regular usage by pedestrians and dog walkers. In my opinion mixing this usage with bicyclists is not a good idea. It is my understanding that this plan was originally predicated upon improved access on and off the island by completion of the now defunct Columbia Crossing project. The island already experiences severe congestion and difficult access/egress due to the high volume of SW Washington residents who come here to shop and play and this plan would only add to the problems we experience here. Portland is known as a "Bike Friendly" city and I appreciate and support that attitude, however, I believe the plan to include Hayden Bay into the proposed mixed use of pedestrians and bikes is ill advised and not well thought out. Thank you for hearing my concerns!

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