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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Proposed Bike Path at Hayden Bay Homes

Dear Council Members,

My name is Monica Anderson I am a home owner residing at 215 Lotus Beach Drive in the community of Hayden Bay on Hayden Island, Portland Oregon.

It has recently been brought to our attention that the city is considering building a bicycle path along the bay behind our homes. This is very concerning to us on several levels. Not only are we concerned for the well being of the cyclists but also of the residents, some of whom are retired and many other families with small children. The current walkway is quite narrow and in order to build a bike path much of the green space which constitutes our back yard would necessarily need to be annexed. This would unfortunately completely eliminate our privacy and compromise our safety.

On the bay side of the path there are large sharp rocks along a steep bank that go down to the waters edge, if a cyclist should need to swerve in order to avoid a small child or a gaggle of geese so prevalent here the results could be devastating. On the opposite side of the path is our yards.

The traffic issues here at Hayden Bay and Jantzen Beach are legendary. Introducing an additional new and dangerous element seems unnecessary. The city of Portland has done a wonderful job of creating a variety of trails for biking, hiking, and commuting. I do not think having another bike path that does not serve the cyclists commute and only serves to create risk where none currently exists is in anyone's best interest.

There have recently been a rash of home break ins and burglaries. The pathway you are proposing will connect us to a homeless camp living under the Interstate Bridge. I sincerely hope that in your desire to create more bike pathways for cyclists, after already spending tens of millions of dollars on them, you do not completely overlook the dangers of destabilizing a neighborhood and the safety and quality of life for the residents who live there.

Instead of building additional bike paths perhaps some of that money could go towards filling potholes and improving the roads.

Respectfully,
Monica Anderson