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To: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

I am writing today about the proposed addition of a new bike path on Hayden Island around Hayden Bay. Proposed TSP Amendment - Section 5 Bicycle Classification - A3 (City Bikeway)

As a avid biker and having lived on the island for over 15 years, I am very familiar with the limited road and path conditions on the Island. Due to this fact, my friends and I ride along the Marina Drive bike path that is very wide and built to safely accommodate both bikers and walkers. This bike path is accessible to all that want to safely ride a good distance with fabulous scenery.

The proposed new bike path will create a very hazardous situation for bikers. Currently, the proposed bike path is a very narrow path and is used continually by power walkers, elderly strollers, joggers, Moms with those very wide baby carriages, dog walkers, and lots of local wildlife. By opening this path up to bikers, you will be putting the current users of the path in danger AND the new bike users will ride into hazards that they will be unprepared for. I can on imagine a bike rider swerving to miss a baby carriage and going down the 20' steep rocky embankment into the bay below.

On Hayden Island, as a bike rider, I can safely ride from the east end to the west end along Tomahawk Island Drive and then connect to Hayden Island Drive. Why would I need a path that is fraught with physical danger?? What I suggest is making the west end of the island into a park and create proper paths for bike riders and for walkers.

Please do not create more of a public hazard for the unknowing bike rider and keep Portland safe for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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