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**Subject:** proposed Hayden Island bikepath?

Hi,

I'm not sure if I have the correct email but I would appreciate it you would send my email to those involved with this proposal. Thank you.

We have found out that the City is contemplating (again) making the walking path from The Red Lion Hotel to and around Hayden Bay into a destination bike path. We received no notification of this proposal but found out via Facebook. My wife and I have lived on Hayden Bay for over 12 years and it seems this horrible idea resurfaces every few years. The private path fronts six different condo associations and one group of private homes along its route. It is enjoyed by multitudes of walkers and runners, both locals and visitors. It was determined years ago that it is unsafe for bikes due to the narrowness and dangerous angle to the river. The neighborhoods have shared this path with the public, maintained it and lit it. Occasionally, a rogue bike rider will decide to ride on it and when told it is not for bikes, they many times respond with profanities, both verbal and physical. Most agree to dismount, apologize and walk their bike to the nearest exit. If what we hear is true, the city is thinking of a 26 ft. wide path to accommodate walkers, bikers and vegetation. Our deck is about 20 ft. from the path. We will not let our private property be taken by the city for a bike path to nowhere.

Hopefully, the City will rethink this idea and spend their limitless budget somewhere else. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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