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Subject: Bike path Hayden Island

To The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission:

We reside at 139 N. Lotus Beach Drive, in the Hayden Bay Homes on Hayden Island. We were recently notified that the City of Portland is considering changing the walking path to a combination walking path and bike path.

The proposed bike path would be open to pedestrians, joggers, baby strollers, rollerbladers, dog-walkers and other non-motorized users, the fact that this bike path is separated from traffic leads people in to a false sense of security.

Increasing the traffic on the existing path poses a security threat and liability to the homeowners who pay to maintain and insure the property, exposes the walking public and bikers to potential injury, and causes a serious conflict with the indigenous geese. It is also an extreme hindrance to the local fire department.

Bike paths should be based on one's desire to ride safely, get where one needs to go, and to provide a transportation solution. The path behind the Hayden Bay Homes is unsafe for cycling, coupled with pedestrian and canine traffic and, at times, combative Canada Geese, it does not serve as a transportation solution, it is secluded, isolated, and disconnected from meaningful destinations.

The City of Portland has always created and designed amazing bike paths that are not isolated from traffic flow and are included in the mix of traffic with proper markings, lights, and people who must obey the law, in favor of the cyclist. **Bike paths are a "ride at your own risk" transportation corridor.** while streets with clearly marked bike paths, require the public who are walking, riding, dog walking, or using any other form of transportation to **obey the law**, which offers a greater level of protection from injury, liability, and lack of safety.

We are confident this project can be moved to the streets of the Island to offer protection for all concerned.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this

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