

From: Jan Roxburgh <hummingbirdzoo@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: City Bikeway on Hayden Island - TSP Proposed Draft. (Photo attached)
To: greg.raisman@portlandoregon.gov
Cc: Timme Helzer <helzert@comcast.net>, jeffgeisler@msn.com, Pam Ferguson <pamfergusonpdx@aim.com>, alastair Roxburgh <aroxburgh@ieee.org>

Dear Greg,

I am reaching out to you personally after being encouraged to do so by my daughter, Monica Roxburgh Sears. Monica and her husband Rick think very highly of you, and are really excited about Portland's 40-mile bicycle loop/trail/off-road bicycle trail/city bikeway you have been working hard on for quite a long time. Monica met you in St. John's two or three years ago, at a block street-painting (with chalk) event, and she said that she kept up email contact with you for awhile.

My husband and I live on Hayden Island. We are pro-bicycle and are environmentalists. We were both highly involved in fighting Pembina Pipeline Corp. and the Port of Portland when they were trying to push the gigantic propane export terminal on our beautiful city. We deeply care about Portland, and applaud it's strong efforts to become a truly sustainable and Green City. Safe bicycle trails and roadways are obviously part of this Green movement.

I have been looking at the PBOT map for the Portland bicycle trail that goes around the edge of Hayden Island Manufactured Homes Park. I am wondering if this section of it was planned using Google Maps, because on Google Maps you can see a green strip that makes it look like there is a sizable distance between the river and the lines of homes. However, if someone is actually walking along the path, they can see the distance between the water and the homes is in fact very small. (About 6 feet wide before a steep 20 foot drop-off into the river.) To have a really safe bicycle/pedestrian trail (say about 30 feet) would mean having to displace about 112 homes here along the river's edge.

Most of the occupants in the Manufactured Park are low-income, elderly, and many are disabled. Displacing them would sadly result in a lot of homelessness. The monetary value of the older manufactured homes is not high, and buying the homes for the trail would not allow residents to get a home elsewhere, even if there was some area for them to go. The Manufactured Homes Park has 447 homes altogether. If these 112 higher-rent-paying riverfront homes were lost from the park, the park could not survive financially. With the current Portland housing crisis, it is so important that we don't do anything that would add to this serious problem.

Greg, would you be interested in visiting the island and having a guided tour of the area proposed for the bikeway? Neighbors here are extremely concerned. They have been closely following the situation with the proposed bicycle trail and Hayden Bay. I would be happy to act as a guide, and would like to introduce to you others here on the island. I think it would be really nice to meet and talk with you, knowing that you are trying to make Portland a much better place for everyone.

Sincerely,

Jan Roxburgh

Cc: Jeff Geisler - Hayden Island Neighborhood Network (HiNooN) President
Dr. Timme Helzer - HiNooN Board member
Pam Ferguson - Hayden Island Manufactured Homes Park, HOA President
Alastair and Janet Roxburgh - Hayden Island Manufactured Homes Park, HOA Board members and RV Park Directors

Photo.

Along the Hayden Island walking path

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