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I have lived in the Hayden Island Manufactured Home Community for 10+ years and for five of those years the edge of my front deck has been about 10 feet from the drop off to the Columbia River. Before that, I was on the channel side with a view of the water. I had lots of choices of where I wanted to live when I made my decision to move here and have never been sorry for my choice. I love being right by the water and I have the most fantastic view of the river, Vancouver, the Interstate Bridge, the Railroad Bridge and Mount Hood in the background. Two houses from me is a current walking/bike path that heads west, where the houses sit a bit back from the river, but it is private property from my neighbors house east all the way to the end by the bridge as our houses are set so close to the river. There is certainly not room to build a 26 to 30 foot bike path here so my home would be destroyed. My plan has been to live my entire life, right where I am and I can't imagine losing all this for a bike path.

Please remove the proposed Hayden Island Bikeway from the Comprehensive Plan TSP. I spend many hours in the past working with city planners to come up with the Comprehensive Plan but nothing was discussed then about this bike path. Our community of 450 plus homes is still considered "Affordable Living" and is very popular with seniors (which I am) and families. With affordable living areas being replaced in so many parts of the city, it is reckless to eradicate at least 122 homes within our community and take the chance that the whole place will be folded because of the lost of revenue to our landowners. Hopefully a group of decision makers will come out and walk the properties to see what this proposal would do to our way of life and I invite you all to come to my place and see what would be destroyed before you make any decisions.

This is really a bad plan and the bikeway needs to be a street bike path and not a path along the river destroying so many of our homes and possibly ending one of the best affordable living communities in North Portland. Please reconsider this plan.

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