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Sauvie Island bike access

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Howdy all,

I've just been reading about potentially-restricted recreational bike access or toll-based bike access for Sauvie Island, per this BikePortland article:

<http://bikeportland.org/2015/08/25/advocate-sounds-alarm-sauvie-island-transportation-plan-discourage-recreational-bicycle-activities-156249>

This is rather alarming, indeed. I'm not sure why, despite evidence such as bike access being positive for local economies, cars polluting the environment and taking up a disproportional amount of space, and complete streets as a means of providing equitable, safer access to more citizens, there would be a proposal to limit bike access, but seemingly here we are.

I'd like to encourage you to not make an incredibly regressive decision. I've ridden out to Sauvie Island many times because it is a gorgeous treasure that should be accessible by everyone. If anything, you have a responsibility to build a bike path around the perimeter so as to increase safety, discourage driving, and ensure everyone has fair access to the island.

Multnomah County has been on a bit of a roll, what with the poor Broadway Bridge detour and now this. Don't make an absolutely ridiculous decision. Remove the language discouraging further bike access. Hell, change the language completely to *encourage* bike access. I don't understand why a planning committee in 2015 would try anything different. This isn't 1950.

Thanks,
Jake