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Sauvie Island Transportation Plan Draft

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To County Staff, County Chair Kafoury, and Commissioner Bailey,

I was recently made aware that the County's draft Rural Area Plan for Sauvie Island includes, in Policy 5.9, recommends supporting "the use of bicycle transportation alternative to automotive use without encouraging purely recreational bicycle activities" (page 59). It fails to identify any way of making such a distinction: How do you discourage recreational uses without discouraging non-recreational uses?

If the goal of this policy, as stated elsewhere in the Draft Plan, is to reduce the impact of transportation on the island's natural environment and agricultural land, it would be more effective to discourage recreational automobile use, and to encourage recreational users to favor transit and active transportation. The [draft Transportation System Plan](#) details several good approaches to this, and I suspect Sauvie Island would benefit from their application.

I hope that, per the recommendation of the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the language about discouraging cycling will be removed from the plan before it is finalized. I look forward to seeing safer and lower-impact transportation facilities on Sauvie Island in the future.

Regards,

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