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Unacceptable Language in Sauvie Island use plan.

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To: simcplanning@multco.us, mult.chair@multco.us, district1@multco.us, odfw.info@state.or.us

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my sincere objections to Policy 5.9 in the *Manage Travel Demand* section of the draft Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel Transportation System Plan.

"Implement a range of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policies encouraging existing businesses and requiring new development (beyond single family residential use and agricultural uses) to help reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), maximize use of existing facilities and alleviate congestion on US 30 and county roads caused by seasonal and special event traffic. **Support the use of bicycle transportation alternative to automotive use without encouraging purely recreational bicycle activities that may increase this level of vehicle conflict on roadways.**"

As a resident, consumer, taxpayer and constituent of Multnomah County in the State of Oregon, I find the above sentiment absolutely unacceptable and discriminatory.

I have never had single conflict with any "agricultural or farming" vehicle while riding out there. I have had several conflicts (if you count driving across the center line into my path a conflict) with large pickups which weren't engaged in agricultural or farming operations, that is not towing a farm implement, loaded with construction materials, or hauling produce. But have all the hallmarks of hunters and or fisherman (possibly local cranks).

My family has been a customer of Sauvie Island businesses for more than 20 years, and I'll see to it that we never purchase so much as solitary green bean from a Sauvie Island business again if that language makes it to the final.

I've spent the last 30 years of my life waiting behind trucks hauling boats, RV's, and ATV's creeping along highways and byways throughout the western U.S. Country roads are rotten with them in the fall and the spring.

And such as food is available for purchase at any number of merchants **all of these activities are purely recreational**. Are you listening ODFW?

I'm getting awful sick of the entitled, parochial, redneck attitudes of some of my fellow Oregonians. (ok, that's nothing new)

On the other hand, If you want to talk about discouraging people from coming into the city of Portland (ie: closing highways 30, 26, 5, or 84) I may be open to compromise.

Respectfully yours,
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