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Sauvie Island Transportation Plan

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Dear Folks Who Can Do Something at Multnomah County,

First, and most importantly, I want to thank you for taking the time to consider the vital issue of safe access to Sauvie Island. I know you have a lot of work to take care of, and I trust that you're working hard to reach a solution that is in the best interests of all members of the public who transport themselves to, from, and around Sauvie Island. I live in North Portland, so recreational access to Sauvie Island is important to me.

I'm also writing to express my surprise and concern at the part up the proposed transportation plan for Sauvie Island which states "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." Again, I trust that you are trying to find a solution that best meets the needs of all members of the public who require access to Sauvie Island.

It is my understanding that the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee specifically advised dropping this section of the plan. As someone who studies transportation infrastructure, I note that when the concern is alleviating congestion, there's a solution! A wide body of evidence shows that a decrease in automotive use and an increase in biking and walking will do far more to alleviate congestion than the current plan proposal.

In the spirit of alleviating congestion, I would encourage you to follow the direction of the bike/ped advisory committee, perhaps even going so far as to reword the statement as follows:

Support the use of automotive transportation alternative to bicycle use without encouraging purely recreational automotive activities that may increase this level of vehicle conflict on roadways.

An acquaintance of mine mentioned that you may be proposing an off-street MUP. If this would create comprehensive access to, from, and around Sauvie Island, then I am super-excited about that.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate that you are willing to listen to the advisory committee and the public on this important safety matter. Please let me know if you have any further questions on this topic.

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