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Dear Hearings Examiner and Community Development Team --

I'm excited for the North Shore to come to life with housing, commercial amenities, and safe transit routes and trails. It's going to be phenomenal! I do, however, have concerns that the North Shore Design Standards that were established after an extensive public process have not been fully considered and implemented in the design currently up for approval at this hearing.

The approved NS Design Standards show protected bike and pedestrian infrastructure as well as enhanced crosswalks for the convenience and safety of all users -- walkers, rollers and automobile drivers included. It also calls for fairly specific Site Development Guidelines for each land use type, which do not seem to be consistently applied in this application (parking lots, green space focus, etc.)

It is my understanding that the NS Design Standards were developed because the community realized that the North Shore is a unique place. Often, public input sessions for this type of planning are not well attended -- but large crowds came to give input on the North Shore planning. Different standards were set for this area because of its setting, adjacency to Legacy Lands and Lacamas Lake, and the fact that it is largely undeveloped -- so a chance to create planned, cohesive development and infrastructure on a mostly blank slate. The standards are great! Nice work, Camas.

I also thought the design standards were supposed to make developers' work easier and approvals quicker by providing clear and consistent standards throughout the area -- eliminating the need to 'match up' standards at property boundaries, because that was already set. For that to work, the standards need to be followed very closely.

We have this one chance to get the infrastructure and design right. If any portion of the main roads isn't safe for all users, then the functionality of the entire project is weakened. The approved plan did not allow for curb-tight sidewalks on major roads, nor painted-only bike lanes -- neither is fun to use, and more importantly, not safe. Neither discourages too-fast car speeds, which protect drivers and all users. And since retrofitting streets is always difficult and expensive, this is an incredible opportunity to create functional, safe, and desirable routes at the time of new construction.

As one resident who has participated in many hours of Legacy Lands Committee, Open House, and Parks Commission meetings, I can say for certain that the public will care about proposed projects aligning with the approved design standards. I think that care is extremely positive. There are many of us who are truly excited for these types of projects that will allow a whole new crop of residents access to

incredible trails and natural spaces, and connect them to their schools, new and existing Camas businesses and amenities, and their neighbors. We just want that access to be safe and desirable -- the same connectivity and thoughtful design that we want for all of our neighborhoods. But this particular area actually does have the design standards to back those wishes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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