

OPPOSITION TO THE CITY OF STEVENSON STAFF PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE CASCADE AVENUE RAILROAD UNDERPASS TO VEHICLES

The Stevenson waterfront is accessed and egressed via two City Roads: Russell Street on the west side with an at-grade gated railroad crossing, and Cascade Avenue on the east side which provides a route under the railroad tracks.

Maintenance/improvements to east Cascade Avenue for vehicle access/egress via the railroad underpass have been included in the City Transportation Improvement Plans since 1998. Year after year, the past city plans have been to pave the road and improve the railroad underpass.

Surprisingly, the new 2023 Transportation Improvement Plan proposed by staff to the City Council is to close the east-side Cascade Avenue underpass access to all vehicles. Bollards would be installed as soon as 2023 to close the road. Staff proposes to convert it to a pedestrian/bike-only paved trail. It should be noted that a graveled trail in that same area between downtown and the waterfront via the railroad underpass was completed five years ago and is being maintained. Therefore, it appears that the new staff proposal is for an additional trail in the same area.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the waterfront as a key part of Stevenson's Downtown. Closing the east side of Cascade Ave. would create a safety hazard for the residents, businesses, employees, and visitors of Stevenson's Downtown Waterfront. At times, trains stop and block Russell Street for lengthy periods. In the event of an emergency or an evacuation, when every second counts, access/egress via the Railroad underpass with vehicles is critical for public safety. The railroad underpass also provides an alternate route for critical purposes (work, medical appointments, etc...).

The graveled railroad underpass road may not be "perfect" but it has served the community well for decades. Instead of endangering and inconveniencing residents, businesses, employees and visitors by closing this road, the City should maintain it, grade it to fix potholes, and keep it open for vehicle use.

This petition will be presented to the City Council at their June 16th meeting.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BERNARD UERSARI	264 SW CASCADE STEVENSON, 98648	For public safety and critical access/egress needs, please maintain the current road for vehicles.
KRISTI UERSARI	270 SW CASCADE STEVENSON, 98648	Public safety requires immediate access/egress to SW Cascade Ave to vehicles, for emergencies & evacuations.
STEVE OLIVA	320 SW CASCADE Stevenson, WA	I am opposed to the staff proposal because it would impair public safety and access/egress on the waterfront. The current road needs to be properly maintained.
JAN OLIVA	320 SW CASCADE Stevenson, WA	I share the same concerns - The current vehicle access/egress via the railroad underpass needs to be maintained.

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David Nail	23 SE Cascade Ave.	This Rd. must stay open & be maintained for fire & life safety.
Richard LeBill	240 SW Cascode Ave	Safety is
Chrisa Crook	352 Leete RD Carson WA	First This is the only way to get through if a train is stopped, stay first
Hendra Latimer	Box 1232 CARSON WA 98016	Keep open. put a sign up.
Greg Kishon	My of 80 NW Roosevelt.	keep open
Betty Poubin	owners of 240 SW CASCADE AVE	Please Keep
Jean-Yves Poubin	"	the railroad underpass road open to vehicles - Don't make the downtown waterfront an unsafe deadend beyond the gated railroad tracks -

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Pat Albaugh	183 NE Hemmingway, Stevenson	Restricting vehicular access to + from the waterfront is going in the wrong direction - the City should be improving + adding access.
Cindy Bradley	581 High Bridge Rd Carson WA 98610	Closing this road is a serious safety issue. Please reconsider.
Wanda Schaf	1201 Trout Creek Rd Carson WA 98610 507-215-1338	As someone who works on the waterfront I use this road regularly when the train is blocking the road or moving very slow.
Shelly Hartfield	1052 Equine Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172 812-987-3297	As port Director of Port Services for the American Express, we rely on having two roads and egress.

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Carrie Nissen	530.613.3905	I am open to understanding more but my first response is to NOT close it.
Liz Wilber	509-654-0688	Appalled at the idea of closing the road to vehicles.
Barbara Robinson	188 SW 1 st St. Stevenson	Totally unnecessary
Tim Nies	360-909-4622	Very practical to have an alternative way to HWY 14 when there is a train blocking the way.
John & Kari DiPalma	360-986-1903	We support keeping the road open for vehicles. Can you limit the speed limit on the east end of town to 35 similar to how it is for the railway construction.
Hannah Joy	912-659-2028	The idea makes no sense.
Joe Mullen	Box 1493, Stevenson	
Monica Masco	Box 1043, Stevenson	Underpass road required for health and safety reasons

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TOM WATERS	tom@BACKWOODS BREWING -COM	WANT TO KEEP ROADS
Steve Waters	steve@backwardsbrewing.com	Dangerous for businesses and our employees
Jessica Webb	jwebbcatchme@outlook.com	This access is crucial to remain open for emergencies
Jennifer Martin	martin@skamaniaadusa.org	want to keep fd open.

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Joe Schlick	40 sw montez	I am a user of this critical road - keep it open to vehicles for egress/access and please maintain this road - It can be improved too!
ANGUS RUCK	400 NW HOTSPRINGS ALAMEDA	IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE ACCESS ROAD UNDER THE RAILROAD TRACKS LEADING TO CASCADE AVE SHOULD <u>CONTINUE TO EXIST AND BE MAINTAINED</u> TO PROVIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, PATRONS AND FIRST RESPONDERS WHEN TRAINS BLOCK ACCESS ON RUSSELL STREET. LIVABILITY, LIVELIHOODS AND PUBLIC SAFETY MUST BE CONSIDERED

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Merica Erwin	530-515-4183	It's needed for emergencies
Sarah Simon	440 NW Frank Johns Stevenson.	Leave it open - only access (alternate)
JANET CAMPBELL	NE FRANK JOHNS STEVENSON	THIS ROAD MUST STAY OPEN TO VEHICLES TO PRESERVE EGRESS/ACCESS FROM/TO THE WATERFRONT FOR SAFETY AND NEED FOR ALTERNATE ROUTE.
Rick May Julie May	329 Kanakia Creek Rd	Please keep this road open for health and safety - without this access open we would get stuck with no way out!

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CHRISTINA HANWIG	407 341 4960 533 WE MAJOR ST STEVENSON WA	BOTH BEACH SKIERS. THE SAFE EXITS MAKES THE MOST SENSE. HAVING A SECONDARY EXIT TO HIGHWAY 14 IS A SAFE ALTERNATE...
James Woodford	6221 Eastloop	I'm opposed to the proposal to close east Cascade exit. I access Been using it for many years
DAN NUZZO	360-521-1994	
GREG GOTLIETZ	206-817-9179	
Lisa Bescherev	208 921 5643	don't think it needs to be closed
Phil Jones	541-490-4744	Don't close it
China Kirk	360-954-8231	
Kirtiya Zalchew	503-957-1477	NO close!
BRUCE ROBB	208 841 2567	Do not close! ^{ROAD!} IT'S AN EMERGENCY EXIT!
Frieda WASSER	541-490-3929	don't limit access out
Patricia Perrault Nozzo	360-910-5239	Don't close it.
KIRSTAN SCHMIDT	503 830-3396	KEEP IT OPEN AND MAINTAIN IT!

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Jeff Paul	Box 134, Stevenson	Safety hazard -every
second counts - dangerous to life and health.		
Jim Hunt	Stevenson resident	For purely fire, life
safety egress from the port property, it needs to be maintained for vehicle access.		
Kathy Schassen	Stevenson	If a train ever got
jammed up, no other way in or out.		
Kimberly S. Puckett Kim.s.puckett@gmail.com or 509-427-4963 Comment: Closing the east side of cascade ave would cause an unnecessary safety hazard for anyone on the south side of the train tracks at any given time if there was an emergency. It is bad enough having only TWO routes out of that area but closing one of them...how can we take that chance.		

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<u>Tamara Kuhn</u>	<u>tamara.kuhn@gmail.com</u>	<u>Closing the underpass road will create a major safety issue. The railway is extremely busy with many long cars that in minutes could cost a life. We need to consider all emergencies that could occur such as drownings, drug overdoses, personal health issues, etc. I would not feel safe in my work environment with only 1 ingress and egress.</u>

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Cindy Allen	3208 Sunset Drive North Bonneville	Throughout my life my guiding light has been to serve my community - Please Listen to and make decisions based on the needs and concerns of your community - Keep this road open to vehicles. It is critically needed and should be maintained properly year round -
Leslee Franca	leslee@franca@gmail.com Stevenson	Keep the access and egress open to vehicles. This is Plan B when exit/access from Russell St (Plan A) fails due to train or other problems -

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James Hays	Invictus Global Services	I was hoping the City would take the exact opposition action and
Doug Bill	Doug.Bill@Yahoo!	
DAVE Kuhn	DNT Kuhn @ Gmail, work repair the road.	Fix the road
Pete Essex	pete esser 65 @ Gmail.com	Fix the road
Chad Scott	Chadscott0824@Gmail.com	Fix the road.
Tamara Kuhn	tamara.kuhn@astound.com	Trains block ingress/egress
MATT FECHTNER	Mattfechtner8@gmail.com	This creates a dangerous situation. Fix the road!
John Wenz	JTWenz96@gmail.com	Trains block ingress/egress
Joel Burch	jburch177@gmail.com	Trains block access
CODY JACKSON	BACKWOODS BREWING CO.	
Daniella G. Saunders	daniella@SilverStarIndustries.com	"Safety conditions" we need 2 ways out of here. with are vehicles
Devin M. Dettart	devinshelton7502@gmail.com	
Scott S. Kaiser	SSKBMX@gmail.com	Turns Waterfront into a 1-way exit/entry Safety hazard, need 2nd exit for fire exit, do not need a homeless camp, do not turn this into Portland! go back go back to Portland Ben if you dont like

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Frank Caccaro Carol Shick	360 869 9925 805 453-0023	please keep waterfront road open for access
CHRIS HOLDEN	445 ROCK CREEK DRIVE STEVENSON	I HAVE BEEN DEPENDING ON THIS ROAD FOR YEARS - I WORKED ON THE WATERFRONT. THE ROAD SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN TO VEHICLES AND MAINTAINED Keep it opened to vehicles!
Hope Holden	Same	

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Alissa Humbert	cookiesandcoiceld@gmail.com	need a safety exit for vehicles, not a hike trail. every year I had lived here ITS been looking more ? more like Portland Keep Portland in Portland
Melanie Humbert	Melmel69420@gmail.com	
Robert Parker	R.ParkerWA@gmail.com	
Jake Truelove	jodantruelove@gmail.com	
Valeil Paterson	v	safety concern
Wade Hewitt	wahewitt206@gmail.com	Safety
Naizun Parker	Parker.Naizun@yahoo.com	Safety Concern!
Trace Patton	mortalitycarl.t@yahoocom	PLEASE KEEP ROAD!

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Debra Jo Stephens	509-219-5029	Very helpful to keep open especially for emergency
Alisa Mitchell	971-400-2823	
CHAD DETLAFF	PO BOX 115, STEVENSON	MAJOR SAFETY ISSUE
Katie Potal	clark & lewies	emer exit..
Heather Pruitt	clark & lewies	emer exit the gates were closed down for most of a day a few months ago. The only way to go to work was through the railroad underpass I work at Clark and Lewie's -
Chuck Kellogg	360 904 487 chuck@dpkservices.com	we need Access ?
Deanna Wiehnd		needs to be open and repaired for Emergency Exit

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Pat Rice

360-281-3406

I was on a committee put together by the City of Stevenson last year to establish a best practices approach to community outreach and involvement. How the City has so far handled the legally required 'public involvement' on this year's TIP list violates everything this committee discussed and agreed upon as being 'good and adequate public outreach'. Further, if the City needs more money to properly maintain the road under this railroad bridge, then they should use the \$100,000 they are planning to spend to put a road in front of only one house - 90 NW Del Ray. Literally this paved roadway would serve only one house - and the property owner DOES NOT want what has been his front yard driveway paved or altered in any way

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Steve Funk	541 490 9801	
Taylor Walters	503-462-6223	
MATT STASCH	541-954-6181 360r	
Seth Powell	503-382-7235	
Derek Juedes	360-606-3536	
Jacob Adams	503-347-2528	
Gene Giese	564-208-3848	
Kathleen Funk	541-490-4571	
Daniel Hamilton	564-208-3848	
Bryan Paulsen	564.208-3848	
Shannon Murphy	971 231-9506	
James Bisher	- 360-521-8166	
chelsymaree	- 360-901-5428	
Brandon Wells	- 503-805-0557	
Chelsea Modar	541-645-4439	
Jedi Wold	541-380-0385	
David Maglenre	541-980-0545	

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Melissa McBee	530 672 9074	Keep open
Chelsea McBee	541-965 9369	Please keep it open!
Correna Smith	909-519-7043	I Live here and Don't want to be stuck -
Don Myers	503 528 6668	Please improve the road & keep open please
Jade Whissna	503 504 4667	please keep the road open
Mac Mathi	509 637-4529	please grade it!
Tim Tremaine	503.403.8134	Please <u>Keep Open</u> !!! <u>Thankyou</u>
Jeannie Juster	503 475 4962	Please <u>Keep road</u>
DINO & DEBBIE COSTIGAN	206-240-6141	<u>open to vehicles and</u>
MIKE SCRIVENS	541-490-0678	<u>maintain it for the</u> <u>safety of the waterfront</u>
		PLEASE KEEP OPEN IT'S NECESSARY FOR SECONDARY ROAD

KEEP OPEN

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Art Hernandez

360-9049616

NO

Kari Albaugh

541-399-2997

The road should
remain open to
vehicles. I use this
road often.

RE: Proposed Closure of Cascade Avenue to Highway 14 via Railroad Underpass

Liz Wilber <ewilber@pfp.org>

Thu, Jun 2, 2022 at 1:20 PM

To: Port of Skamania County <port@portofskamania.org>

I am appalled. I've been stuck on this side of the railroad tracks when I was heading home because of an armature malfunction; when I called the nonemergency sheriff's number, I learned about the alternative route. I hadn't known about it before, and I was so glad I could get home! The trains are long and slow, and if an emergency happened and we had to leave, we could be stuck! The road is a mess and a hazard to drive on, but it's better than nothing. It definitely needs to stay!

Liz Wilber

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