

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS RECEIVED AFTER
THE WORKSHOP ON 6/8/2022
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.

Maintainance/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.



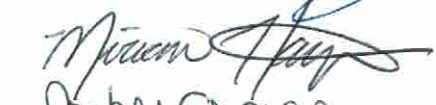
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Amanda Schauf <i>Amanda Schauf</i>	" "	
Elaine Hanson <i>Elaine Hanson</i>	22285 Chippewa Rd Vining	As Visitor I oppose
Peter Hanson <i>Peter Hanson</i>	" "	" " "
Kevin Waters	481 Maple Way Stevenson, WA 98648	Emergency services/access

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Julie Mayfield	PO Box 425 Stevenson WA 98648	There must be more than one exit from the Waterfront, which is bound by train tracks. It is essential for safety!!
Ellen Jensen	P.O. Box 407 Stevenson, WA 98648	Safety exit needed, it's that simple.
David Goldring	PO 512 98639	! 😊 DON'T CLOSE
Mike Spanner		The railroad needs a new bridge and widen the road
John Elliott Storie	P.O. Box 691 CASCADE johnelliottstorie@yahoo.com	Keep the road.
Matt D.		Keep the road.
Dom		Replace the Bridge.

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