

Public Comment Summary: City of Stevenson Shoreline Integrated Public Access Plan

Local Public Comment Through August 14, 2023

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Comment Number	Topic / Section*	Commenter	Comment – Summarized*	Local Government Response & Rationale
1	Project SA.4	Pat Albaugh, Executive Director, Port of Skamania, August 14 th , 2023	Opposes sidewalk on Cascade Avenue	Conflicts between parking and pedestrian facilities can be avoided as part of project implementation. The sidewalk was present in May’s initial draft plan. The updated draft removes sidewalk from the planned type of improvement for this connection and replaces it with “future consideration of public trail extension”.
2	Project SA.4	Bernard Versari August 9 th , 2023	Opposes asphalt trail extension across Bob’s Beach	Trail surfacing will be considered as part of project implementation. No asphalt trail surfacing has been proposed across Bob’s Beach. May’s initial draft included extension of the pathway with an unidentified type of connection. The updated draft assesses this connection as “future consideration of public trail extension”. Engaging with windsurfer community is identified as a next step to ensure design suitability.
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4	Project SA.4	Bernard Versari, August 9 th , 2023	Supports expansion of milfoil removal to include Columbia River	Milfoil removal remains a project from the Shoreline Restoration Plan. Expansion in this document could be appropriate, however, the method of removal for the mainstem of the Columbia differs from the herbicide discussed for Rock Cove.
5	Project SA.4	30-Person Petition, August 9 th , 2023	Opposes asphalt trail extension across Bob’s Beach	Trail surfacing will be considered as part of project implementation. No asphalt trail extension has been proposed across Bob’s Beach. May’s initial draft included extension of the pathway with an unidentified type of connection. The updated draft assesses this connection as “future consideration of public trail extension”.

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7	Habitat Improvements	Amaia Smith, WDFW Habitat Biologist, August 9 th , 2023	Supports plan's balance between recreational access and enhancing natural areas. Supports replacement of fish-blocking culverts, supports planting new Oregon White Oaks, and recommends retaining native riparian vegetation intact, especially large, mature trees when projects are implemented.	This will be considered during project implementation.
8	Unpaved Trails & Trailheads	Amaia Smith, WDFW Habitat Biologist, August 9 th , 2023	Recommends use of unpaved trails and inclusion of leave no trace signage and trashcans at trailheads when projects are implemented.	This will be considered during project implementation.
9	HPA (Permits)	Amaia Smith, WDFW Habitat Biologist, August 9 th , 2023	Suggests some projects may require a Hydraulic Projects Approval, the WDFW permit related to in-water work/impacts.	This will be considered during project implementation.
10	Project SA.8	Kurt Bethman, August 8 th , 2023	Supports fish passage removal as a component of the West Rock Cove Shoreline Trail Enhancement project.	Component remains and will be considered during project implementation.
11	BPA Permits	Brent Leslie, Realty Specialist, Bonneville Power Administration, August 7 th , 2023	Suggests some projects may require a land use application, the BPA process to authorize work in their right-of-way.	This will be considered during project implementation.
12	Global	Michelle McConnell, Regional Shoreline Planner, WDOE, June 12 th , 2023	Suggests several improvements to initial draft plan.	The updated draft incorporates several suggestions.

13	SA.2	Susan and Larry Krug, June 7 th , 2023	Supports inclusion of Public Pedestrian Access to Upper Rock Creek Falls (from north side of Rock Creek).	The updated draft maintains this project as a priority.
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15	SA.4	Bernard Versari, June 12 th , 2023	Opposes sidewalk on Cascade Avenue	The updated draft removes sidewalk from the planned type of improvement for this connection and replaces it with “future consideration of public trail extension”.
16	SA.4	Bernard Versari, June 12 th , 2023	Opposes railroad pedestrian crossing.	The updated draft removes the pedestrian crossing as a planned improvement.

**See original comment letter for complete verbiage.*