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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Comments
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Good day, Demi,

Thank you for your comments in relation to bicycle lanes and road safety. I am forwarding to members of Staff, and will enter these into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Regards,
Jeff Delapena

From: Clark County <webteam@clark.wa.gov>
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Message Subject

Road safety concerns

Comments

I have recently decided to start riding bicycles more in my effort to not only become healthier but also become more environmentally conscious. I want to ride my electric powered bicycle instead of drive cars to run quick errands around town. Because of this I have started to notice that the bike lanes in Vancouver Clark County is absolutely horrendous! The streets either doesn't have a bike lane at all or a very narrow one, littered with rocks and general trash, over grown plants that obstruct the lane etc...I'm constantly forced to either swerve out of the bike lane, stop, or try to use the side walk instead (which is also often obstructed by over grown plants). There is just this general sense of unease to even ride outside because there's no clear division between the car lane and bike lane (like buffer zones or barriers) that prioritize safety. In fact many cars just straight up drive partially in the bike lane! I understand that I can legally occupy a lane but I don't want that as the only option. I don't ride very fast so I don't want to hold anyone up and I can't trust that all drivers know how to properly share the road. I also understand that the US has been so car centric for so long that whatever bike lanes we do have is just an afterthought.

I live in east Vancouver near Camas. The lanes are especially bad here. Please build better city infrastructure like bike lanes and maintain timely road services like street sweeping and weed removal. I know there a some protected bike lanes here but it's no where near enough and it's never near me enough or in the direction I have to go. I believe every local street we have should also come with a protected bike lane. I sincerely believe our city can do better and become a city that sets a higher standard for others to follow.