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Good day, Simon,

Thank you for providing this feedback ahead of the Joint Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff. Your comments will be brought to the attention of the Council and Planning Commission ahead of the Hearing and be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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**Message Subject**

Sustainable development

**Comments**

We should be developing cities that are sustainable in the next 20 years. To me that looks like the 15 minute city where you can get have the majority of your needs met within a 15 minute bike ride/walk of your residence. This obviously means building more bike and walking infrastructure. The Clark county that I have grown up in is honestly terrible for walking and biking. I feel completely unsafe on a bike and it's not practical because everything is so spread out.

Another large component of a 15 minute city is changing the zoning laws so businesses can operate in close proximity to residential areas. When I traveled around Europe I saw the benefit of having shops on the first floor and apartments on the second, third and fourth. This type of zoning allows small businesses to thrive and for residents to walk or bike to those establishments. Walking and biking allow residence to get exercise while going about their daily life. It also improves mental health because you can run into people in your community and build relationships through chance occurrences.

I am not advocating for getting rid of cars at all. I just think we need more balance in our transport and how we plan communities. I recognize that this type of thing has been done on the Vancouver

water front but let's be real that is for the upper middle class and the rich. We need affordable living options that are accessible to working class people.

I also think that everyone should have access to green space within a safe 5 minute walk from their residence. Again green space improves people's mental health and physical health. I have seen all of this at work in Bellingham where I lived for 7 years. Bellingham isn't perfect but they have protected bike lanes, green spaces, reliable public transport and more mixed use zoning.

I really hope that someone actually reads this and takes these issues under consideration.

If you made it to the end thank you,  
Simon

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