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Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

Stage 2 Recommended Draft – Fall 2016

KEY ISSUES SUMMARY: HAYDEN ISLAND PATHWAY – BICYCLE CLASSIFICATION

Background

TSP bikeway designations on Hayden Island have raised concerns among property owners and residents along the northern edge of the island about the possible impacts of a future pathway that accommodates bicycles. In 2009, City Council adopted new street classifications as part of the Hayden Island Plan (ORD 18312). At the time, new bikeway classifications were adopted formally amending the TSP. The following are found in Section 5 of the Recommended Draft.

Date	Action	East bikeway classification included?	West bikeway classification included?
Hayden Island Plan (including Transportation System Plan) – <i>Council Ordinance 183124</i>			
April 14, 2009	Planning Commission decision	✓	✓
August 19, 2009	City Council adoption	✓	X
Transportation System Plan Update – Proposed Draft			
April 12, 2016	Planning & Sustainability Commission recommendation to Council	✓	✓

Above: History of action taken on Hayden Island bikeway classifications at issue

East bikeway classification: Existing Pedestrian Pathway Segment (east of N Jantzen Beach Ave)

As the result of testimony in 2009, Council removed the bicycle classification (but retained the pedestrian classification) on an existing pedestrian pathway along the river east of N Jantzen Beach Ave, where a pathway connection to the street network was added.



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Staff intended the Proposed Draft to reflect the adopted Hayden Island Plan bikeway network; however, the maps mistakenly showed a bikeway east of N Jantzen Beach Ave. At the Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC) hearings, staff responded to public testimony, including several letters opposing the pathway, by asking the PSC to remove the City Bikeway classification from that segment, to be consistent with the 2009 Hayden Island Plan (ORD 183124)

PSC Decision

The PSC noted their interest to support future growth on Hayden Island and recommended adding a bikeway classification on the eastern end, along the Columbia River near the Waterside Marina and Hayden Bay. This recommendation, if reaffirmed by City Council, would reverse reverse City Council’s 2009 decision to remove the bicycle classification, as adopted in the Hayden Island Plan (Council Ordinance 18312) and the TSP.

West bikeway classification: Future Pathway Segment (west of N Jantzen Beach Ave)

In 2009, Council adopted the bicycle classification for a future pathway west of N Jantzen Beach Ave to preserve bicycle access to the river and the possibility of a safe, east-west, off-street route on the island. This decision established only a bicycle classification and did not establish a TSP project for developing the bike path. The PSC received public testimony opposing a future pathway along the northern edge of the island, include from residents Hayden Island Manufactured Home Community who are concerned about the possible impacts on existing manufactured homes and general affordable housing on the island. Staff recommended retaining the adopted bicycle classification to be consistent with the 2009 Hayden Island Plan (ORD 183124).

PSC Decision

The PSC recommended retaining the bikeway classification on the western end of Hayden Island (west of I-5), as consistent with the Hayden Island Plan adopted by Council in 2009 (ORD 18312).



Above: Bikeway classification issue areas on Hayden Island