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**Subject:** Re: comments regarding my SCNA neighborhood

Ok, if you liked that thought.

Here is another!

To encourage alternative transportation and to alleviate the traffic on Reed Mkt and the resulting roundabout issues.

It sure seems like it is time to revisit the “pedestrian access only” designation of the foot bridge upstream of the Healy bridge.

It is another potential east/ west corridor for all of us and any OSU students hoping to commute off road from living anywhere in SW Bend to the west side of Bend.

If Mt Bach village is still stuck on the concept of Ped only traffic, (worth revisiting, since there are many bikers living there now) maybe just have it be peds only on the “Touchmark” portion. In that case, you could have bike traffic take the hill up to join the paved path by the South side of Mt Bach village.

There is an abundance of folks riding the river corridor right now who would really appreciate being able to go West at that junction.

It is also a good way for those Mtn biking from SW Bend to access Phils and Forest Service trails without putting more cars on the road.

I would also propose a separate (higher) bike trail to separate the walkers and bikers on both sides of the river on that stretch. It seems like that could resolve some of the conflicts between users.

Thank you for considering these ideas

Cheers

Leslie

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THANKS Karen!

Also a question on the topic of alternative transportation:

Is there any long term thought about using the canal that travels under Brookswood for an East/West alternative commute corridor?

It is the current best off-road commute option for those living in my area West of Brookswood to get to the 3rd street corridor, and beyond to all points East. (new senior center on reed mkt, hooking up to larkspur, pilot butte, costco area, etc) It is very under utilized, and poorly thought out, but a very viable route given if some more attention.

I have also ridden the canal trail all the way to Hwy 20 in the Hanby Rd area, it would be an absolutely AMAZING transportation & recreational feature for Bend, if utilized that way.

Have a great day!

Cheers

Leslie

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To Whom It May Concern:

I live just South of the Old Mill, on Summer Shade Dr.

I am deeply concerned about the traffic on Reed Market between the Healy Bridge and the Reed Mkt roundabout.

Also the fact that people are using my neighborhood as a short cut to avoid the Reed Mkt roundabout.

People heading South from the Healy Bridge now regularly cut through Wood River Village, bomb up Wood River drive and zoom past Summer Shade on their way to take a right onto Brookwood in order to avoid the clog at the roundabout. They also do the reverse when heading toward Century Dr.

Traffic is moving way too fast up Wood River drive. There are no sidewalks on WRD and lots of pedestrians, children, bikers and dog walkers walking on the street. This is the main walking, biking and commuting option for this whole community to access the river, etc.

There is also Wood River Park with children playing at the sharp blind curve at the bottom of WRD.

This is a bad accident waiting to happen.

It is also taking away from the safety & livability of our neighborhood, as traffic is heavy and moving way too fast.

Thanks for looking into this issue.

Leslie Blok