

The below was emailed to City Council on May 10, 2023. City staff printed the email and provided to City Council members at the dais for the 5.10.2023 public meeting.

Sedro Woolley City Council

May 10, 2023

Dear Council members,

I wish to express my opinion on the SR20/Cascade Trail Phase 2A Holtcamp to Hodgkin proposed project.

I have been a resident of Sedro Woolley for over 30 years living at 1602 Pebble Lane. I purchased the property due to the rural nature of the property and private road.

I am against the Cascade trail project as it will directly impact my property in the following ways:

- Forced shared access of a private driveway. This means that we will have to share the driveway with walkers, bike riders etc.
- Privacy lost to my property. As the driveway is a private drive, we currently know when people are not supposed to be there.

With the proposed trail I have the following concerns:

- I have concerns with the new mental health facility at 1420 State Route 20. As you know it is a facility for adults diagnosed with serious mental illness. If a said patient should escape from the facility the trail would provide access to my property that currently is not available. The facility indicates this will never happen but we know it will.
- With the known residents that live at the Skagit Motel the trail would provide them with easy access directly in front of my property and on my driveway. It is known that there are drug abusers, and sexual offenders who reside there. I am concerned with the likelihood of crimes that could occur due to easier access.

I have grandchildren that reside at my house and I worry about their safety with the proposed trail.

The trail would change my property where a fence would need to be built to protect it. I don't want to be fenced in.

To date, we have had occurrences of the mailbox being tampered with to include a man going through the mailbox, and another occurrence with a man on a bicycle going through the mailbox.

In addition, we have needed to make multiple phone calls to the police concerning homeless people trying to camp at the end of our driveway.

I do not see how the trail will benefit my property.

In my opinion, the space next to the railroad on the other side of the highway is the perfect place for the trail and would tie in to the Burlington trail seamlessly. I wonder why this is not considered as there

would be less impact to homeowners. Is it because it is easier to placate a few homeowners vs the railroad? I ask that you reconsider the plan for this trail.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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The below was emailed to the City Finance Department on May 10, 2023. City staff printed the email and provided to City Council members at the dais for the May 10, 2023 public meeting.

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To: Sedro-Woolley City Council

We would like to address the proposed trail extension between Sedro-Woolley and Burlington.

Our address is 1560 Pebble Lane. We are located between the Life Care Center and Holtcamp Road. Our main concerns are as follows:

1. Based on our last conversation with the planning department, the trail would pass in front of our home. Given the restriction of the ditch that is located on the north side of Highway 20 and the front of our home, the trail would be placed approximately 5-6 feet from our front window, and this is too close for comfort.
2. Currently there is limited access to the two homes on Pebble Lane. We are concerned about easy access to our home, garage, and other structures. Currently we know when there are strangers near our home.
3. There have been homeless encampments at the end of Holtcamp Road and Highway 20, as well as encampments on the south side of Highway 20 in this same area. There is no access on the east of our lane but we find people walking across our yard, trying to jump or go under our fence, or walking around our home searching for a way through, and not finding any outlet.
4. We are also concerned about the devaluation of our property. We have lived here for over 30 years. We chose this area because of its rural nature.

I respectfully ask that you consider our concerns and would welcome a conversation regarding the proposed trail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Pat Brady  
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