

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lydia Schuldt and I am a resident of Wheeler, Oregon. I love living in this coastal town more than anything, but the biggest challenge of getting around the general Manzanita/Nehalem/Wheeler area is the Pacific Coast Highway that runs along the coast. The amount of traffic is endless and it is a safety concern to recreate along the 101 or try to commute on foot or by bicycle to work or to run errands in different towns.

I am reaching out in regards to tell you the desperate need we have in this area for the Salmonberry Trail. It would give residents and visitors the opportunity to safely walk and bike along the Nehalem Bay from Wheeler towards the river or south along the bay. Having a safe place to get outside and exercise would create a healthier lifestyle and is much needed in this area.

Besides the incredible Salmonberry Trail initiative, we also really need a safe way to get from Manzanita and Nehalem. Having to always rely on a car around here is challenging and limiting. As an avid cyclist, I am very scared everytime I bike on the 101 to get my haircut or go to the grocery store. Most of the time I am too scared, so I just take my car. Luckily enough I have the privilege of owning a car, but I would prefer to be on my bicycle getting exercise and not contributing to the excessive amount of traffic in this area. It would be great to have a spur trail run off the Salmonberry Trail to get to and from our mini tri-cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler.

We need safe walkways and bike routes in this area. This would create a healthier and safer community and also be a huge relief to us all!

Please consider our concerns for our well being in making the North Coast of Oregon a safer place to recreate and live.

Feel free to reach out to me regarding any questions you may have.

Thanks so much,
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