

Hi, there!

I am unable to make the meeting to put in my two cents about the Salmonberry trail project through Rockaway Beach.

I live in Nedonna Beach, which is a neighborhood just northwest of the middle and high school, across highway 101. I have two children, one who attends the middleschool and another who will attend the middle school in two years. There have been other students who live in Nedonna, one highschooler who I have seen walk the train tracks from our neighborhood to and from the school every day. This is not safe and really isn't any safer if students choose to walk along the highway to the school instead.

The schools have benefited from our neighborhood being nearby as well. The students have volunteer hours they need to meet each year and they come down to the nedonna marsh to pull scotchbroom, perform science experiments in Nedonna Lake, and also volunteer hours during our Great Shakeout Tsunami Evacuation Drill each year. Again, students having to walk the dangerous highway or on the train tracks to and from the school isn't right, and loading up in a school bus to ride less than a mile is silly. A safe, walkable, bikeable trail would be a tremendous benefit to our community.

Connecting the schools to the rest of Rockaway Beach would be a huge improvement to our students' ability to get to school by bike or walking. In addition, there is another proposed development in our neighborhood of Nedonna Beach that would potentially add 22 more homes to our neighborhood and if that is to happen, there may be even more families with students who could benefit from using a safe trail to get to and from the schools.

Thank you for your time.

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