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Subject: Point Wells EIS Scoping

Dear Mr. Eastin,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the EIS scoping process for Point Wells. My primary concern is with safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians. I live just above Pt. Wells in Woodway. The roads and sidewalks in the vicinity of Pt. Wells are on a favorite walking route for my family and me. I also use these roads for local bike rides and to bike to Shoreline and Seattle. There are many bicyclists and pedestrians in the area and there will be many more after the site is developed. Add to this the growing interest in bicycle riding for children to reduce childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles and you have the potential for significant safety issues.

At present the roads, especially Richmond Beach Road and Woodway Park Road, the main bicycle commuter links, are only marginally safe for bicyclists. With the anticipated significant increase in traffic, almost all roads will become unsafe. The developer has said he will provide for bicyclists and it is important to hold the developer to this commitment. Similarly, connectivity to the surrounding communities of Shoreline, Woodway and Edmonds is important, not just for motorists, but for all users. Because of limited right of way and steep grades it will be difficult and costly to provide the necessary separation between bicyclists and pedestrians and the far greater number of vehicles expected after development. At present, it is difficult for me to see how either of the two development options for Pt. Wells could be built without making it much more dangerous for all road users. Perhaps a reduction in the scale of the project is justified for this and for other reasons.

Respectfully,

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