

Re: East Lake Sammamish Trail, Segment B - feedback

Lindsey Ozbolt

Mon 2/6/2017 1:08 PM

To: Gene Beall <gene-beall@comcast.net>;

Dear Gene,

Thank you for contacting the City of Sammamish regarding the current Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application for East Lake Sammamish Trail Segment 2B (SSDP2016-00415).

Although the official comment period has closed, as of January 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., your additional comments have been received and will be considered.

Regards,

Lindsey Ozbolt

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From: Gene Beall <gene-beall@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:35 AM

To: Lindsey Ozbolt; 'ELST Master Plan'

Subject: RE: East Lake Sammamish Trail, Segment B - feedback

I know the deadline for submitting comments on the trail Segment B was last Friday but I thought I would follow-up with one more short comment/suggestion. It pertains to the segment of trail just south of Driveway #10, along the approximate stretch between STA 399+00 and STA 377+00, and discussed in the comments below under #1.

My suggestion is this: if the area along the east side of the trail along this stretch simply cannot be designated other than wetland, then how about filling this little bit of wetland (in order to move the centerline of the proposed trail to the east of the interim trail centerline, rather than to the west) and mitigating this loss of wetland by adding/enhancing a little bit wetland elsewhere in the county? This is a common practice in mitigating the loss of wetlands so perhaps this same strategy could be employed here in order to save the big Aspen and Douglas Fir trees.

Thank you for your consideration!

Gene Beall

From: Gene Beall [mailto:gene-beall@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:11 AM

To: 'lozbolt@sammamish.us' <lozbolt@sammamish.us>

Subject: East Lake Sammamish Trail, Segment B - feedback

Ms. Ozbolt, the purpose of this email is to provide feedback and ask some questions regarding the proposed plans for the East Lake Sammamish Trail, Segment B.

First, I applaud the city/county efforts on the trail to date and, in general, the plans for Segment B. I appreciate the efforts to improve fish habitat for migrating salmon along the associated streams and the efforts to develop the trail in ways that make it as widely usable as possible by the community-at-large.

For background, my wife and I live at 915 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE. We and the 9 other property owners along this little stretch of E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE (aka Whileaway Court) use Driveway #10 that crosses the trail. This stretch of E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE is a private road, collectively owned by the 9 parties who own the associated lots.

I have two areas of concern and some related questions and suggestions.

1. **Please save the big, beautiful Aspen and Douglas Fir trees**

The Tree Preservation Plan TP12 (on page 12 of the Tree Preservation Sheets) shows that several big Aspen trees and several of the big Douglas Fir trees currently located along the western edge of the trail, just south of Driveway #10, are to be removed. We would very much like for all of these big, beautiful trees to be saved...somehow. Here are some ideas/suggestions for how that might be accomplished. The essence is this:

- a) designate the area east of this stretch of trail something other than wetland (because it's not wetland)
- b) move the centerline of the new trail to the east of the current trail centerline (rather than to the west)
- c) install stop signs on our Driveway #10 (if that helps)

Here is a more complete explanation of those steps:

- a) AL20 (page 52) of the Segment B plans show this stretch of the trail, specifically from our common Driveway #10 to the south about 175 feet, near STA 377+00. The plan shows that the centerline of the trail along this stretch is being moved to the west of the centerline of the current gravel trail. The relocation of the trail centerline may be driven partly by the designation of wetland along the eastern border of this stretch of trail and the desire/requirement not to diminish wetland areas. I certainly applaud the design guideline to preserve wetland areas but I would respectfully ask that someone go out and re-evaluate that bit of land. It's not wetland. It's a slope down from the parkway to a ditch along the east side of the trail. The area is covered mostly with blackberry bushes and other brush, not wetland flora. And it most certainly does not include big, beautiful, mature trees.
- b) If that area along the east side of the trail could be designated other than wetland, it might allow the centerline of the trail to be moved to the east of the centerline of the current gravel trail, rather than to the west. This is exactly what is being done immediately south of STA 377+00 so perhaps it can also be done north of STA 377+00. This would reduce the area that needs to be cleared on the west side of the trail where the big trees are.
- c) Another contributor to the proposed removal of these trees may be the sight distant requirements associated with our Driveway #10. I certainly applaud the city/county efforts to ensure/improve the safety of the trail crossings. I cannot see in the plans, if a stop sign is planned to be installed for cars using our Driveway #10. If a stop sign were installed, it would reduce the sight distance triangle and thereby further reduce the area that needs to be cleared along the west side of the trail in order to ensure the proper sight distances, and thus help to save the big trees.

One final comment on this topic: if you stand in our Driveway #10 and look south down the trail, you will see a row of big, beautiful trees and shrubs along the right side of the trail. To the left of the trail,

you will see mostly brush and a few small straggly trees. To think that we would sacrifice all those big, beautiful trees on the right and save the brush on the left is simply unconscionable...and I believe unnecessary. Please consider modifying the trail design as I've suggested, and with other creative ideas that you can come up with, to save these big, beautiful trees. Where there is will, there is a way.

2. Pine Lake Creek Culvert #2

Mike and Jackie Schmidt (who reside two doors to the north of us at 903 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE) submitted a comprehensive set of comments and questions regarding the work at Pine Lake Creek Culvert #2. My wife and I have all the same questions and concerns so rather than restating them in different words, I will simply restate the Schmidt's feedback here in italics (with their permission):

“New culvert under Whileaway court (reference pages AL39, FP1, and WP9):

- *Good for the fish!*
- *Good for improved water flow, drainage, and creek flooding mitigation*
- *Property rights concerns*
 - *Most proposed construction is within private road (519710TRCT) that is not part of the trail ROW. All home owners have a shared ownership in this tract, so owner consent is required.*
 - *Why does the proposed construction extend into privately owned Gill Trust lots 5197100135 and 5197100130 instead of remaining within the shared driveway 519710TRCT?*
- *It is very important to preserve the two massive ancient redwood trees at the west exit of the culvert, near 11+00 on the p-line and adjacent to rock walls #1 & #2. Does the “M” designation on the tree removal plan for these two trees reflect concern?*
- *Earth walls #42 and #43*
 - *Chain link fencing is not visually acceptable, would need a more aesthetically pleasing and natural fence choice that fits the style of the neighborhood and the beautiful natural surroundings of the creek passing there.*
 - *Length of “earth walls” is concerning, why are they so long?*
 - *In particular the south starting point of wall #43. That starting point should be moved at least 5 feet farther north. As it is located now it is likely to be a back-up hazard for cars backing out of the driveway from the 903 residence and turning to back up to the north.*
 - *Why does wall #42 run so far to the north, seems this could be substantially reduced?*
- *What is the relationship of culvert replacement plans to trail plans (tied together, different projects, timelines?)*
- *How does funding work, all paid for by King County?*
- *How will all the utilities be routed and what will the effect on utilities be during construction?*
 - *Gas, water, sewer are all underground in the road where culvert resides (as are cable and power in other road areas in the construction zone)*
 - *Current plan would require removal/replacement of power pole near south edge culvert. Could power on these poles be moved underground as part of this work?*
 - *FYI: There is a separate proposal for a fire hydrant to be added north of the proposed fish passage culvert work on 519710TRCT. This work should be coordinated.*
- *How will people have access to their homes during culvert/road construction?*
- *Road grading and drainage is an important concern. We already have issues with water on the road flowing towards residence driveways, in particular the driveways of 903, 909, or 915, so we would appreciate any grading changes improve upon the drainage conditions.*
- *Concern about current design reducing parking availability.*
- *What are landscape plans for this area after culvert replacement?*

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To expand on some of the key points I will first focus on the new culvert plans under Whileaway court. One concern here is it is important to preserve the two large, majestic, redwood trees that are planted here just to the west of the culvert. I am pleased to see that, to my understanding, feedback given to folks planning the culvert changes during an onsite meeting in April of 2016 (Kelly Donahue from King County and several representatives from Parametrix) was incorporated. It appears the plans have offset the new proposed culvert further away from the two redwoods in order to reduce the disturbance to the tree roots during required excavation. The trees were planted in the 40's and are a keystone of the landscape in our neighborhood, they must be seen in person to be fully appreciated and cannot be sacrificed!

We are also very interested in the improved fish passage that the new culvert will provide, and in particular the increased capacity the new culvert will have in allowing storm water to pass through. The old/current culvert there is much smaller and has been a concern of ours for plugging and overflowing.

We have additional concerns about several other details of the proposed plan outlined above, in particular the chain link fencing and earth walls. It's important to us that the new culvert aesthetically look very pleasing and fit into the neighborhood landscaping and natural look and feel. Chain link fencing does not meet that requirement, we would like this to be changed to some other suitable more natural material. It appears the earth walls will be constructed of precast concrete blocks which will mostly be buried down to the road surface level, and only exposed where the cut of the creek bed slopes down. If so, we believe this would be suitable if they did not have chain link fence attached.

My final point for the culvert plans is that I want to emphasize that in this section, unlike the trail ROW, the proposed changes to the culvert occur on private property. There are important property rights and consent that need to be adhered to here."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the trail plans! If you have any questions about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate all the effort to make the trail the best it can be!

Gene & Sally Beall
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Home phone: 425-868-0232

Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Donahue, Kelly <Kelly.Donahue@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Priya Singh; Samantha DeMars-Hanson; rreyes@prrbiz.com; Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: FW: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

Please add to the communication logs. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian O'CONNOR [mailto:brian.oconnor22@frontier.com]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Donahue, Kelly
Subject: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

Dear

Dear city of Sammamish,

I'm writing to express my support for completing the ELST and approving permit SSDP2016-00415. I'm a frequent user of the route and view this improvement as key link between Redmond, Sammamish and Issaquah.

Please approve the trail permit, as submitted, so that users of all ages and abilities can safely use the trail. A trail built to national standards (AASHTO), that is 12 ft, plus 2 ft gravel shoulders, will allow for safe use by a variety of different users, including people who walk and bike.

As proposed in the permit, priority at trail crossings should be given to the trail and trail users. Consistent crossing priority is intuitive and safe for users of both the trail and the driveways and roads that cross the trail.

When complete, the trail will be an even greater community amenity, and provide a safe option for people who bike to travel to and through Sammamish. Please complete the trail.

Sincerely,
Brian O'Connor

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Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Donahue, Kelly <Kelly.Donahue@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Priya Singh; Samantha DeMars-Hanson; rreyes@prrbiz.com; Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: FW: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

FYI for the logs. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Suhler [mailto:mary.suhler@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Donahue, Kelly
Subject: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

Dear

Dear city of Sammamish,

I'm writing to express my support for completing the ELST and approving permit SSDP2016-00415.

Safe, outdoor activities are crucial for a healthy life. Many people, especially families with children, will not ride or walk on the street. Completing this section of the trail shows that Sammamish cares about its citizens and neighbors.

Please approve the trail permit, as submitted, so that users of all ages and abilities can safely use the trail.

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Sincerely,
Mary Suhler

Mary Suhler
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Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Mary Suhler <mary.suhler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
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Lindsey Ozbolt

From: Peggy Michael Reddy <reddy@benefits-consulting.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: Thank you! Again!

Wonderful. Thanks again. Deeply appreciated!

Peggy Reddy
206.484.4845

-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsey Ozbolt [mailto:LOzbolt@sammamish.us]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Peggy Michael Reddy <reddy@benefits-consulting.com>
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for contacting the City of Sammamish regarding the current Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application for East Lake Sammamish Trail Segment 2B (SSDP2016-00415).

Although the official comment period has closed, as of January 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., your additional comments have been received and will be considered.

Regards,

Lindsey Ozbolt
Associate Planner | City of Sammamish | Department of Community Development 425.295.0527?

From: Peggy Michael Reddy <reddy@benefits-consulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:01 PM
To: 'ELST Master Plan'; Lindsey Ozbolt
Cc: 'Gene Beall'; Karrah Penk (Benefits Consulting Services LLC)
Subject: Thank you!

Thanks Kelly for arranging for the surveyors to visit my property and review the County stakes this morning. I'm glad we are in agreement and that the County stakes are placed to mark its 50 foot ROW above my property as well as my 25 foot boundary line adjustment ROW purchase. We are good on that score.

I know the comment period has ended but I hope the Count and City will add the following because we were advised this morning that the County trail design moved the trail centerline which is not the prior railroad center line.

. Just south of driveway #10 the trail moves both westward away from the designated "wetland" and eastward into the wetland. I understood that the move westward into the existing landscaping (adjacent to my property) was to avoid the wetland. This seem contradictory or rather ironic that within a few feet where the trail meanders westward to avoid the wetland it then swerves directly into the wetland. Mitigating

the wetlands must be an option if the trail wanders both ways. I ask for reconsideration to keep the trail location in its current location moving neither east or west except to accommodate the width requirement of the new trail. Thank you. (The attached picture is the location of where the trail is expected to be moved to the west of the split-rail fence.)

. Further, the proposed chain link fence will prevent duck migration (they walk, not fly) to the other side of the trail for nesting and breeding. Can either we use the split rail fence or elevate the bottom of the chain link to allow the ducks to pass under? Thank you.

Attached is the letter I gave to you this morning to be included, if possible, with these additional comments.

Thanks for your patience! Peggy Reddy, 929 ELS Shore Lane SE

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January 26, 2016

FROM:

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Re: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

Yochi Zakai <yochiz@gmail.com>

Mon 2/6/2017 1:49 PM

To:Lindsey Ozbolt <LOzbolt@sammamish.us>;

Thanks Lindsey.

On Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 1:10 PM, Lindsey Ozbolt <LOzbolt@sammamish.us> wrote:

Dear Yochanan,

Thank you for contacting the City of Sammamish regarding the current Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application for East Lake Sammamish Trail Segment 2B (SSDP2016-00415).

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From: Yochanan Zakai <yochiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Lindsey Ozbolt
Subject: Please Approve the Permit for Segment 2B of the ELST

Dear

Dear city of Sammamish,

I'm writing to express my support for completing the ELST and approving permit SSDP2016-00415.

I love biking the trail in the summer with my fiancée. It's great resources, and we would use it much more often if it was improved and paved. PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRAIL!

Please approve the trail permit, as submitted, so that users of all ages and abilities can safely use the trail. A trail built to national standards (AASHTO), that is 12 ft, plus 2 ft gravel shoulders, will allow for safe use by a variety of different users, including people who walk and bike.

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Sincerely,

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