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I'm thrilled to support the full scope of the EIS as shown in the proposal.

Sammamish is unique in its position in the Urban Growth Area:

1. We are bound on one side by a lake and another by the rural area.
2. We don't have any highways within the city boundary.
3. We have wildlife that travel from the rural area to the lakes in our city.
4. We are designated as a bedroom community by the PSRC.
5. There is no transit hub designated by any transit agency for Sammamish.

My hope is that the City will be able to demonstrate how its transportation plans relate to the impact on water, plants and animals, land use, plans and policies, and housing, in the long run.

I'm glad to see that the analysis will include the impact on trees and wildlife, so we can really consider what is being given up in this city to support rampant development.

In 1990 I was co-chair of the Growth Management Initiative 547. Growth management was new at that time, and those of us from the environmental community who worked on it knew that Master Builders and Chambers of Commerce would try to hijack the language and focus only on the housing and economic development elements.

Well, that's exactly what's happened in Sammamish.

We hoped that residents would continue to be active participants in their cities to ensure that ALL the elements of the comprehensive plans were given equal weight, or at least considered. But we knew this placed a huge burden on residents, and many have simply given up.

And it isn't just the wildlife and nature that are being damaged. It's all of our infrastructure, held hostage by developers whose job is to minimize their share of the cost and maximize their profit. I'm not saying this is evil, I'm saying this is the nature of the business. So it's our responsibility to make sure that development is held accountable for its impacts on the other elements of the comprehensive plan.

The last election brought new energy to the City Council to take on these forces that work against our peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhoods. I'm not against development. I just want to live in a community that respects nature, wildlife, parks and open space, and that makes sure infrastructure is **planned** so it is built **concurrent** with development, not left for taxpayers to foot the bill.

This EIS needs to do that very thing: analyze the transportation facilities needed to meet the new concurrency standards, and look at the WHOLE picture and decide how to balance the competing interests. That is really the job of the cities in the Urban Growth Boundary, and we should expect nothing less.

Sincerely,

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