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Good evening Director Long,

As you may already know, the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) advises City Council and City bureaus on all bicycling-related matters and thus has a role in bicycle planning, budgeting, parking, storage, design, and implementation activities. Additionally, the BAC supports the City Council in efforts to improve safety for all people riding bicycles throughout Portland.

We are concerned that the reported staff response about bicycling access as part of the Rose City Recreational Trail Project was inconclusive and that cycling was not an activity option included in the recent survey. We are worried that this may indicate an omission of bicycle access as a consideration in the planning process.

That would be especially concerning given that the Rose City Golf Course is specifically recommended as a connection in Portland's Off-Road Cycling Master Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 2023. Part of the joy of cycling is that it is used both for recreation (e.g., off-roading) but also for transportation. Comfortable and car-free facilities are critical for rider safety envisioned in the City's Transportation System and Vision Zero Plans and for encouraging ridership to meet the sustainability goals in the City's Climate Action Plan and emergency order. Further, many people with lower incomes, people of color, and youth rely on a bicycle to get them where they need to go. These are all critically important considerations that should be weighed by a trail planning process like this one.

At the same time, we recognize that there are space constraints where the bark path exists today and that bicycling access may have been considered but ruled out because of that or other factors that we are not aware of. We are very interested in understanding the process better and hearing more information of how these decisions are being made. We would welcome and very much appreciate a follow-up discussion with staff and/or a presentation on the project at an upcoming BAC meeting.

Thank you,

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BAC Chair