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Letter to the Council - slightly modified from my letter to the editor in December

The Town of La Conner had a survey for the residents and business people about the south end (aka transition zone - aka the subarea plan, aka the property in the vicinity of “big blue” and the old moore clark building, aka the Freezer building. The survey asks for ratings on ideas about various categories.

One of the survey categories is “access improvements” (roads, parking and paths). The highest rating possible is five.

“Extend waterfront path to Pioneer Park” received a seriously spectacular rating of 4.36 out of five. Nothing else even reached an average of 4.36 - not in this category nor in only other other category. (This goal is also in our Transportation Element and has been for years.)

That calculates to a resounding endorsement of 87% .

“Integrate public parking into Moore Clark” and “Extend First Street to Caledonia” were 3.16 and 3.15. That translates to 63% A D- in my mind.

And what are the consultants proposing? You guessed it - the D-models.

The plan consultants presented on September 30 appears no different to me from the plan they presented to the planning Commission in December and little different from the Feb 11 presentation. The surveys apparently meant little to them.

I am strongly opposed to the plan for S. First Street extension. Roads don't belong on the shoreline. Shorelines are for public access and water related and water dependent uses. The DOE told me that if there is another place to put a road other than on the waterfront, that is what should be done.

Emergency vehicles can reach the waterfront on the perpendicular internal "road" within the south subarea.

The only properties we actually own in the south end are S. First Street and the Third street parking lot for which the consultants have really big plans.

Further, we cannot and should not keep adding people without increasing non motorized transit in tandem.

We have new adus, new apartments, new housing, and so much more.

We must have non motorized plans and they must be all around the town.

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Amen. to be continued.

Sent from my iPhone