

From: [Nick Sanders](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: LBA Woods
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:14:01 PM

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Hello Joyce, I'd like to share my perspective on possible development of the LBA Woods.

Olympia is a great place to live. Retaining natural forests, parks and open spaces for public use is essential in keeping Olympia a great place to live. The LBA Woods is a place my family visits often. Its part of the reason we chose to live in the neighborhood near by. Please leave LBA Woods intact, they way it currently exists, and do not develop it for any reason.

Thank you,

Nick Sanders

From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fw: Updated Comprehensive Plan - LBA Park: Request for Removal of Road in Plans
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 2:42:59 PM

Hi Joyce,

I'm forwarding each of the emails individually as it doesn't look like you are copied on any of them.

Candi Millar, AICP

From: ckelpforest@gmail.com <ckelpforest@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:36 PM
To: Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Cc: kbraseth@ci.o <kbraseth@ci.o>; Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: RE: Updated Comprehensive Plan - LBA Park: Request for Removal of Road in Plans

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FYI- Please see that all current members of the Board receive my comments below. Contact information was not complete on your website and I believe you have several vacant positions, so I am unclear how to contact all relevant staff.

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

From: Cynthia Stonick <ckelpforest@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:33 PM
To: kbraseth@ci.olympia.wa.us
Subject: Updated Comprehensive Plan - LBA Park: Request for Removal of Road in Plans

Please forward my comments to the entire Planning Commission Board.

I am opposed to the construction of a new road in LBA park. Putting in a road destroys all the values this park has to offer. My family has been walking this area for over 20 years and it is very important to us. Having a road through the middle of the park will destroy the beauty, serenity, and diversity that this unique park has to offer.

The City recently purchased the newer section for a "park," not a roadway! Please do not sacrifice the park at the expense of new development. Transit, bicycling, walking and other forms of alternative transportation should be encouraged rather than more roads and cars.

This is a unique park with fields, wetlands, and forested uplands. Many

wild animals including birds utilize this area. A roadway will only remove the value and diversity that the LBA Park currently offers, so please remove mention of the road in the updated comp plan.

Thank you,
Cynthia L. Stonick
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Olympia, WA
(360) 456-7975
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Sent from my iPad

From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fw: Follow Through Needed to Stop the Road Through the LBA Woods
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 2:43:30 PM

2nd...

Candi Millar, AICP

From: ZOE CORWIN <zoe88@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 7:28 AM
To: Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: Fwd: Follow Through Needed to Stop the Road Through the LBA Woods

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Hello Everyone,

I hope you are well and happy. This letter is to beg you to Stop the Road through LBA Park. Please do not continue paving the road, installing new roads, or extending the existing road. Please leave this land natural.

The woods in LBA need to be protected, so it remains for everyone to use in the future. If the road is continued, eventually businesses, cars and homes would invade this area. Once the woods are gone, they will be gone forever. Please walk through the forest yourself. You will find it is extremely beautiful. Please do not ruin it. There are not many forests in Olympia where people can walk. Most are owned by rich people who put up no trespassing signs.

Do you have to be rich to walk in a forest? Please, NO. Don't make it possible. Keep this forest and the surrounding lands unchanged for the happiness of all. I know it would be nice for State workers to have the road paved, but the happiness of all is more important than the happiness of a few. So, please do whatever you can to Stop the Road in LBA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Zoe Corwin

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

From: LD <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>

To: Larry Jeza <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>

Date: 05/30/2021 12:34 PM

Subject: Follow Through Needed to Stop the Road Through the LBA Woods

**"It ain't over till it's over."
- Yogi Berra**

Removing the road through the LBA Park is continuing to proceed. The City's February 9th proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan which removes the road is moving to the next step in the process.

After the Planning Commission reviews the City's staff final review and comments on the road removal amendment, they will set a **hearing date** to hear arguments for and against removing the road from the Comprehensive Plan. Following the hearing, the Planning Commission will recommend to the City Council whether the amendment should be adopted.

We need you to contact the Planning Commission by all the usual methods and let them know why we support stopping the road. Planning Commission contact information:

Olympia Planning Commission Members

Candi Millar, Chair - cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us
Aaron Sauerhoff, Vice Chair - asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us
Carole Richmond - crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us
Paula Ehlers - pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us
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Greg Quetin - Newly appointed, no email provided yet.
Tracey Carlos - Newly appointed, no email provided yet.
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Commission Staff Liaison

Cari Hornbein, Senior Planner
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Community Planning and Development Department
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Background and Review

The City Council has created a draft amendment to remove the road that reads in part,

"Proposed replacement text to Appendix A:

Log Cabin Road Street Connection: Boulevard Road to Wiggins Road

This comprehensive plan includes specific language and guidance on street connections, and it proposes major street connections in parts of the City. The Log Cabin Road extension was proposed in previous comprehensive plans to connect Boulevard Road to Wiggins Road. This street connection was identified as a need for both the local and regional transportation system. It would serve motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and potentially transit.

A 2016 evaluation indicated that the Log Cabin Road street connection is likely not needed until about 2040. In 2021, the City Council removed the Log Cabin extension and other smaller street connections in this vicinity from this plan. Instead, in approximately 2030, the multimodal transportation needs in southeast Olympia will be studied. This in-depth evaluation is needed to understand the transportation and street connection needs in the southeast area. Because the Log Cabin Road street connection was identified as having regional significance, neighboring jurisdictions will also be involved in this evaluation. A public involvement process will be included in this evaluation.”

Source “Final Comprehensive Plan Amendment”. See attached or download the PDF at: <https://ci-olympia-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Blob/5a70ddbc-7360-4b89-b7f5-16a7227e411f>.

Schedule for Considering Adoption of Amendment to Stop the Road

Here is the general schedule for the remainder of the process, but it can vary depending on complexity and number of comments received:

Staff Report: Staff will complete their analysis near the end of May.

Planning Commission Consideration:

- Public Hearing: July
- Planning Commission Deliberations and Recommendation: July/August

City Council Action:

Typically takes place in October or November

Actions needed by you:

Write to the Planning Commission about why you believe they should recommend stopping the road through the LBA Woods.

The City staff have not changed their Log Cabin project website to reflect the new direction of the city council <https://olympiawa.gov/city-services/transportation-services/plans-studies-and-data/log-cabin-connection.aspx> The City’s website still references the 2016 staff evaluation that says it is needed to avoid additional costs for street widening alternatives. The Council now knows that enabling more traffic throughput encourages more vehicle use and is only, at best, a temporary solution to congestion.

[Getting your voice heard by the City Planning Commission is critical to continue the promising progress we have made so far.](#)

We will let you know when new information becomes available and when the Public Hearing is scheduled.

For more information about the how to stop the road, talking points and an updated LBA Woods map go to <https://tinyurl.com/StopTheRoad> website.

From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fw: road
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 2:43:58 PM

3rd...

Candi Millar, AICP

From: JAN SEGUIN <jseguin21@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 9:54 PM
To: Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: road

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st op it ----- where else nearby could my dog and I enjoy the outside
excercise - be happy it's close and friendly with choice distance and pace ! Jan
Seguin

From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fw: Olympia Planning Commission re: LBA Park
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 2:44:20 PM

Final...

Candi Millar, AICP

From: ROBERT VADAS <bobesan@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: Olympia Planning Commission re: LBA Park

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5/30/21

Dear Olympia Planning Commission;

Re: LBA Park, it's been a great place to relax & enjoy nature while getting hiking exercise, which I've regularly done before & during the pandemic. The diversity of habitat types (wetlands, hills, forestlands, & fields) here is impressive & often enjoyed by my neighbors. The Olympia City Council now realizes (through public input) that extending Log Cabin Rd. thru there would be a colossal mistake, disturbing both hikers & nearby athletes in the sports fields. That's NOT how public parks should be treated.

Moreover, having lived in the Washington DC area, I'm well aware that building new roads just encourages more development & thus traffic congestion, such that the DC Beltway only temporarily became less-congested w/ each lane expansion. We're a quiet neighborhood in the CRANA area of East Olympia, & I'd like to see it stay that way for the good of people & their pets.

So please drop this proposed road project from your plans, as we find more climate- & nature-friendly ways to transport people around north Thurston Co. Indeed, the Intercity Transit bus system is very popular & I prefer bicycling as my main transportation these days, which is good for both my personal & global health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert L. Vadas, Jr. (Bob)

Fish & Wildlife Ecologist

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From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fwd: Stop the road through LBA woods
Date: Friday, June 04, 2021 8:20:02 AM

Joyce,
Here's another one. Enjoy the weekend!

Candi
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From: Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 6:43:33 PM
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Cc: LD <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>
Subject: Stop the road through LBA woods

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June 3, 2021

Dear Planning Commission,

The City Council has created a draft amendment to remove the proposed road through LBA woods from the Comprehensive Plan.

I believe you should also recommend stopping the road through the LBA woods.

Your action to move the amendment forward is an opportunity to take real action toward protecting our environment and mitigating climate change.

There are so many reasons why the planned road through the woods is an unacceptable, distressing idea. And so many reasons why removing the road from the plan is a quality idea moving us in the right direction. Here are 3:

First, the circumstances that led to the planning of the road no longer exist. There is no longer a plan for the LBA woods to be cleared and 1000 homes built there. The Road is no longer needed, and the proposed builders will no longer assist in paying for its construction.

It is important to remove this project sooner, rather than later. The longer the project is in the plans, the more investments will be made assuming it will be built and the more difficult it will be to stop.

We know that building more roads encourages more driving. As Thurston Regional Planning Council Director, Marc Daily, said during a Sept. 15, 2020 meeting of the Thurston County Transportation Policy Board, "We cannot build our way out of congestion.... Adding capacity temporarily helps things but in the long term, it induces demand therefore it gets more people out on the roadway." Traffic planners need to start planning for a world with no road through LBA Park.

Second, the value of parks increases as our population becomes denser.

The people taxed themselves to buy the LBA Woods site as a park. The people invested in these woods as a park for its beauty, the availability of nature, recreation, and community access. The Road would deteriorate the value of the Park and the people's investment in their community.

The 2045 Thurston Regional Transportation Plan is entitled "What Moves You." What "moves" our community through the LBA Woods are trails—not roads. Trails move us beneath the closed tree canopy, around wetlands, and among wildflowers and ferns. They connect us to nature, not to traffic circles. They provide peace and tranquility. Trails are for wandering and

exploring, not for spoiling and damaging with cars. They are safe for wildlife and do not cause roadkill. Trails provide mental and physical health benefits and contribute to the well-being of our community.

The road will replace peace and quiet with pollution and traffic noise. The benefits of the woods and being in nature are unmeasurable. There is no metric to gauge the contribution a forest makes to our community's health and well-being.

Third, the park, trails and wildlife habitat will be degraded.

The existing trail network through LBA Woods will be erased: The proposed mile-long extension road would bisect the forested parkland which is already cut in half by the newly completed Morse-Merryman Reservoir Access Road. The proposed road will sever existing trails at 10 separate points. Most of these impacted trails traverse relatively flat terrain and are especially suitable for people with limited mobility.

The LBA Woods is the only Olympia City park with such an abundance and diversity of trails for all fitness levels.

The Road will destroy the contiguity and connectivity of wildlife habitat. The Road harms a valuable ecosystem and causes wildlife road kills, noise, exhaust and light pollution.

Thank you for your consideration,
Please do not allow this road to destroy the beautiful LBA woods,
Lisa

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Lisa Nezwazky DPT
901-652-3289

From: [Candi Millar](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: Fwd: Stop the road through LBA woods
Date: Monday, June 07, 2021 4:34:42 PM

Hi Joyce. Did you receive this email?

Candi
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From: Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:00:00 AM
To: Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Cc: LD <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>
Subject: Stop the road through LBA woods

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June 6, 2021

Dear Planning Commission,

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There are so many reasons why the planned road through the woods is an unacceptable, distressing idea. And so many reasons why removing the road from the plan is a quality idea moving us in the right direction. Here are 3:

First, planning the road ignores climate emission reduction needs.

This road is moving us in the wrong direction. The goals of the new Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan clearly state that in order to meet the ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions, our community must move aggressively in the direction of preserving urban forests, reducing reliance on GHG-emitting vehicles and shifting more trips to zero-emission modes of transportation such as biking and walking. The fact is, if we plan to build for even more traffic, we are planning to fail at the reduction of GHG emissions.

Rather than build this road, the funds for this project (\$8.6 million) should be used for transportation projects that support the city's multi-modal transportation goals.

Second, the park is valuable for carbon sequestration and wildlife habitat. We need healthy urban forests. The Road will destroy a mile-long swath of closed-canopy forest and degrade the integrity of a mature upland forest ecosystem in the LBA Woods. Forests function best in large contiguous blocks, not in isolated fragments created by roadways and clear-cuts and other major disturbances.

Recent scientific studies by the National Audubon Society show that refuges for migratory birds, such as the LBA Woods and other urban forests, are critical for maintaining global biodiversity. The Road will bisect existing contiguous habitat and result in the loss of a closed-canopy forest and degrade a healthy urban forest that is an increasingly important refuge for wildlife in our region.

The City would demonstrate that it is not serious about addressing the impacts of climate change if they continue to plan for this road. Planners and policy makers must consider the environmental impact of clear-cutting and paving a swath of native forest, of rising levels of CO2 from automobile emissions, of the ecosystem services lost, and of the opportunities for carbon sequestration squandered. Every tree sequesters 50 – 100 pounds of carbon every year.

Third, land use has changed since this road was planned. Several land use designations and zoning changes have happened since this road was originally put on the map.

First and foremost, the property that became LBA Woods Park will no longer have 800-1000 homes constructed. This was a major traffic generator source for the road.

Second, the area surrounding Chambers Basin was down zoned following a study in 2006 showing that the flood potential could not sustain urban levels of density. This lower density zoning protects groundwater and prevents flooding. This also reduced the potential for increased traffic in this area.

Third, the City has adopted new wellhead protection zones for drinking water quality that include a portion of the path of the proposed roadway.

Pragmatically, the overwhelming sources within Olympia of potential traffic to use this road have been halted. Any traffic modeling would show that the primary sources of traffic that might use this road are from outside Olympia.

The city should prioritize transportation expenditures that primarily benefit local residents and taxpayers.

Thank you for reading this,
Please do not let a road destroy the beautiful LBA woods,
Lisa

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Lisa Nezwazky DPT
901-652-3289

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW: road through LBA woods
Date: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 9:34:58 AM

From: John Van Eenwyk <jveoly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2021 9:28 AM
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Subject: road through LBA woods

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Please do approve the amendment eliminating the plan to put a road through LBA Woods.

John and Juliet Van Eenwyk

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The Rev. Dr. John R. Van Eenwyk
PO Box 1961
Olympia, WA 98507

sent from my antediluvian computer

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the road through LBA woods (more reasons)
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:56:39 AM

FYI

From: Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2021 7:53 PM
To: Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>; LD <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>
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First, an alternate route is available. The City and the Region are aiming to reduce travel to reduce GHG emissions. This will allow the Morse Merryman Road and other routes to handle future traffic as they are currently doing. Morse Merryman Road serves one elementary school, and is a major conduit to Washington Middle School. Improvements to Morse Merryman for walking and cycling safety should happen with or without this road. Previous cost estimates for Morse Merryman improvements have been excessive because they assumed large increases in traffic, which is an outcome that the community is not seeking for many reasons including climate mitigation. The cost of needed sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements along Morse-Merryman are much more modest than the \$8.6 million estimated cost of this new road project.

Second, funding for this road is not forthcoming and removal avoids costs. The housing developments planned for this area will not happen and therefore impact fees will not be collected. The budget for this road included expenditure of impact fees to pay for the road. The growth will happen somewhere else in the City and those fees should be used to pay for the related impacts for that growth.

Third, the Log Cabin Extension Road is a bad investment. The longer the road remains in the plans, the more money will go into projects inside Olympia and in adjacent parts of Lacey to connect to this proposed transportation corridor. In 15 to 20 years, the weight of these "investments" and the foregone opportunities for alternative roads will make it more difficult to reprioritize the proper corridor improvements. It is time to stop funding this \$8.55 million road and to plan to use our limited transportation dollars more productively elsewhere.

Thank you for your attention,
Please contribute to saving the beautiful LBA Woods and our planet,
Lisa

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Lisa Nezwazky DPT
901-652-3289

From: [Liufau, Yvette](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Cc: [Engel, Dennis](#); [Turpin, Theresa](#)
Subject: Minor Comments to City of Olympia Comprehensive Plan #2021-S-2592
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 3:47:23 PM

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Joyce,

Thank you for giving WSDOT an opportunity to review and provide comments on the City of Olympia's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. We would like to offer the following minor comments:

- On Page 234 of the Part C – Equity and Inclusion document it states under Appendix E, bullets 3 & 4 “State Route 12” and “State Route 101”. These routes should be identified as United States highway 101 and United States highway 12.
- On Page 235 of the Part C – Equity and Inclusion document it states under Appendix G, bullets 2 & 3 “State Route 5” which should be changed to Interstate 5 and “State Route 101” changed to United States highway 101.

We appreciate the chance to review the City's proposed amendment. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss our comments further. Thanks,

Yvette Liufau
Senior Transportation Planner
WSDOT Olympic Region Multimodal Planning
360-357-2738
Currently teleworking and available by email, phone, Skype or Teams

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:45:25 AM

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From: Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com>
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First, there is a lack of capacity west of Boulevard Road.

The current comprehensive plan description for this road includes a statement:

The new street is expected to increase peak-hour traffic by approximately 60 percent on the existing section of Log Cabin Road (west of Boulevard Road), according to a 2011 projection of future peak-hour trips. This is within the capacity of the existing lanes on Log Cabin Road.

While technically a short segment of Log Cabin Road west of the Boulevard roundabout to the intersection/transition to Cain Road has the 'capacity' for increased traffic, the remainder of the street system north and west of that intersection does not

Installing the Log Cabin Road segment will direct traffic west where there are numerous congestion and safety problems. The budget and planning for Log Cabin Road Extension does not show the costs of improvements that would be needed west of Boulevard Road to make the street safe for increased traffic.

And second, the Road would go through the wellhead protection area for the Olympia Water Supply, Hoffman Well. The Road could threaten the groundwater through ongoing runoff from road use as well as a potential accidental spill.

Please do the right thing for our city, our environment, and the planet,

Stop the road,

Lisa

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Lisa Nezwazky DPT
901-652-3289

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW: Re:
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:45:52 AM

FYI

From: LD <stoptheroadlba@yahoo.com>
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To: Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com>; Tammy Adams <tadams@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Rad Cunningham <rcunning@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Paula Ehlers <pehlers@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Carole Richmond <crichmon@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Aaron Sauerhoff <asauerho@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Candi Millar <cmillar@ci.olympia.wa.us>; Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
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On Friday, June 11, 2021, 7:55 PM, Lisa Nezwazky <lisa.nez@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Planning Commission,

The City Council has created a draft amendment to remove the proposed road through LBA woods from the Comprehensive Plan.

I believe you should also recommend stopping the road through the LBA woods.

Your action to move the amendment forward is an opportunity to take real action toward protecting our environment and mitigating climate change.

There are so many reasons why the planned road through the woods is an unacceptable, distressing idea. And so many reasons why removing the road from the plan is a quality idea moving us in the right direction. Here are 2 final reasons:

First, there is a lack of capacity west of Boulevard Road.

The current comprehensive plan description for this road includes a statement:

The new street is expected to increase peak-hour traffic by approximately 60 percent on the existing section of Log Cabin Road (west of Boulevard Road), according to a 2011 projection of future peak-hour trips. This is within the capacity of the existing lanes on Log Cabin Road.

While technically a short segment of Log Cabin Road west of the Boulevard roundabout to the intersection/transition to Cain Road has the 'capacity' for increased traffic, the remainder of the street system north and west of that intersection does not

Installing the Log Cabin Road segment will direct traffic west where there are numerous congestion and safety problems. The budget and planning for Log Cabin Road Extension does not show the costs of improvements that would be needed west of Boulevard Road to make the street safe for increased traffic.

And second, the Road would go through the wellhead protection area for the Olympia Water

Supply, Hoffman Well. The Road could threaten the groundwater through ongoing runoff from road use as well as a potential accidental spill.

Please do the right thing for our city, our environment, and the planet,
Stop the road,

Lisa

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Lisa Nezwazky DPT

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From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW: No LBA Park Road!!
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:46:03 AM

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From: Bob Brunswig <bbrunswig@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>
Subject: No LBA Park Road!!

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Please forward this email message to all other members of the City of Olympia Planning Commission. Thank you!

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am an Olympia resident of 17 years.

I was one of the citizens surveyed prior to the purchase of the LBA Woods purchase. I was asked if I would be willing to have my taxes raised to assist in the purchase of the LBA Woods. I was and continue to be most willing to do whatever's necessary to preserve this community gem!!!...without any roads!!

The trails and beautiful woods are a resource enjoyed by people of all ages. A resource to be envied (and hopefully modeled) by other communities.

Presently, the question I'm most asked is "are the Woods a safe and clean place to walk?" Currently, the answer is "yes, absolutely!" Building a road through this pristine forest could change that quickly. Wheeler St in Olympia is an example...tent city!!

Are we willing to sacrifice the irreplaceable Woods to shave a few minutes off a commute? Hopefully, that's a resounding "NO".

Thanks to the Olympia CityCouncil for voting to remove the road plan for at least 10 years!! Your votes are noticed!!

I urge the Planning Commission Membership to follow suit. In my opinion, there is no good reason to decimate a natural, irreplaceable jewel like these LBA Woods when there are viable alternatives.

Thank you for consideration of my comments. Please walk through these Woods with your families and see what beauty there is for us all to enjoy!

Best Regards....

Bob Brunswig, Olympia Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
Subject: FW: Log Cabin Extension Road
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:46:18 AM

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From: janalynwiley@aol.com <janalynwiley@aol.com>
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Subject: Log Cabin Extension Road

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I am writing to ask you to not support the proposal to put a road through a well used and loved park that citizens fought hard to create.

It would be an unnecessary and destructive travesty.

We already have two traffic circles that are handling the vehicle flows in this area. Morse Merryman/Boulevard Road and Boulevard Road and Yelm Highway. They were put in at great expense. I know that they are working because I traverse either Boulevard Road/Morse Merryman or Yelm Highway/Boulevard Road intersections to and from work everyday. I also totally enjoy LBJ Park as a place of respite.

Please consider carefully the long term effects on the well being of your citizens that you theoretically represent.

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(that is to say I cruise 5 days a week from the SE regions to the SW area for work and back)

From: [Cari Hornbein](#)
To: [Joyce Phillips](#)
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Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:46:32 AM
Attachments: [LBA Planning Commission testimony.docx](#)

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From: Al Ewing <alewing49@gmail.com>
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Subject: LBA Woods

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Dear Planning Commission Members

My comments on the proposed road through LBA Woods are attached. Thank you in advance for reading them and giving them your full consideration in your deliberations.

Al Ewing

Al Ewing
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June 13, 2021

Dear Olympia Planning Commission Members:

I am writing to request that the proposed road through the LBA Woods be removed from the City's Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan. The road made sense when it was first proposed to accommodate an 800-unit development, but the people of this community chose to take a different course and it now makes no sense.

Only a few years ago the people of Olympia voted to raise tax revenues to purchase the LBA Woods for a park and advocates for that purchase, including some existing members of the City Council indicated that preserving the park was a top priority. I believe they were right then and preserving the park should still be a top priority. The proposed road would destroy the existing trail system crossing it in at least 10 different locations and destroy the peace and solitude that currently exists in the park but is so difficult to find in this urban environment.

The city indicates that mitigating climate change is a top priority, but that stated priority is inconsistent with cutting a large swath through a mature forest which among other things serves to remove carbon from the atmosphere. Lip service will do nothing to help reverse climate change, but letting the forest continue to live and grow will help.

It is unique to have a wonderful, developed park adjacent to a large expanse of wooded land where one can go from enjoying a baseball game or a picnic to an extended walk in the woods without being disturbed by traffic.

LBA Woods is large enough to provide valuable habitat for birds and other animals. The trail network through the trees provides an escape from the noise of traffic and a solitude that is difficult to find without getting in a car and driving for miles. The trees also serve to reduce greenhouse gasses.

I oppose the road because I value the LBA Woods as they are. As you consider your decision I hope you will ask yourself these questions:

1. Is the road really needed? I know it has been in the Transportation Plan for years, but things have changed dramatically since that plan was created.
2. Is building the road consistent with the Cities goal of reducing greenhouse gasses? Obviously not!
3. Is building the road consistent with increasing public transit ridership?

4. Is building the road consistent with the Cities goal of creating a health and safe community?
5. The city has another goal of increasing housing density and as that goal is achieved the need for places like LBA Woods where one can escape the noise and hub bub of the city becomes increasingly important. The noise associated with a road through the woods would destroy one of its great values.

Please get the proposed road through LBA Woods out of the Comprehensive plan and keep it out!

Thank you for considering my thoughts as you make this important decision.

Sincerely,

Al Ewing