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To: Planning & Community Development  
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Dear Sirs,

I should like please to submit the following comment on the Bloedel proposal, specifically the proposal to have visitors exit the reserve on to Agate Point Road.

1. It was somewhat disappointing to see some months ago that the Bloedel Reserve needed to make permanent the parking lot close to Agate Point Road. This is, however, a necessary part of the plan for economic sustainability of the Reserve – Reserve management face the same economic realities as anyone else, that visitor revenue is needed to run the reserve.
2. I can confirm that traffic entering the reserve is often backed up, and very occasionally it is backed up as far as the public road at the corner of Dolphin Drive / Agate Point Rd. I can't see intuitively how the proposed changes will make a difference to this – the delay appears to be because of the slow entry process – I don't think it is slowed down by exiting traffic.
3. My main concern with Bloedel traffic for a long time is that people exiting may mistakenly think they have right of way in a straight line on to Dolphin Drive. I have often wondered, but never asked, why there is no white line or 'yield' sign to make the priorities clear. Fortunately nobody has ever exited into my path as I come round the corner, but it remains a daily concern as I pass the Reserve and see traffic exiting. The proposed changes to the exit would help to mitigate this risk, so I see the change as positive in this regard.
4. Neighbors have expressed a lot of strong opinions, often wild ideas, and often mistakenly thinking that the Bloedel Reserve is some kind of charity set up to help the neighborhood. I think people should respect the fact that the Reserve must run sustainably, and has gone to great lengths – probably much further than required - to listen to and respect their feedback and ideas. Neighbors should remember they are not the decision maker.
5. Neighbors have commented that any changes to make it easier for traffic to enter and exit the reserve, but I see no evidence of this; the opinion from Heath & Associates shares this view.
6. Neighbors have also suggested many other exit possibilities such as (a) exit via the wildlife shelter site, or (b) West Port Madison. (A) would probably be a better solution in terms of aesthetics, specifically the view from outside, but I can't see how the traffic flow would work in practice inside the Reserve. (B) would be a fabulous solution for the Agate Point neighborhood, as the problem of high risk when exiting Agatewood Rd. to 305 south now occurs at all times of day. However, transferring the problem to West Port Madison would only make sense as part of a larger scheme involving traffic lights @ West Port Madison @ 305, which while *\_extremely\_* desirable is a bigger project than the Bloedel Reserve exit.

In summary I think the benefit of changing the Bloedel exit is marginal from an external perspective

(though may greatly improve traffic flow internally). I should like to \_support\_ the proposed changes because of the reduced risk of a collision at the Bloedel exit on the corner, however I think there are other ways this risk could be reduced.

Thanks and best regards

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