

Commissioners:

I am writing in regard to the Gale Lim Conditional Use Permit, an application before the Board again, Jan 6, 2025. I oppose the granting of said permit primarily on the grounds the access road is not only unsafe but dangerous and the permit does not include a reclamation plan, which is required.

I live on Rose Road and pass the access road to the Rose Ponds and the Archery Range daily. This road abuts Rose Road at a difficult angle and makes negotiating access tricky and dangerous, especially with the high traffic of large trucks used by Gale Lim construction. At the top of the turn on to Rose Road, one has a clear view to the south, but because the overpass is higher than the intersection, there is not an unobstructed view to oncoming traffic. I can only imagine trying to negotiate this area if this application is approved. For the large trucks, or semis, used to transport the gravel, a left-hand turn can be negotiated by alert and cautious drivers, but I do not think that a right hand turn, to head north towards the interstate on ramp, can in any way be considered anything but dangerous. A large vehicle will need to utilize both lanes to make this tight turn and traffic coming up over the overpass from the north will have an obstructed view, a recipe for disaster.

My husband and I use the greenbelt in the Rose Ponds almost daily, in all weather, winter thru summer and a lot of other citizens do as well. I am grateful for this greenbelt every time I walk or bike along these paths and I am amazed to see how many people are also out enjoying the river walk and surrounding areas. During the spring and summer the gravel area adjacent to the road is packed with vehicles, people unloading bikes, strollers, dogs and children. It gives me the shivers to think of the volume of big trucks passing so close to so many people on that narrow road.

I would also like to remind the commission that the area for the proposed permit is very near the Snake River and has flooded twice in the past twenty years and flooded severely in 1976. The possibility of an asphalt plant is massive cause for alarm. It is not difficult to imagine the chemicals and pollutants used in such a facility making their way into the river, especially during high flow periods, but the toxins released into the river during a flood would be catastrophic. Gale Lim has not provided any plan, reclamation or otherwise, to mitigate the massive damage this project will create when the river floods, affecting not only the river area along this project, but miles and miles downstream.

Lastly, but most importantly, Gale Lim Construction did not submit a reclamation plan when filing for this permit, which is required and therefore this CUP should have been automatically disqualified.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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