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To Whom it may concern:

I have read the Draft Resolution by the Bellingham Transportation Commission regarding the update of the Fairhaven Neighborhood and Urban Village Plan. I am alarmed by the Commission's comments and recommendations. As a long time business owner and anchor merchant in Fairhaven, I question any recommendation to vacate core commercial streets. I can only surmise that the Commission did an exhaustive and comprehensive study regarding not only the aesthetics of pedestrian only walkways, but the financial impact to merchants by vacating parking around businesses. The Commission's recommendations are to "create a pedestrian-only zone at 10th/Mill to Village Green and around the entire block at 11th to Harris". Were all of the

Merchants to be affected by this recommendation consulted? Were half of these merchants consulted?

These TC Resolutions are not well thought out. It is hard for me to believe that the individuals on the Transportation Commission provided genuine objectivity when drafting these recommendations. There is either (1) tremendous bias, (2) a complete failure to consider the needs of the Merchant stakeholders, or (3) passivity by some members of the TC Commission in allowing these comments and recommendations to become public. These are complex issues that require critical thinking. Before one can recommend a pedestrian friendly environment, one has to have good transportation alternatives, planned parking, and infrastructure development.

Sincerely,

Steve Papadakis

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