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> I'm not here to speak against the TSP. I think that having a long term plan for the inevitable growth in Cannon Beach is incredibly important. I want to thank Jeff and the TSP team for the work they've done. The process was transparent and inclusive - I attended every Open House, I filled out each survey and I have submitted several emails to Jeff and the TSP team.

> Many of the near term recommendations make sense to me and fit nicely with my understanding of the "village" I want Cannon Beach to be.

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> Cannon Beach is first and foremost a walkable community - pedestrianism should be encouraged and folks need to feel safe wherever they walk or whenever they choose to cross the street. Bicycling is to be encouraged but only on public roadways. Parking is a clear and immediate need. Things like painting parking stripes and timed parking seem like easy to implement, almost no brainers to me. The 4-way stop at Warren Way seems to work - maybe additional stop signs along Hemlock should be implemented - relatively inexpensive and easy to reverse if they don't help.

> For the longer term, permit parking coupled with offsite visitor parking might start to address Cannon Beach's current inability to control traffic inflow. Pedestrian-only malls supported by offsite parking and public transportation sound great but will be difficult to implement.

BUT,

> When I read the latest Draft Transportation System Plan I have to wonder "Where we did we go wrong?". If I read the TSP as a story describing a Cannon Beach of the future, 20 years from now the village of Cannon Beach is completely changed and not in a good way. I see hop-on/hop-off busses running up and down Hemlock and visitors racing around on rental electric scooters, dodging pedestrians and blocking sidewalks with parked or abandoned scooters. I see remote parking lots with shuttle service for employees and visitors - just like Disney World. A Plan should have a desirable end goal and contain the steps required to get there. Where did the notion that we need Round-a-bouts and mini-mobility hubs even come from?

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> I think the draft TSP has lots of good ideas and should serve as a cautionary tale for what Cannon Beach could become if we as a community don't take steps now. City Council must enact Ordinances as soon as possible that prevent the uncontrolled introduction of rental bicycles or scooters. Electric bicycles, electric scooters and electric hoverboards should be officially designated as "motorized vehicles" and prohibited from using pedestrian walkways. By all means, fix the bike lane situation along Hemlock and encourage the use of Spruce as a safer alternative, but there is no such thing as a multi-use trail. Bicycles, and, God forbid, motorized traffic always prevail - leaving the poor pedestrian to look out for himself. Let's provide areas for parking bicycles (look around, there aren't many bike racks!), but hold-off on expensive new trails until there's a clear need.

> Thank you for considering my input on this important plan.

Les Sinclair