

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a frequent biker and walker on the valley trail, I'm concerned about safety for all of us using the trail. As a biker and walker, I've been startled many times as a bike I didn't hear coming passed me. Electric bikes are particularly quiet and sometimes quite fast. The slightest change in my position could've caused a crash. As a biker, I often come across parties walking and blocking the entire trail, or walking on the wrong side of the trail. We need signage and an awareness campaign to let people know:

Walk or ride on the right side of the trail

Use bell or voice to alert people before passing

Move over to let people pass

The trails are busy, so always assume someone could be coming around a blind corner, coming up behind you or from the other direction.

I often bike on the Burke Gilman Trail in the Seattle area, which has signage requesting people to use bell or voice when passing. The signs do make a difference in the trail etiquette, providing more safety for everyone.

Thank you!

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