Tom Sampson

I appreciate that safety for construction works is very important and that the road closer will improve safety and speed construction time, however, the proposed road closure will significantly increase the risk for bicycle riders and walkers if a route around the lake is not maintained. The Deschutes Parkway route is a safer way to ride a bike from downtown Oly to Tumwater instead of taking Capitol Way that is much busier, narrower lanes, and faster drivers. For walkers it is a quit, safe walking area for people and their pets with walking paths separated from traffic by a wide margin versus most anywhere else in the local communities. Given the size of the closed area there should be ample space to provide a pedestrian access area around the lake/estuary that is safe for both the work crews and citizens. Please seriously consider including bicycle and pedestrian routes around the lake in the plans, or people, being people will make there own routes through the construction zone which will be less safe for everyone.

Thank you,
Tom Sampson