

My name is Albert Meerscheidt; I'm a Cascade Bicycle Club ride leader and 20+ year bike commuter. I worked at Microsoft for ten plus years. During that time I was the moderator of Microsoft over 600 Microsoft cyclists. Many of the Microsoft cyclists from the Sammamish areas would not commute by bicycle because of the lack of a safe bicycle route to the campus from Sammamish. Bicycle commuters, like all commuters, will choose safe routes, with as few unnecessary stop signs or other traffic hazards as possible. Narrowing the trail or reducing sight lines creates unsafe conditions for bicycle riders and walkers. As a ride leader I've led groups of 20 to 30 riders on various regional trails. Cascade ride leaders work diligently to ensure that our riders behave courteously and safely.

1. Approve permit application
2. Follow AASHTO standards. Do not narrow trail or restrict sight lines
3. Give crossing priority to the trail

Completion of this segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail would provide a contiguous regional trail for a variety of users.



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