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Do Not Limit Negotiating Periods
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I am writing to oppose the attack on trail creation that is being put forth by opponents of railbanking. As a bike commuter, and mother of two boys who also frequently bike to school, I am a strong advocate of separated bike/ped trails. They are the safest and most comfortable route of travel for most bicyclists, and I bike on a separated trail nearly every day for this reason. While I still utilize and advocate for the creation of on-street bike facilities, there is no doubt that the increase in distracted and reckless driving on our streets puts bicyclists at increased risk. This is not the case with separated trails. These trail creation negotiations are understandably complex. There is no reason to artificially limit the negotiating period.