Petitioners Oppose Avon Bypass

Petitions opposing the Avon bypass and, in particular, any modifications for other than flood control purposes, were filed with the Skagit county commissioners Wednesday by a group calling itself the Citizens Association for Skagit County Improvement.

An accompanying letter said there were 823 signatures on the petitions. It was signed by Norman H. Dahlstedt as chairman and Ray Billups as secretary.

The petition headings "oppose any plans to modify the structure of the Avon Bypass for any purpose other than flood control." They go on to say the signers "are in fact opposed to the Bypass itself because as presented to us it will not provide protection from major floods." adding:

"The cost of construction and maintenance is beyond Skagit county's means and this project would endanger a new area to flood hazard and eventual silt up of shallow Padilla bay."

The association's letter asked the commissioners to consider

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