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Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McKeown,  
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation

(via e-mail)

RE: HB 2592 Relating to transportation

Dear Senator Beyer and Representative McKeown,

On behalf of the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OBPAC), I am writing in support of HB 2592. The bill will result in healthier, more vibrant communities in Oregon by providing cities and towns with grants for trails for transportation and recreation.

We appreciate that the bill would disconnect bicycle and pedestrian funding from the Connect Oregon program by creating a standalone Multimodal Active Transportation Fund that would receive 7% of Connect Oregon revenue, in addition to all bicycle excise tax revenue. We are also pleased to see that the bill would repeal ORS 367.089, which directs the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to reimburse the Oregon Department of Transportation up to \$4 million per biennium. These measures will enable OPRD to award much needed trails grants throughout the state.

We would also like to respectfully request two specific changes to the Oregon Parks and Recreation portion of the bill. First, we believe the sunset clause should be removed so that this important funding for Oregon communities can continue indefinitely. Second, rather than dividing the \$4 million lottery revenue allocation into a local grant suballocation and a signature trail suballocation, we would like to see the entire \$4 million allocation go to the local grant program. This would ensure that the funds are allocated as efficiently as possible and go to the local communities where the need is greatest.

It is for these reasons that we support HB 2592. Please let us know if there is anything OBPAC can do to assist this bill during the regular session.

Sincerely,

Transmitted via e-mail

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