

To Whom It Concerns:

The Greater Eugene Area Riders supports SB 395 as a measure to promote and protect all users of the roads. It has been 50 years since an increase of funding for investments of walking a cycling infrastructure was approved. As the number of deaths and injuries to pedestrians and cyclists grows, as obesity levels increase, as the need for active transportation necessitates the infrastructure to facilitate safe, accessible routes for all, funding must be increased. SB 395 is a practical and moderate bill. It is equitable, it will provide an economic boost to local economies and will lead to reduced carbon emissions.

We see harassment on the roads daily due to congested areas and though we all have the same right to use the roads, drivers of vehicles are not always willing to share the space. There has been an even greater uptick of deaths and harassment since the COVID pandemic in our local area.

No one should be afraid to walk or bike. But funds have to be allocated to provide for the safety of our citizens.

We urge your support for SB 395 to increase funding for keeping everyone safe.
Thank you.