

Submitter: Nancy Lanyon  
On Behalf Of: Salmonberry Trail  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction,

I fully support the planned Banks - Tillamook Salmonberry Trail for several reasons, and urge you all to do the same. As a PreK-12 substitute teacher in our Neah-Kah-Nie school district on the north coast, a City of Rockaway Beach Planning Commissioner, and active volunteer in several local organizations, I can vouch for probably all in our community of the enthusiastic embrace of this project.

Though we are a population of around 1,450, Rockaway Beach is a primary destination on our coast whose population triples+ spring to fall (and the Tillamook Creamery is the most-visited attraction on the coast with over 1 million annually.) Our recent strategic plan town halls indicated pedestrian/cycling as a top priority from citizens and visitors alike. Nearly 100% of our businesses are local (and are enthusiasts of the Salmonberry), and the City has formally endorsed being (and pursuing funding) the Trail's first long-segment.

The only through-road north to south is Hwy 101 and it is not pedestrian/cyclist friendly. Our Trail segment would run from just north of the High/Middle School (Manhattan/Nedonna Beach and a state park) and south to our Old Growth Big Cedar Trail - entirely along the west side of the Oregon Coast Scenic Railway. Students would be able to safely go to school, and visitors could safely walk or ride throughout our town - lessening congestion and parking limitations. Talk about health and safety!

I'd like to also make you aware of the substantial inland population of cyclists and hikers who are thrilled about this 82-mile opportunity to visit the coast "from home". From groups to individuals, they range from Beaverton (Intel, Nike!) to Portland to Vancouver who are anxious to see this happen. The Oregon Coast Bike Route is already an official Oregon entity on the oregon.gov website and by ODOT, and is a magnet for visitors world-wide - the Salmonberry would establish safety in one of Oregon's most beloved locations.

Finally, another thought: as a CERT, emergency group and radio volunteer, it has occurred to me that this connection could actually be vital during a Cascadia Subduction zone event. The Trail would reach the coast through Nehalem then on to Tillamook ... that access from Banks to the coast could be a life-saving route to the

coast. Seriously, our meetings always realize it could be weeks or months for any through-routes to reach our small communities. The Salmonberry Trail could literally be counted as an emergency infrastructure support.

Thank you for your consideration of this (multi-community) earnest, wholehearted endorsement to fund the Salmonberry Trail.

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