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I am pleased to see funding for the Safe Routes to School and the Great Streets programs. Portland has at least 14 "bike bus" groups that shepherd elementary children to school by bike. Safety improvements to the bike bus routes, via by the Safe Routes to School funds, will be appreciated by the public. The Great Streets program will continue the effort to improve roads like Powell Blvd that were built as highways but now function as city streets.

I urge you to add funding for the Oregon Community Paths program, which supports off-street multi-use paths. I'm a bicyclist who frequently uses local off-street paths. Many of these paths need maintenance to deal with tree roots that create significant surface bumps. For example, the paths at Fort Stevens are almost unrideable due to these bumps. Let's not wait another two years to deal with ongoing maintenance needs.