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Fully funding Safe Routes to School, Great Streets, and Oregon Community Paths will improve safety and quality of life for all Oregonians. A fully-funded, safe, multimodal system keeps people and goods moving and families and businesses thriving.

30% of Oregonians can't or don't drive. The lack of safe streets and paths disproportionately harms people forced to walk, bike, roll, or ride transit, leaving them without access to jobs, education, healthcare, and groceries.

Investing in sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails improves health by reducing chronic disease and lowering asthma rates. This is especially true for low-income and communities of color, who are hit hardest by pollution and unsafe streets.

Investments in ADA-compliant sidewalks, off-street paths, and protected bike lanes ease traffic and improve safety for everyone, including drivers.

When kids can walk and bike to school safely, they gain independence, stay active, and get better grades. Funding more Safe Routes to Schools benefit