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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Jeff and I am a Bend resident. As a Bend resident, I urge you to increase funding for the Oregon Community Paths program in HB 2025. With our city growing rapidly, we need safe, connected walking and biking routes so people of all ages and abilities can get where they need to go—especially since many in our community don't drive. Investing in multi-modal infrastructure isn't just smart planning, it's essential for a livable, sustainable Bend.

We make many trips that are within only a few miles of our house that are very bikeable distances. While I am comfortable making many of those trips by bike, the rest of my family and young kids are not. With more off-street paths comes the feeling of safety needed to make the change from car to biking and walking. I would love to see more connected off-street paths in Bend in my lifetime!

Thank you for listening.