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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB1601  
Topic:

Dear Chair Girod, Chair Nosse, and members of the committee,

I request that the Committee not redirect funding from the Oregon Community Paths and Safe Routes to School programs to highway maintenance and operations as currently laid out in the -3 amendment to SB 1601.

More than 80% of Oregonians use local trails - that is more than those who drive. Paths provide the safest places in our community for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike. The Oregon Community Paths and Safe Routes to School program are already underfunded and people continue to die on our streets as a result.

Please preserve the following funds from any budget cuts:

- 1) Multimodal Active Transportation Fund: funded in part by the bike tax and currently directed entirely to Oregon Community Paths program.
- 2) Transportation Operating Funds: non-street funding that funds passenger rail, paths, and para-transit
- 3) Safe Routes to School Funds

Thank You,