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Re: Opposition to -3 amendment for SB1601

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

I am writing to ask you not to 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.

I understand you have difficult choices in front of you, but raiding monies from the Bicycle Excise Tax and Safe Routes to School is like stealing a kid's lunch money. Instead, perhaps you'll consider raiding the highway projects budgets for operations and maintenance needs.

As a former bicycle shop owner, I can't even imagine trying to explain to a customer why they're paying a \$15 tax to fund the highways operations and maintenance budget.

The Oregon Community Paths and Safe Routes to School program are already tragically underfunded, please don't make it worse.

Thank you,
Eva Frazier
BikeLoud PDX Board Chair