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On Behalf Of: McKenzie Community Land Trust  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: 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.

Funds to support operations and maintenance of the current transportation system are necessary, but not at the expense of the safety of our most vulnerable community members, our schoolchildren and others who cannot drive.

McKenzie Community Land Trust has been conducting a feasibility study for a multi-use pedestrian path in Blue River as part of community recovery efforts from the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. Oregon Community Paths and Safe Routes to School have been identified as some of the only possible funding sources for executing the community vision, creating a safe place for people of all ages and abilities to move throughout their community, exercise and spend time outdoors.

Please preserve the following funds from any budget cuts:

Multimodal Active Transportation Fund: funded in part by the bike tax and currently directed entirely to Oregon Community Paths program to fund safe, off-street alternatives.

Transportation Operating Funds: non-street funding that funds passenger rail, paths, and para-transit)

Safe Routes to School Funds

Thank you for your service and consideration,  
Braden Ravenscraft