From: Jenny Green Gallery

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board; GMDTransportationSystemPlan</u>

**Subject**: Midtown Connectivity

**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 3:48:07 PM

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity improvements at all 3 Midtown locations!

Thank you for your time and consideration, Jenny Green



Jenny Green Gallery Director Oregon Arts Commissioner

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From: Ani Cahill

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board</u>

Subject:Bike connection mid-town to downtownDate:Monday, September 30, 2019 5:40:07 PM

## Hello,

I'm writing to voice my support for connecting downtown to midtown with better bike lanes and walking paths. I live in midtown and it's very important for us to have safe & clean sidewalks & bike lanes that get us downtown.

Please prioritize this in your upcoming meeting planning transportation in Bend.

Thanks,

-Ani Cahill

From: Kelly ward

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board</u>

Subject: Email me

**Date:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 7:50:22 AM

## URAB,

As a resident and business owner in the BCD, I am hyper aware of the lack of safe pedestrian crossings into the downtown. Please focus your energy and dollars on these crossings: Franklin, Greenwood and Hawthorne. In that order.

I would like to be put on your email list to keep up with Urban Renewal projects.

Thanks, Kelly From: Ken Brinich

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board</u>

Subject: <No Subject>

Date: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 3:56:29 PM

I write to comment on cross town bike connector routes.

The Harriman overpass has been on the books for years. Building it removes a huge obstacle between east west bike and ped traffic.

The Franklin underpass looks better since it was painted. It remains inadequate, unsafe and unsanitary. Two bike cannot pass in the tunnel. A pedestrian and a bike cannot pass in the tunnel. If it has recently rained or snowed water pools on the sidewalk too deep to walk through. The tunnels smell like urine and if you ride a bike through pooled water the urine smell splashes across your back.

The greenwood underpass is not designed for bikes either.

The Harriman overpass needs to be built. If some thought were put into the design, the overpass could be a commercial attraction like the Highline park in NYC.

Bend has plenty of cars. It needs more bikes, transit and peds. If you design for cars you get more cars. If you design for bikes, transit and peds you get more bikes, transit and peds. I encourage a long term commitment to the Harriman overpass. Ken Brinich.

From: Karen Cheatham

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board</u>; <u>GMDTransportationSystemPlan</u>

Subject: public comment - midtown connectivity

Date: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 2:10:15 PM

## Hello,

I'm writing to urge you to keep all three of the proposed midtown bicycle and pedestrian connectivity projects (Greenwood underpass, Franklin underpass, and a new Hawthorne bridge) on the near term list. Bend residents want these improvements, and we have already waited too long for better connectivity through the center of town. Please don't put these crucial projects on the back burner.

Best, Karen

Karen Cheatham Ph. (541) 390-9711 From: Sue

To: <u>Urban Renewal Advisory Board</u>

Subject: Franklin undercrossing

Date: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 6:04:37 PM

Please consider making the upgrade of the Franklin undercrossing a priority. Both Franklin and Greenwood are critical spots to bring the eastside closer to downtown.

I've been using the Franklin undercrossing daily for about 9 years, both on my bike and walking. I hold my breath when I go thru the tunnel it smells so bad. The sidewalk on the S side is falling apart and needs repair.

Before you spend a lot of funds on Hawthorne, please remedy one of the two existing portals to downtown first.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sue Jensen 735 NE Franklin Ave Bend jensens@bendbroadband.com