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Good Afternoon,

Last week I attended an event hosted by the Central Oregon Conservation Network regarding the plans of the Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee.

I would like to share the following feedback for the committee's consideration. Overall, I am very encouraged by the activity that the city is planning to make our transportation network safer, more equitable, and more friendly to walking and biking. That said, I would like to share that safety is my biggest priority when it comes to improving Bend's transportation network, especially safety for walking and biking. One concern that I have on this topic is the assumption that route 97 is a bikable road when looking at bike connectivity throughout the city. During the presentation, the city's plans to build more "low-stress" bike ways was shared; and I believe 97 was showed as part of this low-stress system. Biking alongside vehicles traveling at highway speed is not low-stress and something that I, even as an experienced cyclist, would never expose myself to. As someone that has been struck by a vehicle while on a bike, this is something that I passionately believe that Bend should and can get right for its citizens.

Thank you for your time,

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