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As someone who makes multiple trips back and forth each day, I'd love to see a safe, protected bike route from East to West in Bend. I'm only riding (or driving) a few miles each way each time, and it makes so much sense to make riding a bike an option for families and kids too!

Also, as a pediatrician, I really worry as I see kids riding bikes along Neff Rd to and from school. It's not a safe route for kids, yet there is both a middle school (Pilot Butte) and elementary school (Juniper) right off of Neff, so a lot of kids are riding along this road each and every day---with more to come with the new housing development right there. We need a way for these kids to get to and from school safely---and this would greatly decrease all the traffic from parents driving back and forth twice a day too!

Please make safe bike and pedestrian CONNECTIVITY a priority in the city's transportation plan and upcoming Bond proposal.

Thank you!

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