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Subject: Transportation System Plan Comments

Hello,

I urge the city to invest heavily in walking, biking, and transit in the new TSP. Climate change is a grave threat to humanity's future and reducing driving is a major component of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As stated by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development:

"Reducing the amount of driving, or VMT, is primarily addressed at the local level by the following actions:

- promoting strategies that reduce the length of trips, and
- developing communities that support public transit, biking, or walking for errands, outings, and trips to work.

Any new transportation projects built in the city should take into account climate impact and include ways to reduce transportation emissions by promoting walking, biking, and transit over driving. This will greatly help work towards achieving the city's climate goals, not to mention make our streets safer and our community cleaner, quieter and more livable.

I support all three midtown bike/ped connectivity projects (Greenwood, Hawthorne, and Franklin) to remain as near-term priorities on the list. Lack of low-stress connections between the East and West sides of town are a major impediment to walking and biking in Bend. Additionally, I would like to see all bike/ped Key Route investments moved into the near-term priorities list. People will not walk or bike unless it is safe and convenient. Making it safe and convenient will require investing in much better infrastructure city-wide, but particularly along key routes.

Thank You,

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