

July 10, 2008

Western Regional Office  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
26 O'Farrell Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Rails-to-Trails -

Representing the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) is writing to endorse the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation* and provides a Case Statement for the MPO area which is comprised of the Eugene-Springfield, Oregon metropolitan area.

The Central Lane MPO area could achieve a monumental enhancement of regional mobility and mitigate congestion in a cost efficient manner by shifting automobile trips to biking and walking with a \$50 million federal investment in bicycling and walking.

In preparation to attract potential federal investment over six years to support strategic investments in active transportation infrastructure, the attached *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation Case Statement* emphasizes the wide political support, need, community assets, theme-oriented plan, and projects ready for development.

The Central Lane MPO area will work to develop a state-of-the-art multi-modal model and regional bike/pedestrian database and mapping capabilities, build key multi-use connections to augment the existing active transportation system and provide further support for programs that demonstrate mobility enhancements, reduced congestion and efficient use of resources.

Our area boasts an award-winning regional active transportation system and programs. Strong relationships exist between jurisdictional partners on issues related to active transportation and this region has a successful history of leveraging both resources and best practices with creative partnerships.

The MPC strongly supports the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation and provides a Case Statement for our community to attract the federal investment. In coming months, local jurisdictions and organizations will continue to pursue letters of support for the Campaign from their respective bodies. Ultimately, this effort will be communicated with members of our congressional delegation.

Sincerely,

Sid Leiken, Chair  
Metropolitan Policy Committee