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Memorandum Date: April 11, 2011  
Order Date: April 27, 2011

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PRESENTED BY:** Lydia McKinney, Transportation Planning

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SISTERS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF THE MCKENZIE PASS SCENIC BIKEWAY

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I. **MOTION**

Move approval of the Order providing an additional letter of support to the Sisters Chamber of Commerce for designation of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway.

II. **DISCUSSION**

A. **Background/Analysis**

The Sisters Chamber of Commerce is proceeding to the next step in designating the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway and is requesting an additional letter of support. The Lane County Board of Commissioners (Board) provided an initial letter of support (Board Order 10-3-17-9) for this project on March 17, 2010.

Support for designation of the proposed McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway remains in the public interest due to the importance of biking to residents of and visitors to Lane County. Enhanced cycling venues make Lane County more competitive as a year round destination and will help sustain a vital and vibrant tourism economy. The proposed route is shown on the Lane County Bicycle Map. A map showing the proposed scenic bikeway route is provided in Attachment B.

B. **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the Order providing a letter of support to the Sisters Chamber of Commerce for designation of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway.

III. **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Board Order and Exhibit A
- B. Proposed Scenic Bikeway Route Map

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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- ) SISTERS AREA CHAMBER OF
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WHEREAS, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting designation by the Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the proposed McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway will attract recreational bicycle riders to eastern Lane County and will serve as a gateway to visitors from the Sisters area; now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a letter of support for the designation of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway, in substantial conformance to the letter attached herein as Exhibit A, be provided to the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

Effective date: \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2011.

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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 4-18-11 Lane County  
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL



# Lane County Board of Commissioners

Exhibit A

Jay Bozievich  
Rob Handy  
Sid Leiken  
Peter Sorenson  
Faye Hills Stewart

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Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department  
Attn: Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator  
725 Summer Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Ms. Phillips;

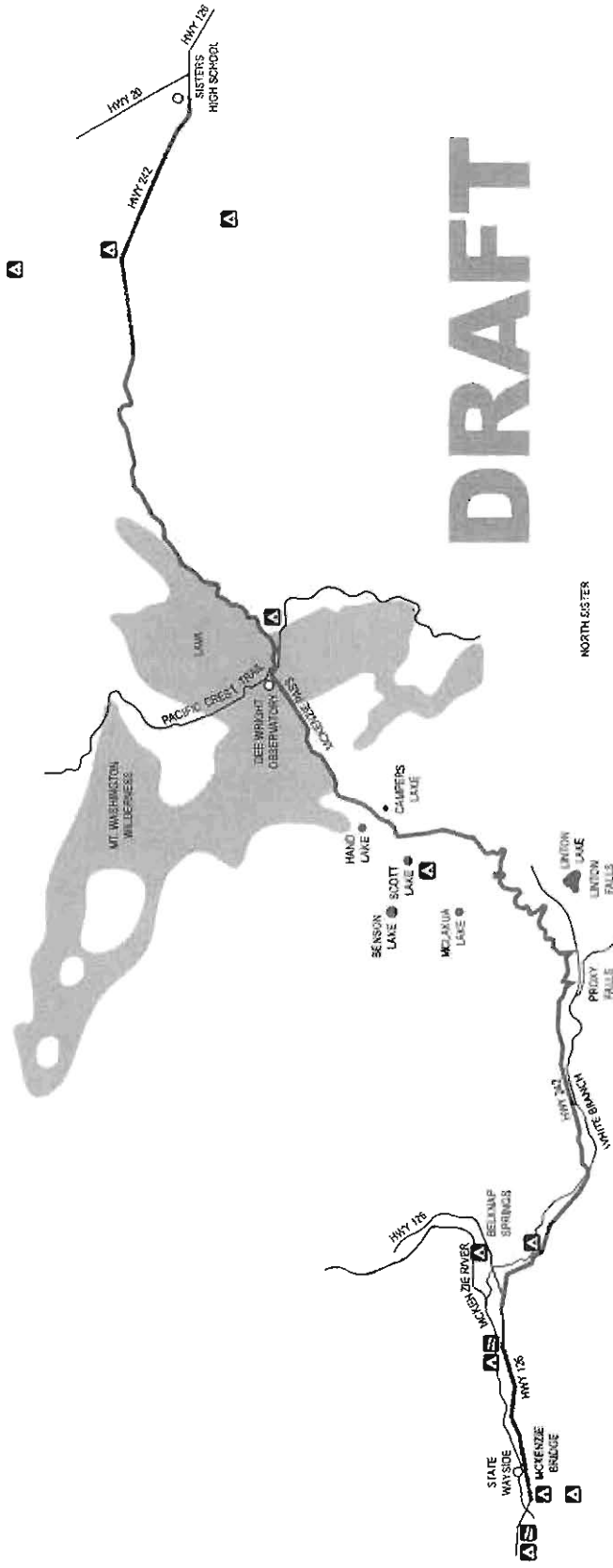
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Sincerely,

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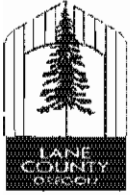
- POINT OF INTEREST
- ▲ CAMPGROUND
- ⚓ BOAT RAMP



# McKenzie Pass

ROUTE MAP GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOM ATKINS, JEN BASS, AND DESCHUTES GEOGRAPHICS





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