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Alex Phillips  
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

I am pleased to offer the support of the Lane County Board of Commissioners for the Covered Bridges Bikeway. The proposed route passes through one of the more attractive parts of rural Lane County, and it seems like just the kind of project that the framers of the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan had in mind when they formulated:

**Environmental Policies 7 & 8:**

Encourage the development of environmentally compatible tourist and recreational facilities which enhance the economic prospects of rural areas while serving the recreational needs of tourist and County residents.

Continue development of a Countywide system of paths and trails for non-motorized travel (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian) interconnecting development centers, recreation sites and scenic areas.

**Economic Policy 9:**

Tourism should be considered as a base industry having high potential for growth throughout the County. Development of facilities oriented towards tourists shall be given maximum support within the framework of these policies.

The Rural Comprehensive Plan designates most of the land adjacent to the proposed route for forestry or public facilities, interspersed with several small settlements that are zoned for residential use. There are no restrictions anywhere along the route that would prevent this proposal from going forward. To the contrary, the effect of our land use regulations will be to preserve the visual qualities in this corner of Lane County more or less as they are today.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners