

Memorandum Date: March 1, 2010
Order Date: March 17, 2010

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Mark Bernard, 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

I. MOTION

Move approval of the Order providing a 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 requesting a letter of support for designation of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway by the Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department. Support for designation of the proposed McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway is in the interest of the public due to the importance of recreational biking to residents of and visitors to Lane County. The proposed Scenic Bikeway straddles the Cascade Range, providing a gateway for visitors to eastern Lane County. The proposed route is shown on the Lane County Bicycle Map. The proposed route follows historic Hwy 242 from Sisters to Hwy 126, terminating in the community of McKenzie Bridge (see Attachment B), about six miles east of the Aufderheide National Scenic Byway bicycle route shown on the Lane County Bicycle Map. The entire proposed McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway route follows State highways and will be marked with signage provided by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department. The Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, Oregon's first designated bikeway, terminates at Armitage Park.

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

ORDER NO.

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) SISTERS AREA CHAMBER OF
) COMMERCE'S REQUEST FOR A
) LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
) DESIGNATION OF THE MCKENZIE
) PASS SCENIC BIKEWAY.

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.

DATED this ____ day of March, 2010.

William A. Fleenor, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 3/19/10 Lane County

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March 17, 2010

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

Dear Ms. Phillips;

I am pleased to offer the support of the Lane County Board of Commissioners for the Scenic Bikeway application submitted by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce for designation of the McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeway.

Sisters, Oregon and Lane County share a thriving tourism-based economy 3-5 months out of the year and cycling, both on and off-road, is a significant contributor. Many couples, families and others utilize the beautiful and well-maintained roads and trails for their cycling adventures. If the Scenic Bikeway application that is submitted is approved, it will most certainly enhance both Sisters and Lane County tourism promotions and assist in encouraging visitor traffic to our region.

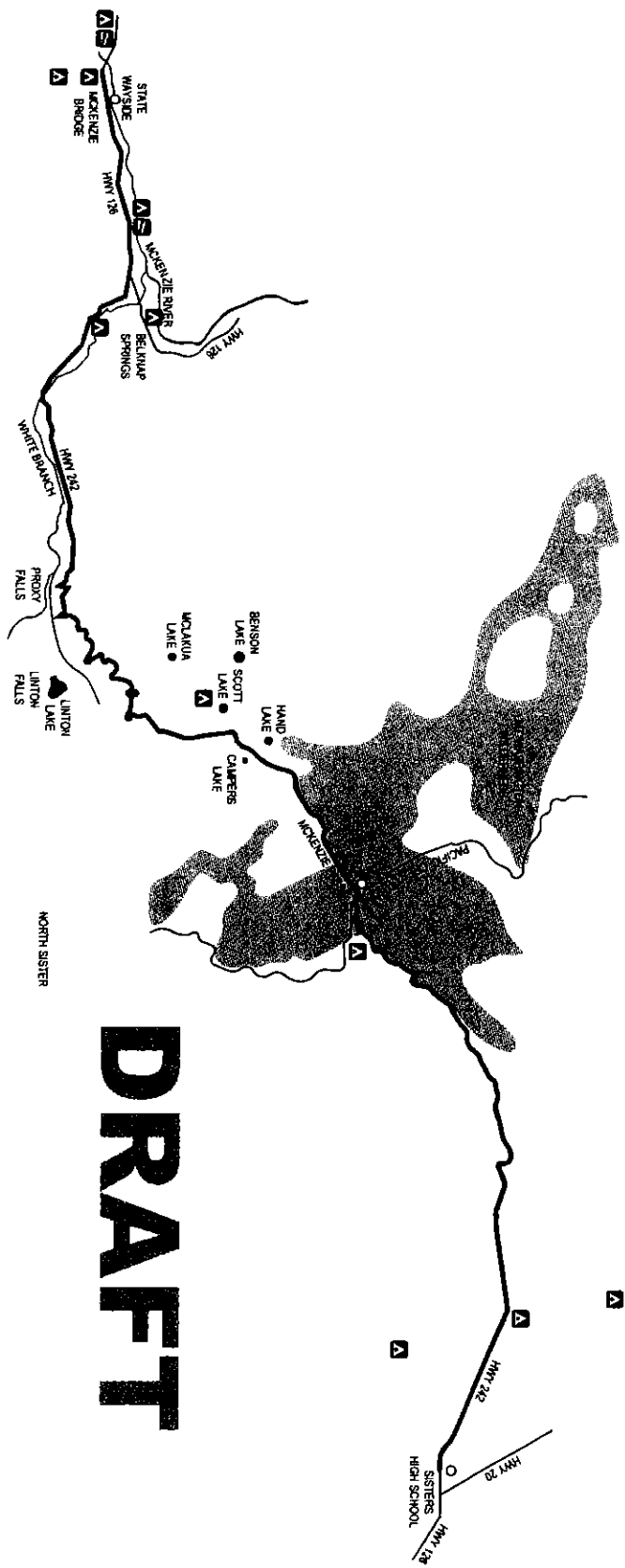
The Scenic Bikeway program, as described by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with Travel Oregon and Cycle Oregon will assist in showcasing our local communities throughout the State of Oregon, the Pacific Northwest and nationally, and will promote eastern Lane County and the Sisters area specifically as *the place to visit*, especially, if you are a cyclist.

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce and a variety of citizens from throughout the Sisters area, are supportive of the effort to designate the McKenzie Pass from Sisters to McKenzie Bridge Campground route as a Scenic Bikeway.

The proposed Scenic Bikeway route offers a uniquely different Central Oregon perspective and landscape, and will provide visitors with additional route choices based on their ability level and desired destination.

Sincerely,

William A. Fleenor, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners



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Mckenzie Pass

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