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**To:** CLAUSON Stacy A  
**Subject:** FW: TE Public Input -- MF Path  
**Attachments:** 3416\_001.pdf

Stacy:

Please add this to our public input for the Middle Fork Path. Also see the attached .pdf. It is from the on-line questionnaire ODOT implemented for the TE application process.

Thanks!

*Rebecca*

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**From:** FISHER Patricia R \* ODOT [mailto:Patricia.R.FISHER@odot.state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2011 11:35 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Gershow  
**Subject:** RE: TE Public Input -- MF Path

Our on-line survey received 261 responses for your project. The breakdown is below. Remember that people were responding to a group of projects from the "Southern Willamette Valley". That's why you get the "don't know" responses. The narrative comments are in the attached PDF document.

189 strongly support  
 22 support  
 6 do not support  
 44 don't know

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 261

**SUPPORT -- 152 of these respondents marked their reasons for supporting the project:**

20 provides a needed transportation connection  
 7 addresses safety concerns  
 30 supports tourism or economic development  
 23 environmental or health benefits  
 31 enhances travel options (transit or non-motorized)  
 38 preserves or enhances a scenic or historic site  
 3 improves children's travel to school or activity

**OPPOSITION -- 11 respondents marked their reasons for opposing the project:**

1 costs too much  
 3 not needed  
 5 low priority compared to other needs  
 0 incomplete or incorrect solution for the situation  
 0 negative effects on my property, business or neighborhood  
 0 environmental or health concerns  
 2 conflicts with local or regional priorities

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**From:** Rebecca Gershow [mailto:RebeccaG@willamalane.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2011 9:59 AM  
**To:** FISHER Patricia R \* ODOT  
**Subject:** TE Public Input -- MF Path

Hi, Pat.

Is there any way of finding out how much and what kind of public input we got on the Middle Fork Path Phase 2a project as part of the TE Program public input period/on-line questionnaire?

We need to include a list of public input to the Central Lane MPO for our request to roll-over our STP-U funds from Phase 1 to Phase 2, and that would be helpful to include.

Thanks!

Rebecca

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**#126 Willamalane Park & Recreation Dist:**

This project is half built and ready to be completed! All permits and land have been acquired. It is needed and beautiful.

This project would add to Phase 1, completing the connection from Clearwater Park on the east side of Springfield to Dorris Ranch on the west side, providing a very high quality multi-use pathway.

This will benefit springfield bike commuters greatly by connecting them with eugene bike trails other than using main street which is dangerous.

provide additional hiking and walking trails options and an important link

This project will provide a crucial link for transportation and recreation that will vastly expand options for a large population group.

This is a fabulous path connection with a long list of benefits: access to views of the river, connections to existing parks and access to natural areas.

Finishes a connection of an existing trail so that it can be a full loop for exercise. It also is a beautiful, view and very relaxing path that preserves land and yet connects people to nature even more.

I don't own a car and my bike is my main mode of travel. I'd especially like to see this route opened up to avoid a lot of Springfield traffic. Ideally it should go along the river from Island Pk. to Harbor Drive, through the back side of Dorris Ranch.

This is the next step toward completion of a path system identified as high priority by plans of Springfield, Willamalane and Lane County, and will open to the public riverside terrain that has never been accessible before. It will be treasured by path users throughout the region.,

Will enhance a beautiful recreational area which the community can benefit from.

There is significant other work in progress that connects to this path. Springfield has a \$10M wetland restoration project and this path will be an essential connector.

We live in Springfield. We are advocates of walking and biking. Springfield's riverfront path system is limited. We need this important link.

Strongly support this project due to its intrinsic value as a component of the metro-area riverside pathway system, opportunity for active and passive recreation and nature appreciation, and provides an important east-west off-street connection for cyclists and pedestrians

This path is substantial in length and adjacent to the river, a beautiful amenity. It is simply a gem of project, a major enhancement to the community.

We need a network of bike paths that gives more incentive for people to use them.

I strongly support the project because it would increase the use of Dorris Ranch due to higher volume of visitors. Also, as someone who sometimes uses a bike to commute, this would be a much safer route than the one I now use.

Crucially important to improve this bike corridor! Looking forward to this section being safe for commuting.

This is a vital connection in a planned eight mile loop that will enhance downtown Springfield, and connect to the Eugene network.

Willamalane cares about community, nature and the environment

This is one segment in a larger vision that would connect Eugene and Springfield to Dorris Ranch Park and (with a bridge) the new expanded Buford Park.

This project will eventually connect with the proposed multi-use path in Glenwood

This project reinforces the formative power of the river on our consciousness.

Important link in local economic and cultural development efforts in partnership with state and federal partners

Is a key element in the broader vision of the riverside path network in the Eugene-Springfield area and will connect important public open spaces

I strongly support Willamalane Park and Recreation District projects in the community.

Eugene-Springfield desperately needs a multi-use path along the Middle Fork Willamette River.

support the completion of the walking trail

Connecting to Mt. Pisgah-important recreational area that is hard to reach by bike and pedestrians.

Willamalane is known to use funds wisely to enhance recreation to local and out of district users.

This offers our community an outstanding opportunity to provide healthy recreation/hiking in a natural area not currently accessible to the public.

Construction of phase 2a of the Middle Fork Path will open a previously hidden stretch of the Willamette River to the public for the first time.

This project would enhance mobility in Springfield, provide LONG distance route for exercise/commuting, create links to downtown revitalization efforts & economic opportunities in Eugene (easily bike path connection), and would increase limited access to the river natural areas.

Strongly support because it will highlight the history, recreational opportunities, tourism development potential of the Springfield Millrace

Is a vital link in a larger system of non-motorized transportation infrastructure

Will allow greater access to those interested in nature and birding, for example, who wish to walk along the Willamette; adds more public walking or biking routes to area, will allow added tourism for nature study events.

Development of phase 2a of the Middle Fork Path will complete its critical connection around Quarry Butte, connecting phase 1 to the existing path system in Willamalane's Dorris Ranch Living History Farm.

Connecting the Middle Fork path to Doris Ranch and the rest of the Willamette bikepath from Springfield to Eugene is essential in the near future. It will tenfold the Phase I path use since cyclists, runners and walkers will have access from heavily used paths up and down the Willamette River.

There are not a lot of east - west connections for pedestrians and bicyclists in Springfield. This new path is an essential east-west link for area residents.

An excellent project to enhance the recreation resources in Springfield, provide safe, conscious access to the river in Springfield.

You have the need easements from Knife River and the Allen's finish the four mile bike path by funding the project.

Completes the key connection between an historic and emerging park system network of paths, vastly extending the metro area riverfront path system from downtown Springfield up the Middle Fork Willamette River to Clearwater Park and Mill Race paths.

This is an additional phase to complete an ongoing trail project. All design, engineering and permitting is complete and the funds are needed to complete the construction.

promote other means of transportation besides car

It is an key component in linking Eugene/Springfield to Mt. Pisgah

IMPORTANT SYNERGY FOR THE AREA - bike + hike + conservation + recreation + connectivity + environmental awareness and improvement

Definitely should be completed to connect the Eugene and Springfield River paths.

This area has a broader tax base, businesses and individuals that they can draw from for donations to complete this extravagance.

Block walls are expensive, may need to excavate more.

Willamalane serves more than just Springfield residents. This project is a benefit to the entire region.

Enhances the community bike path which is used by many people of varying abilities

Creates a link in a large network of trails and bikepaths enjoyed by many users.

This is the second phase of a project that has already received federal support - It should be completed. It is in alignment with the regional "Rivers to Ridges" trail plan which has been adopted by local and county elected officials.

Will create an off-street transportation from east Springfield through Eugene along Willamette; access is otherwise not available currently and would not be without this project

this could change the local area for the better for many years to come. Greatly improves non-motorized transportation. Green Concept!

This would be an important link in connecting Mt. Pisgah to the Willamette Bike Paths

Adds to the length of bicycle path to be ridden.

More bike lanes are needed, especially in Springfield.

a valuable addition to our community

A critical link in a 4 mile off-street multiuse path in Springfield. The project is ready to go now.

This will be the best trail in Oregon

I often ride that way

There are few other ways for cyclist to travel comfortably through this corridor.

We should be enhancing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

People of all ages use the paths for MANY reasons, it's so nice to finally have one in Springfield. It also supports tourism and enhances our state. It's a great way to spend family time outdoors in a healthy and beautiful way.

It would be SO wonderful to have connections between paths that this would support..
Geographically, Springfield is very strung out East-West and very narrow North-South due to the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers. To avoid Main Street, this path will provide a much-needed bike path to east Springfield.
Added value to our area in offering a safe and secure way of travelling between the two cities
This overall project is a multi-agency project with the City, School Dist and SUB in an excellent example of identifying community need and cooperation
Phase one is near completion and already seeing use, This project opens up several miles of the Willamette River to area citizens.
completes a great path between Springfield and Eugene
It is part of a long range plan to connect East Springfield with West Springfield and Eugene bike/walking paths
Safety of kids going to school and play
This is another important link in an incomplete system. The amazing Willamette River Path system will someday connect many parks, neighborhoods, schools, natural areas, and community facilities. This piece of the puzzle will provide an important part of that recreation and transportation system.
This project is an example of multiple public agencies collaborating for the common good of the community/region
This area has multiple avenues to acquire funds to accomplish this project such as businesses or individuals who might donate or a wealthier tax base to draw from.
The area along the south of springfield has yet to be developed. If bicycled infrastructure is not put in place now the costs to impliment if in the future will grow exponentially as the South springfield/natron area is developed.
Improves options for non-motorized transport.
Adds a wonderful new outdoor recreation opportunity.