

From: [Gus Janeway](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Ashland St. & N. Mountain Bike lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:11:51 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott,

I am hoping you could give me a moment at Thursday's upcoming TAC meeting to comment in support of the proposal to create protected bike lanes on North Mountain and Ashland Streets. I promise to be brief! Like this email.

Thank you,

Gus

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From: [Karen](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: tikimick@hotmail.com
Subject: Bike Lanes and Street Repairs
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:06:04 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott,

I have learned that street repairs are soon being done for Ashland Ave and Mountain Ave and want to add my voice to support protective bike lanes. Students ride these streets! That should be enough said, but please let me tell you why it's important to me, a retired SOU faculty member too. My husband rides his electric bike on those routes, and well, I just don't want anyone who is driving to crowd him out.

Do all you can to add secure lanes.

Karen McClintock
541-326-1616

From: [Len Wyatt](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#); [The Ashland Climate Collaborative](#)
Subject: Bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 5:33:01 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I want to express my support for including protected bike lanes in the upcoming projects on Mountain Ave and Ashland Street. When streets are safer for biking, more people choose to ride. This results in less traffic, healthier lifestyles, less pollution and more engagement among people. For all of these reasons, Ashland should plan for safer cycling not only on these projects but on all future projects as well.

Thank you.

Len Wyatt

From: moreaux.shea@gmail.com
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Bike lanes need protection
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:32:42 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Please add my name to those in support of protected bike lanes. I would ride more if I were confident that I, a slow Senior cyclist, am not competing with motor vehicles for space on the road.

With sincere thanks,

Mary Shea Moreaux

1825 Green Meadows Way

Ashland OR

From: [John Richards](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Bike lanes on Ashland Street and Mountain Avenue
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 11:04:20 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I support the initiative to add protected bike lanes to these corridors
— John Richards

Sent from my iPhone

From: ken.willumsen
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: bike Lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:26:38 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Mr. Fleury,

We support the idea of the two bike lanes proposed on N. Mountain and Ashland Streets. This seems an ideal opportunity to incorporate them that may not surface again for many years. unless the future for Ashland includes less bikes and more cars, this is a no-brainer. As a family with kids we would love to be able to commute and explore more with our young kids on bikes and bike lanes such as this are a step in the right direction. Thank you for being forward thinking and making this happen.

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From: [Catherine Ellison](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 11:30:22 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

As a resident of Ashland I would like to be counted as one of those citizens who very much supports the bike lane concept in our town. They should be easy to use and SAFE so that cars cannot run into us when we are on our bikes. My greatest fear when biking is that I'll be having to compete with cars...which is actually a deterrent to riding my bike.... Also encouraging us to ride our bikes happens when good bike lanes are present in the town. Using fossil fuels to drive our cars around harms the planet..... Thank you for doing the right thing for our town.
—Catherine Ellison

From: [Charles A. Hall](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: bike paths
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:08:04 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Put me down as supporting all reasonable increases in bike paths and related activities.

Charles Hall
2532 Old Mill Way
Ashland

From: [Stephen Krancevic](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: bike paths
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:38:38 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Scott Fleury,

I'd like to see protected bike lanes made when the city does its next re-pavement. I use my bike much more than my car for doing errands. I usually avoid Siskiyou because of the cars and people using their cell phones.

Stephen Krancevic
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From: [Judy Kerr](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Bike lane
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 7:21:58 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Protected bike lanes always a good idea

But how about a cross walk at the top of Mountain going into the park? Lots of traffic and no way to see if a car is coming up the hill when going into the park. Coming out, you can see. With the housing being built it will only get more dangerous.

From: [bob altaras](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:42:57 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Scott,
I strongly support the proposed bike lanes on Ashland St and No Mountain Av.
Bob Altaras

From: [Cat gould](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Bike Lanes in Ashland
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 7:02:41 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hallo,

I am writing in support of protected bike lanes in Ashland.

I feel this would reduce pressure on parking spaces, reduce pollution in the valley and be beneficial for the lifestyle of our community.

I used to enjoy cycling as a commuter, but a couple of close calls made me stop as it was not worth dying to cycle about.

Please do what you can as an employee of the community to make this happen!

I appreciate your consideration,

Sincerely,

Cat Gould

From: [Helmut](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 11:53:34 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Protected bike lanes especially on North Mountain would be needed.
Thanks

Sent from my iPad

From: [Nancy Keeley](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: In support of Bike Lane conversion
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 2:41:03 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Scott,
I'm really happy to hear of the plans to convert existing painted bike lanes to protected lanes on N Mountain Ave and on Ashland St. I'm all for making cycling safe and practical for everyone.

Thanks for your work.

Nancy Keeley
Ashland

“I have a lot of ideas. I have a lot of opinions. But I am not my ideas and opinions, and if I allow myself to be captive to my current ideas and opinions, my horizons will be really limited.” Brian McLaren

From: [Brian Kolodzinski](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected bicycle lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 11:43:05 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Regarding the proposed protected bicycle lanes on N Mountain St and Ashland St, studies have continuously shown these types of improvements increase safety and usage of the cycling lanes. I have front and rear mounted cameras on my bicycle following an intentional and targeted assault against a cyclist, which was myself. These sort of protective features could have prevented such an assault. You can view my camera footage after every ride and see cars drift over the lines on the side of the road. This is so prevalent that car tires wear away the paint on the pavement in places around town, frequently near bends in the road. I have been riding for over 25 years and would like to ride for another 25 years.

Of related issues, simply keeping the pavement free from debris such as glass would increase safety. Even when there is a bike lane, you are forced to ride wide to the left nearest traffic just to avoid getting flat tires. If roads were maintained to the same standards as bike lanes I am certain that you would hear about that almost immediately. I myself have stood in the street near my house sweeping up glass which is very difficult because it likes to hide in all the crevices in the pavement.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Brian Kolodzinski

From: [martha de aquino](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes on Mountain Ave. and Ashland St.
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 6:41:18 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

11 February, 2023

Dear Mr. Fleury,

I am an Ashland resident who travels daily on the roads in Ashland on my bicycle, sometimes from necessity and sometimes for enjoyment. I see many other people doing the same thing. When you are considering capital improvement plans for Ashland Street and Mountain Avenue, I would urge you to add protected bike lanes. This is especially crucial where there are many business driveways on Ashland St. south of Walker Ave. , and on CSouth Mountain Ave. by the high school, and on the steep hill going down North Mountain Ave towards North Mountain Park. Protected bike lanes will improve physical safety of cyclists, and promote a feeling of confidence which will translate into increased use of bicycles.

Sincerely,

Martha De Aquino

From: [Julia Sommer](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: protected bike lanes!
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 4:10:30 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello, Scott:

Hip Hip Hurray for protected bike lanes on N. Mountain and Ashland St.!!!

Julia Sommer

From: [Meg Jefferson](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:52:23 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Director Fleury,

I write in support of establishing protected bike lanes in Ashland on Ashland Street and N. Mountain Avenue between East Main and the Bear Creek Bridge. Incorporating protected bike lanes on major streets whenever a street is re-paved or repaired is the most cost-effective and least disruptive way to modify our local streets to safely include cyclists.

Transportation accounts for 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Giving people a safe, convenient, and efficient alternative to driving a car is necessary to help reduce emissions.

In addition, improving safety for those who walk, bike and roll is an important component in creating an affordable and equitable community. Transportation is the second largest household expense for Ashland households, If people can forego auto/truck ownership (or own one fewer car) they will increase their spendable income.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Meg Jefferson

From: [Shane Spano](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Protected bike lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 5:34:48 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I'm all for protected bike lanes. More people will start riding as they will feel safer.
Thx,
Shane Spano

Sent from my iPad

From: [Janet Joyer](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected bike lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 3:49:20 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Upcoming repaving projects on Ashland St. and North Mountain should include protected bike lanes. This would make these streets safer for those of us who ride our bikes in those areas. Thank you very much for considering this upgrade to the Ashland biking experience.

--Janet Joyer

From: [willi zilkey](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Protected bike lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 7:48:29 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I support protected bike lanes on both Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue, between East Main and the Bear Creek Bridge.

willizilkey
Medford Oregon

From: [Daniel Thorndike](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 10:17:25 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

As a long-time cyclist, I foolishly rely on the good intentions, and attention, of the drivers of much larger vehicles driving next to me. For most potential bicycle riders, though, this isn't the case, nor do they feel particularly protected by painted lines and "Share the Road" signs. Consequently, they don't ride bicycles to work or the store, and they don't allow their children to ride to and from school.

That's why I am strongly in favor of providing physically protected bikes lanes wherever and whenever possible. Having such lanes on both Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue would be excellent additions to Ashland's transportation network, particularly as both have connections to existing dedicated bike/ped lanes (as well as to future extensions of the Bear Creek Greenway). Connectivity is crucial, and it is critical to develop truly safe and functional multimodal infrastructure for now and the future.

Very truly yours,

Dan Thorndike
Ashland

From: [Noel](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Protected bike lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 7:02:02 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I got word that there is some thinking about building Protected bike lanes in Ashland. So exciting! I am 100% behind that idea. This is the last frontier to make bike riding a realistic transportation option. Thank you for your work on this, and please let me know if I can help.

Noël Chatroux
Ashland

From: [Phil](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: protected bike lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 1:35:10 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Scott:

I am writing to support a proposal to enhance cycling safety in Ashland by converting painted bike lanes to protected bike lanes.

I do not live in Ashland, but I lead rides for the Siskiyou Velo Club throughout the Rogue Valley, including Ashland.

I have not read any recommended talking points, so my comments are from the heart and an untutored mind.

1. Why not make the proposed improvements?; the cost can't be that much greater and segregated lanes it will make it safer for cyclists (and motorists — see 3b below);
2. Ashland has the opportunity to host new SOU students every year -- make it safer for them on the road and facilitate their use of low cost transportation. Plus, when they go home or elsewhere, they can talk up the “progressive” city , where they received their education; this will support future tourism which is profitable for Ashland and further justifies any investments in better bike lanes;
3.
 - a), I wasn't a cyclist until I retired in the Rogue Valley. As a motorist, I was rarely irritated by serious cyclists with appropriate lights, safety conscious attire, who weren't weaving out in the road in front of me. But there are many people on bicycles who are not safety conscious cyclists; they don't use vehicle code-required lighting, they wear dark clothes even at dawn and dusk, and often veer into my lane unexpectedly, where it will be my fault if I hit them.
 - b), Protected bike lanes will make motorists more comfortable and less anxious, by creating a barrier for bicycles from the car lanes. The casual cyclist is much less likely to dart out from a segregated bike lane; A car vs. cyclist encounter is an “accident” and ends badly for both;
4. East Medford attracts sports minded groups because of The Lithia Fields. West Medford will attract swimming groups from elsewhere, specifically to use the newly built swimming stadium.

Ashland could attract out of state cyclists who will want to register for events with lodging in downtown Ashland, “IF,” they can easily access the Rouge Valley greenway by exiting downtown via protected bike lanes. Plans are in place to continue the greenway to Grants Pass: Visualize Ashland <-> Grants Pass events.

Why not start to start improving cycling safety now;

Kibitzer Phil

From: [Bob Morse](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protective Bike Lanes
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 10:38:06 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott,

I'm writing in support of expanding protective bike lanes in Ashland. I'm a longtime Ashland resident who bikes where the roadways are bicycle-safe while avoiding unsafe situations.

As I've traveled around the US, I've noticed that the more that there were protective lanes or safe pathways for bikes, the more bicycles and bicyclists in the vicinity.

When I took Ashland's Pachamama's *Drawdown* class, I researched safe biking options in other cities. I learned that when streets are made safer for cyclists, they become safer for motorists as well.

More safe bicyclists on Ashland streets would cut down on pollution, reduce fossil fuel usage, and ameliorate some of our downtown parking issues.

I understand some repaving will be taking place on North Mountain and Ashland Streets. This is an ideal time to improve overall transportation and safety and climate resilience in Ashland by creating protective bike lands during the repaving process.

Thanks,
Bob Morse

From: [Sascha](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Safe bike lane
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:37:23 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am supremely interested in keeping Ashland safe for biking as we see bike accidents and we have a heavy bike and e-bike community.

I am not sure if I will be able to attend this coming meeting, however please consider my voice raised with the proposal
Of a safe protected bike lane for North Mountain

From: [Ariel Daniel](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: TAC meeting February 16th
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 11:50:11 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I am reaching out to you in regards to the TAC meeting this week that will discuss the capital improvement projects on N. Mountain Ave and Ashland Streets. As these improvements happen only every 15-20 years, this is an opportune time to add protected bike lanes that our citizens deserve. The National Association of City Transportation Officials' Urban Bikeway Design Guide states that these streets meet the requirements for protected bike lanes to ensure the safety of cyclists of all ages and abilities. As an avid cyclist, mother, and health care provider in our community, I hope that this letter of endorsement encourages you to consider protected bike lanes in your design plan.

Sincerely,
Ariel L. Daniel

From: [Kathy](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: I support protected bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:51:21 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I understand that if I want protected bike lanes in Ashland, I need to speak up now.

The re-paving projects under consideration on Ashland Street between Siskiyou and Faith; and North Mountain from East Main to I-5 are especially important for bicycle safety. These are areas that have heavy traffic and are also popular areas for bicycles.

I do want protected bike lanes in Ashland. When we have to ride alongside traffic, it is so stressful. In "Nextdoor", I have read several stories of people riding their bikes on Ashland Street who have had cars or trucks swipe by them dangerously close – whether on purpose or by accident. "The CDC reports that somewhere around a thousand bicyclists are killed every year in the U.S. Over 130,000 are injured in crashes." As an older person, I am a little less confident on a bike these days and really need the security of a separate lane. Also, it makes sense to provide a safe lane for our college students to get back and forth to the downtown.

Another reason that I encourage Ashland to have protected bike lanes is to encourage more healthy habits. I would ride to the Y – if it were just a little easier (It is easy from downtown, along the bike lane to the cemetery, then it becomes wonky). It is similar to the idea of having a 50-100 acre dog park, to encourage people to walk and ride bikes safely with their pets, rather than sitting while their dogs socialize. When we encourage healthy habits by designing with healthy habits in mind, people embrace the change. This is a concept for Blue Zone development. And "Blue Zone Communities have shown to benefit from better health, significant medical cost savings, productivity improvements, increased economic vitality and lowered obesity and smoking rates." (<https://www.bluezones.com/blue-zones-project-results/>). Why not plan for a healthier more vibrant community, as you are doing with the protected bike lanes?

There is something else I offer for consideration. Technology is coming out with affordable micro car ebikes such as the Elf (<https://organictransit.com/>) or Pebble (<https://www.better.bike/>) etc. I am interested in purchasing one as soon as they are really on the market. You don't have to register or license it as a regular car or buy insurance. Do you travel on a bike path or the street? I am a little confused on this point and hope that the Rogue Valley would make these rules clear for us, as we start to buy them. And, if we are to use bike lanes, will the lanes be wide enough to accommodate the bikes and the electric bike cars? How fast will we be able to go on them? I do not own one yet. I will own one by the time the street modifications are complete.

While we are considering street modifications, I also would like more streets that are off limits to cars, period. Isn't it nice to eat at an outdoor café with just people walking by? Do cars really have to go everywhere? In addition to pedestrian accident safety, right now we have to share the dirty air from cars, buses and trucks when we ride bikes, walk or eat outside. Hopefully, this is changing with e-cars, but the change is slow. Less car, bus, truck traffic in town is safer and healthier overall. Any chance you get to close a road to cars, buses & trucks will improve our town. Just one road will make a big improvement. The downtown square? Lithia Park? One cross road downtown? A gravel road behind Lithia Park?

Imagine if roads were not simply repaired, but redesigned.

Sincerely,

~Kathy House

From: [Laura Duncan](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: In Support of Protected Bike Lanes
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:24:39 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

As someone who used to bicycle to work across the Burnside Bridge (Portland!) right in the lane of traffic, I am strongly supportive of providing protected bike lanes on main arteries. Protected lanes encourage those with less nerve to use their bicycles for daily transportation, and make the streets safer for everyone. It is easy to put these in when roads are being repaved or repaired. If the City is serious about combating climate change, getting people out of their cars and onto bikes is the best way to do so, and with the relatively mild climate and relaxed dress codes here, it should be an easy switch.

Regards,
Laura Duncan
426 Chestnut

From: [marie uhtoff](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: In support of protected bikeways
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:03:15 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I'm writing in support of installing protected bikeways in Ashland. I bike to work daily. I used to bike with my children to school but they did not feel comfortable biking on roads without a bike path and no longer ride bikes. Protected bikeways are an important way to encourage bike riding in Ashland, especially for young and beginning riders.

Thanks for your consideration,

Marie Uhtoff

From: [Tony Davis](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:10:26 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

This is a comment in regard to the Transportation Advisory Committee's upcoming session on improving bike lanes in Ashland. I strongly support such improvements.

Ashland is an eminently bikeable town, but we don't see nearly as many cyclists as we should on the roads. While some of us are confident dealing with conditions as they are on major roads in town (although a few spots on Ashland St. bike lanes are hazardous), many people are rightfully hesitant about biking near traffic moving at up to 40 mph.

As Ashland St. and N. Mountain St. are now slated for repaving, this is an ideal time for the city to improve the condition of bike lanes on these streets. This is one way to show that Ashland is thinking ahead about reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting the health of its residents. Once the cycling environment is safer, I'd expect the attraction of cycling to spread to those who haven't seriously considered it up until now.

I would add that merely installing bike lane infrastructure does not accomplish this goal; maintaining it, keeping it clear of debris, and enforcing pertinent traffic regulations are essential continuing elements of success, and need to be incorporated in planning.

Thanks for considering these improvements to our community; I look forward to enjoying biking around Ashland even more in the coming years.

Tony Davis

From: [Margery Winter](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:00:11 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

If we are serious about climate change and humanity's surviving to the next century, we must consider making non-polluting transportation safe. For one thing, trucks, vans and SUVs are getting bigger, creating more hazards for bicycles and electric scooters even when drivers are careful.

Toward this effort, please enact protected bike lanes, especially on our busiest streets, including the commercial zone of Ashland Street, and North Mountain Avenue between East Main and Bear Creek Bridge.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margery and Thomas Winter
634 Iowa St.
Ashland, OR

From: [Brendon Potts](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: I support protected bike lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:13:59 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott,

I am writing to express my support for any effort to add protected bike lanes to streets as part of new paving projects. At the moment, I would like to see protected bike lanes as part of paving projects on Ashland Street and N. Mountain Avenue.

As a resident of Ashland, and as a parent of a young child, one of the things that I appreciate most about this town is that I can ride my bike pretty much everywhere. That said, there are many streets that don't make it easy, and I am a firm believer that fewer impediments for cyclists will allow more residents and visitors to get out of their cars and experience the beauty of the city. Protected bike lanes make a huge difference for the safety of a bike rider and we need to make them a high priority as part of a vibrant future for our community.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Brendon Potts

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Monsoons are magical

From: [Sonya Daw](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Please add protected bike lanes to Ashland St and North Mountain Ave
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 7:11:45 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Public Works Director, Scott Fleury,

Please add protected bike lanes to Ashland St and North Mountain Ave in Ashland as part of the repavement projects for those streets.

I am an Ashland resident and a lifelong bike commuter. I have risked my safety far too often riding on streets without protected bike lanes. Sadly, most towns lack them so I am always faced with the choice between safety and biking. Protected lanes would make me feel MUCH safer. I would also bike more for in-town errands, whereas I now drive my car if I have to travel on the well-used streets.

Adding the lanes now, during the repavement project, seems a cost effective approach. Furthermore, more people biking for errands means a lower carbon footprint for Ashland.

Please help us become a more bike-friendly town and set an example for other towns!

Sincerely,
Sonya

470 Allison St
Ashland, OR 97520

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Sonya Daw
([she/her](#))

From: [Kyna Moser](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes on Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 9:56:07 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am writing to express my support for protected bike lanes on both Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue.

Getting where we need to go *safely* is a basic right. Streets should be designed for everyone, assuring that our most vulnerable users — bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, babies in strollers, wheelchair users, etc. — are protected from automobiles.

A few years ago, my son was in a crosswalk when he was hit by a truck. He was severely injured, and now has a disability that will impact him over his lifetime. Bicycle infrastructure *isn't just good for bicyclists*. It benefits drivers, too. As drivers, we want roads to be easy to navigate safely. We all benefit from infrastructure updates like these.

Repaving / restriping is a HUGE opportunity to make Ashland safer and more welcoming. Additionally, research shows that projects like this bring a broad range of benefits for the local economy.

Supporting this project is smart. It's good for Ashland, and it's the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Kyna Moser

From: [Michael Orendurff](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected bike lanes -YES!
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 7:13:15 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

We need protected bike lanes in Ashland!

No parent would ever let their child walk in the street as cars went by, but that's just what we do when they bike on the shoulder.

Traumatic injury or death is just a text away; a quick look at their phone and drivers drift over and could kill someone.

More people will ride bikes when it's safer to ride bikes.

I fully support the plan for Mountain and Ashland streets. Make a protected bike lane on the wide part of B street next.

Sincerely,

Michael Orendurff
432 Parkside Drive
Ashland
425-233-9819

From: [KAREN GROVE](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: info@ashlandclimate.org; [City Council](#)
Subject: We need protected bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:05:26 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee,

As Ashland moves away from a fossil-fuel-based transportation system, getting people out of cars and into bikes and buses is essential.

I ride my bike for most errands in Ashland but I know many people are afraid to be on the streets that they must share with adjacent cars and trucks.

I am aware of studies throughout the world that show clearly how bike ridership increases when bike lanes are protected. Streets with protected bike lanes improve safety for bicyclists and improve everyone's quality of life by reducing noisy and fast-moving vehicle traffic.

It is my understanding that Ashland Street between Siskiyou and Faith, and North Mountain Street from East Main to I-5 are scheduled to be repaved. This is the perfect opportunity to make our town safer by protecting bicyclists and making transportation less polluting by increasing bike ridership.

Let's not waste this opportunity!

-Karen Grove
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From: [Vanessa Scott](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Yes on Protected Bike lines
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:06:45 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I strongly support Protected Bike lanes on North Mountain between East Main and the Bear Creek Bridge. As a cyclist riding down N. Mountain from East Main - especially as this is a route to North Mountain Park, which should be safe to ride to as a public park - I have encountered scary moments. North Mountain becomes very steep and the very limited area close to the curb going down is full of bumps, gravel etc., and much too close to fast moving cars.

I also support Protected Bike Lanes on Ashland Street to Faith St. This is a highly congested area that is very unfriendly to and dangerous for both pedestrians and bicyclists. Cars are often going over the speed limit in this area, and changing lanes to turn or enter shopping areas.

Please make Ashland more bike friendly for safety, and to support those who are seeking to use bikes rather than cars for more of their commuting or shopping!

Thank you,

Vanessa Scott
585 Taylor St.
Ashland, OR 97520

From: [Risa Buck](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); [Ashland Climate Collaborative](#)
Subject: Input. Streets are for everyone
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:27:32 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello

These are exciting times/opportunities that the city is considering expanding protected bike lanes on major Ashland streets. Our car centric lifestyles and infrastructure.

Reducing safety hazards for walkers, bicycling, skateboarders, runners and dog walking is a worthy priority. It will encourage more of us to get outdoors and although it requires cars to share the road with everyone,

it is an accommodation worth making. We ALL need to feel safe regardless of the modality we choose to use. Reducing pollution means an increase in air quality and quality of lives. I am exciting to live in a small city that welcomes every one.

Thanks for asking for our opinions!!

Best

Risa Buck

From: [Vicki Orendurff](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Please install protected bike lanes
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 5:26:20 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am writing to ask that you support the installation of Protected Bicycle Lanes as part of the upcoming re-paving projects on Ashland Street between Siskiyou and Faith, and on North Mountain from East Main to I-5. I use my bicycle as often as possible when traveling within Ashland. I would feel much safer if there were a barrier between the auto lanes and the bike lane, particularly the section of Ashland Street from Siskiyou to Faith that is a primary route past many businesses (Market of Choice, Remix, Ashland Shopping Center, etc.). When I travel this route now, I tend to ride on the sidewalk because it feels too risky to ride next to the traffic. At Faith you can easily reach the Central Bike Path to continue on to Shop 'n Kart, Bi-Mart, the YMCA, and other businesses in that area. Or you can head back toward town on the Bike Path.

Protected bike lanes will significantly improve safety for people walking, biking, and driving, bring many more people to businesses and advance our city's goals for improving equity and addressing climate change. It will also get people on bikes, e-scooters and skateboards off of the sidewalk making it safer for everyone.

Thank you,
Vicki Orendurff
Ashland

From: [A. Rosen](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Please make bike lanes
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:19:38 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Scott and the Council,

I've heard from people that they or people they know are afraid to ride in Ashland on bikes, because they might be hit by cars. If you can help make them feel more secure, then why not do it when you're repairing the streets? I've been car-free in Ashland for 25 years. I also would like it if it felt more safe here.

Thank you for listening,

Ambuja Rosen

From: [Samantha Smith](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Please support creating buffered bike lanes, when redoing North Mountain and Ashland St.
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:06:23 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Good Morning Scott,

I'm emailing to say I would love to see more protected bike lanes, and I've heard that North Mountain and Ashland Street are up for paving projects in the near future. I 100% support and believe that adding new protected lanes is critical for the safety of all folks commuting in Ashland no matter their mode of transport, feet, two, three or four wheels.

In the 1.5years I've lived in Ashland I've seen many near misses across different streets, but having my business on Ashland St., means I have seen many more there. I've seen accidents happen because bicyclist who are afraid of using the road, ride illegally on the sidewalks and have run into or been hit by cars trying to pull out. They don't see them coming either because of shrubbery or because that's not where they're training their eyes to look.

I've seen a wipe out occur because a bicyclist went to the left to share the road after a bus stopped to get passengers and a car driving through either didn't see or didn't care and got dangerously close to the biker as they passed the bus and moved over into the right lane causing the bicyclist to ram into the curve and fall on the sidewalk. The driver never stopped. If bike lanes were physically separate with barriers, the bus would stop and the only cross traffic would be between the pedestrians getting on/off the bus and the bicyclist. The risk factor between a bicyclist and pedestrian is not none, but it is definitely not as severe as between cars and pedestrians/bicyclists.

We even recently had what seemed to be some sort of distracted driver situation, where the person actually ran their truck up over the sidewalk and crashed into parked cars in our parking lot in front of Pronto Print/Razi. Depending on the type of barrier used to separate bikes and regular traffic, this incident might have been prevented too.

As a previous non cyclist I understand the frustrations of the drivers in the cars too. I believe buffered bike lanes would do a lot to ease stress/tension for everyone in Ashland, and help us reduce the risk of life altering incidents.

Thanks,

Samantha

From: [YANN GIGUERE](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Protected bike lane endorsement
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:10:23 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

Hope you are well.

My name is Yann Giguere and I have moved to Ashland with my partner and 4 year old daughter last September. We chose Ashland largely because of its progressive stances and people focused values and priorities. We are loving living here!

It came to my attention that the Ashland City Council is considering adding a protected bike lane to Ashland St and N. Mountain as part of the upcoming repaving projects. **I would like to endorse the addition of protected bike lanes.**

Our daughter is learning to ride her bicycle now and it brings me great joy to think that in the not so distant future we could ride with her down some of Ashland busy streets in great safety.

Thank you for considering adding protected bike lanes.

Sincerely
Yann
[206 218 6303](tel:2062186303)

From: [Kat Smith](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes - Why they matter
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:07:53 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott and Council Members-

Thank you for considering the implementation of protected bike lanes on Ashland city streets to create safer bicycle-riding conditions.

As a former bicycle safety instructor with The League of American Bicyclists and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, RVTD Transportation Options Coordinator, Bike Swap and Car Free Day co-organizer, I'm in full support of creating a separation between motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists on city streets via protected bike lanes in order to create safer biking conditions for people of all ages and ability levels. Protected bike lanes create a clear visual and physical delineation between which type of vehicle belongs in which lane.

As an avid, skilled, and world cyclist, I've had the privilege of utilizing protected bike lanes in Eugene, OR, Vancouver, B.C., and the Netherlands. These experiences were both positive and eye-opening. When a city creates protected bike lanes, it sends a clear message that bicycling is a valued and supported form of transportation for residents and tourists alike.

Placing protected bike lanes on Ashland Street would allow for safer and more equitable access to all that the south side of Ashland has to offer including: restaurants, hotels, coffee shops, grocery stores, a pharmacy, the YMCA, e-bike store, and many other businesses.

It also allows for a safer route to school for students living on the south side who attend Ashland Middle School, Ashland High School, Willow Wind, Walker, and TRAILS as well as students who travel to and from The Siskiyou School.

As a mental health provider working in a local elementary school, I see firsthand the adverse impacts COVID, the Almeda fire, and climate change have had and continue to have on our children's mental health and well-being. Creating safer places for them to bike can help lay the foundation for life-long exercise and transportation habits that may lead to better overall health outcomes.

Please do your part in creating a safer and healthier Ashland by approving this project, and, hopefully, others in the future.

Be well,

Kat Smith, LCSW
360 W Nevada St

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Kat Smith, LCSW
she/her/hers

'For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.' ~ Amanda Gorman

From: [Sheila Canal](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7:32:26 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Mr. Fleury and City Councillors.

Thanks so much for all you are doing to enhance life in Ashland. Protected bike lanes are an enhancement that would provide much needed safety and create conditions for more bike riding in town. Not only will it be good for Ashland's image and tourism, it will be good for the climate crisis and for Ashland's air quality.

We understand there will be upcoming repaving projects and an opportunity to make our roads safe for all users. We support protected bike lanes.

Sincerely,
Mel and Sheila Canal
240 Ohio Street
Ashland, OR 97520

From: [Nikki Dinger](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: info@ashlandclimate.org; [City Council](#)
Subject: Protected bike lanes in Ashland
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:55:48 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi,

I'm writing to let you know I strongly support protected bike lanes on Ashland Street and North Mountain avenue between E. Main and the Bear Creek Bridge. I'm an Ashland resident and avid cyclist and do not feel safe riding on our city streets. Drivers don't pay attention, frequently don't respect cyclists, and often times are texting while driving. Furthermore, I don't feel it is safe to let my 11 year old daughter ride her bike to school because there are too many careless drivers. I feel creating more protected bike lanes would help keep cyclists and children safe when riding on streets in Ashland.

Thanks you,
Nikki Dinger

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anne & Michael Meiring](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Protected bike lanes
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:10:37 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott,

Some months ago I was driving through downtown Ashland. A boy, probably about 11 or 12 years old, was riding his bike in the designated bike lane. I was completely terrified for him. He was obeying the law, riding in the designated lane, but he could have so easily been struck by a car driving down the street or one pulling away from the curb. It's completely misleading to label a lane as a bike lane, implying that it provides some level of safety for the bike rider, when in actuality it puts the rider in danger.

I am, therefore, thrilled that the Transportation Advisory Committee is considering adding protected bike lanes to some streets here in Ashland. It would be a step toward making bicycle travel safer in our town. It might also encourage more people to travel by bicycle, thereby reducing traffic congestion, parking demands and perhaps most importantly, greenhouse gas emissions. I support the installation of protected bike lanes on Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue.

Anne Meiring

From: [Micah Canal](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Safe Bike Lanes
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 7:03:40 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Scott and Council, we live on Emma St hee in Ashland and support the safe bike lane initiative. We think it will be a good benefit for the town and our small and growing family.

Thanks!

Micah Canal

From: [Celia Harris](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Support bike lanes on Ashland and N Mountain
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:26:35 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear City Council,

As a local mother who bikes to and from school with my two kids and as a public health professional familiar with the research on bike safety, I highly support protected bike lanes on North Mountain and Ashland Streets.

Protected bike lanes would encourage me and others to bike rather than drive for many trips, which will ease congestion and improve air quality.

Protected bike lanes will prevent accidents and injuries to cyclists, thereby improving lives and reducing medical costs.

Please make this investment now to protect Ashland residents and improve our quality of life.

Thank you,
E Celia Harris, MPH
Patterson Street, Ashland

Sent from my phone

From: [Idena Suzanne](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Support for protected bicycle lanes
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:37:58 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Ashland Neighbors,

I am very glad to see protected bike lane projects on the upcoming agendas. I can't think of a better way to improve our community than encouraging citizens to get outdoors more, interact more with fellow citizens, exercise more, and clean our planet in the meanwhile. Oh, and let's have more fun!

I have been a bicycle commuter for many years. Even in periods when I did own a car I found that when I bicycled to work or to classes at SOU I arrived much more energized and my happiness improved. This should be an easy option for all of us and protected bike lanes will be the very best way to provide this choice and welcome riders. I also suggest providing secure, high quality bike parking to support ridership.

Thank you for reading.
Suzanne Schroeder
Medford BPAC Chair
Medford Transportation Commissioner

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Sent from Idena Suzanne

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children.

From: [Mike Vergeer](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: support for protected bike lanes on N. Mountain Ave. and Ashland St.
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:09:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Scott,

I have learned that the city is considering options for new bike infrastructure on N. Mountain Ave. and also on Ashland Street. I write today to support the construction of protected (i.e. with substantive physical buffers) bike lanes on both. This would go a long way toward providing real transportation options for residents, most of whom currently opt **not** to ride bikes in the unsafe and incomplete network available to them today.

A slight reduction in the width of existing travel lanes will make room for a protected bike lane. These narrower travel lanes have the added benefit that they will slow car traffic (to better conform to posted speed limits) and improve safety for all road users, including those driving.

There's a robust body of research that shows that, if you build it, they will come. These sorts of street treatments will dramatically boost bike mode share. I hope you can make it happen.

If I can be of any use to the city in reducing barriers to bicycling, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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From: workmwright@gmail.com
To: [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Support for protected bike lanes on upcoming re-paving projects
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:13:40 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Scott,

Thanks for all you do on behalf of residents of Ashland.

My understanding is that the Transportation Advisory Committee, at the request of the City Council, will consider whether protected bike lanes should be included on upcoming re-paving projects on Ashland Street between Siskiyou and Faith, and on North Mountain from East Main to I-5 at its meeting on Feb 16.

As both an avid cyclist and someone who care deeply about our environment, **I am writing to express my support for protected bike lanes on both Ashland Street and North Mountain Avenue, between East Main and the Bear Creek Bridge.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Wright
111 Montview St., Ashland

From: [Anne Funk](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Scott Fleury](#)
Subject: Support for protected bike lanes
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:17:59 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Scott and all,

I'm writing in support of protected bike lanes to be added to North Mountain and Ashland street when improvements to these streets are planned. As a public health expert, I strongly believe that providing the public with safe ways to incorporated physical activity into their day is essential. Protected bike lanes can decrease barriers to physical activity by ensuring people feel safe biking around Ashland. Additionally, as a mother of 3 I would feel much more confident biking with my children in a protected bike lane. I really appreciate you taking this into consideration.

Thank you,

Annie Funk, MPH, RD, LD

From: [Marty Sailer](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#); info@ashlandclimate.org
Subject: Support Protected Bike Lanes in Ashland!
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:27:08 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Scott and City Council,

Please accept this email as enthusiastic support for more and **better bike lanes** in Ashland, including **more dedicated bike paths** development.

As an Ashland resident, I spend as much time on a bike as in a car when traveling about Ashland. We need to do everything possible to make this growing climate friendly mode of transportation safe for everyone.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Marty Sailer

From: [Frances Iba](#)
To: [Scott Fleury](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Yes, on protected bike lanes!
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:05:11 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Scott and City Council members,

I understand the City Council is considering whether to add protected bike lanes to Ashland St. and N. Mountain as part of the upcoming repaving projects. This would be a wise time to ensure our streets are safe for all road users and I hope the Council will ensure Ashland moves in the right direction and add protected bike lanes.

Thank you,
Frances Iba