



December 27, 2020

Oregon Community Paths Program  
Oregon Department of Transportation

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to express our support for the Chehalem Parks and Recreation Department in its application for a 2021 Oregon Community Pathways grant to fund Phase 1 of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail. This trail is a key piece of the envisioned Chehalem Heritage Trails system, and will provide a vital pedestrian and bicycle link to the developing Newberg riverfront.

As you know, multi-modal trails bring communities together, improve community health and bring economic development benefits by attracting visitors. There is a shortage of multimodal options in Yamhill County, and this project takes a step in addressing that issue.

Friends of the Yamhelas Westsider Trail is a non-profit organization that supports bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trail development throughout northwest Oregon and the northern Willamette Valley. The Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail will provide an important link in the regional trail network being planned for our area.

We encourage you to approve this grant application to move this vision forward.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Wiebke". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Wayne Wiebke, President  
Friends of the Yamhelas Westsider Trail