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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 4029. HB 4029 calls for a ban on bridges crossing the Deschutes River from the Central Oregon Irrigation District intake to a location upriver of Sunriver and removes transportation planning and development processes from local control.

The City opposes this bill because it removes an aspect of transportation planning from local control. The state of Oregon has specific and detailed requirements for how local jurisdictions must complete transportation planning for all modes. The City and County fully comply with the state guidelines to plan for a transportation system, including environmental assessments and public involvement.

In addition, HB 4029 is in conflict with the 2016 Bend Transportation System Plan (TSP), which was amended in 2006 in response to direction from the Department of Land Use and Development to **increase** the connectivity of the City's trail system. The TSP specifically references the proposed pedestrian bridge (see Resource Document B.2.3. Assessment of Bicycle and Pedestrian System Needs, Figure 3.) Removal of the proposed pedestrian bridge from the TSP would require an amendment to the plan demonstrating how connectivity could be better provided by an alternative to the bridge.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

Respectfully,

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