



March 27, 2019

Senator Lee Beyer and Representative Caddy McKeown, Co-Chairs
Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Eugene Support for HB 2682

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene supports HB 2682, which clarifies that bicycle lanes continue in and through intersections where markings are interrupted. This clarification reflects how intersections are currently understood and used by drivers, bicyclists, street designers and enforcement officers.

Due to a recent court decision, the definition of bike lanes through an intersection has been questioned. It has been assumed that bike lanes, and the Right of Way of cyclists using them, already extended through intersections. This is how streets have been planned, built and enforced, as well as how we, City and State, tell people to use the transportation system. This bill clarifies that current practice of bike lanes extending through intersections and ensures this definition is codified as the standard for street design, construction, and traffic law enforcement.

The Eugene City Council has adopted a 'Vision Zero' policy with a goal of no traffic fatalities. If HB 2682 is not passed, then there will likely become more conflict points between cyclists and motor vehicles, which is not the direction we want to go. The clarification offered by HB 2682 simply re-states clearly how intersections are currently understood and used.

HB 2682 clarifies that bicycle lanes continue through intersections, contributing to a safer and smoother transportation environment for all users. The City of Eugene strongly supports HB 2682.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

submitted electronically

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