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I would like to express my strong opposition to HB 2027. Rep. Whisnant, with the backing of Rep. Buehler, introduced and succeeded in getting a bill passed, with virtually no public input, that will have wide reaching implications for the local community of trail users .

Trail connectivity is one of the most important goals that BMPRD has been working on for years, and the Southern Bridge Crossing is a key component of their long-range goals. HB 2027 was passed behind closed doors with virtually no input from the Bend community.

Whisnant and Buehler were strongly influenced by an elite group of rich people who live near the proposed bridge crossing. This small group of people trumped up fear in the community that this bridge will lead to more crime, violence, and who knows what else. These bogus claims demonstrate the power and influence of a few rich people, who DO NOT speak for the Bend community as a whole.

Please listen to the “common folk” of Bend who support trail connectivity for passive recreation opportunities and VOTE NO on HB 2027. Thank you for considering these comments. Joanne

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“In wilderness is the preservation of the world”
Henry David Thoreau