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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

We represent the community coalition of Oceanside. This includes Elected Officials, County Staff, Public Utilities, private industry, not-for profits, the indigenous people, and the citizens of Oceanside. This coalition is called the Oceanside Action Partnership.

Last year the county hosted a series of workshops where the community selected our community priorities. One of these priorities was having a mixed-use path from the city of Tillamook, to Netarts, to Oceanside, to Cape Meares Light House.

Currently, the only route for pedestrians, bicyclists, hikers, and joggers is on the shoulderless Hwy 131, as much to their peril as to the drivers. We propose the Joint Committee add funding for the design and development of this mixed-use path. This would benefit the community in many ways; including, connecting the rural communities, improving safety and emergency preparedness, improving our economy and tourism, and the overall livability of visitors and residents.

In partnership, the Oceanside Action Partnership has a team of people ready to help. The community has requested this be a priority project, and we are standing by to help you.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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