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My daughter is a kindergartner at Alameda Elementary.

We've ridden the bike bus together with our schoolmates and neighbors every Wednesday since she started at school in September.

In fact, she learned to ride this summer in part because she saw the bike bus—before she was in school—and wanted to take part.

The bike bus has helped her develop individual responsibility (like getting out of the house on time), confidence (going down the big scary hill) and social skills (communicating with other riders, saying hi and making friends).

It's a no-brainer that our energy should be put to scaling this sort of low-cost, high impact activity to all schools across Oregon, and even the nation. Kids need the sense of courage, community, and confidence that come from being part of a group of cyclists.

Please do all you can to enable local districts to employ these sorts of measures in their districts, for their students' sakes.

I have written more about the bike bus here:
<https://whyisthisinteresting.substack.com/p/the-bike-bus-edition>