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Commissioners -

Please consider expanding the RAL Trail along Golf Course Road. This would be such a benefit to the community, and I hope to see more of these efforts for safe routes.

- Safety
 - Unfortunately, after the tragic loss of Robert Leonardi, the safety issues on that road are very obvious. Providing a safe route for foot and bike traffic along that road for local neighborhoods and for kids going to Daly School should be a priority.
- Outdoor recreation
 - As the Bitterroot Valley population and visitation continues to increase, so does the demand for outdoor recreation opportunities. Our community is ready and anxious for additional alternative safe routes to head out the door and be able to tie into a trail they can walk, run, scooter, or bike down.
- Maintenance costs
 - With any trail, maintenance costs are a challenge. I personally have had conversations with members of Bike Walk Bitterroot and with other members of the community who want to see this done. Efforts for additional grants will be pursued. Fundraising locally will be pursued. I have confidence that through collaboration and working together, these concerns can be alleviated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joni Lubke

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