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**From:** Amy Yockey <yockeymt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:48 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thursday's meeting

Dear Commissioners,

I am an active runner in the Hamilton community, a Ravalli County resident, a parent, a previous homeowner of a house just doors down from Golf Course Road, and a friend of the Leonardi Family and I support Bike Walk Bitterroot's request for the County to pursue a Transportation Alternatives grant to construct a trail along Golf Course Road. This trail will provide a safe place to recreate as well as a safe route for children and adults to get to town. When our children were young, we talked extensively about the dangers of Golf Course Road for fear that they didn't understand distracted drivers and had no way of judging how quickly a car could be traveling. As a runner, I have run that road many times. I wave to the people who move over to share the road, and I have bailed from the roadway when I have felt in danger. As a parent, particularly one who lived in that area, I talked with Alyce after Robert's death about how that could have happened to any one of us who did our best to teach our children to be safe. We do the best we can to protect our children, our families, our friends, and ourselves from known dangers in life and I believe we need to recognize this stretch of roadway to be one of those dangers. To turn down the opportunity for this grant would be to deny the validity of this tragedy. Please lessen the chances of other community friends from living the hell the Leonardi's are living. I urge you to approve this project.

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