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**From:** Benjamin Schwarz <schwarzb1380@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:39 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RAL Expansion Trail

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of the High Rd neighborhood off of Golf Course Rd. I fully support the Bike Walk Bitterroot's pursuit of a Transportation Alternatives grant to construct a paved trail along Golf Course Road. For more than half the year I commute by bike to downtown Hamilton. The current lack of a shoulder or path along Golf Course makes any non-motorized travel dangerous. My morning and evening commute, while beautiful, are a constant game of trying to avoid being too much of a nuisance to traffic while avoiding the gravelly and steep edge of the road. Given that Golf Course hill is a blind hill there are almost daily cases of cars trying to be courteous and pass me with enough room and almost hitting an oncoming car that they couldn't see coming over the top of the hill. In addition to providing a safe route, this proposed expansion will provide a valuable link for our community up Golf Course with the rest of the Hamilton community. I urge you to approve this project.

Thanks for your time,

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