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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RAL Trail Expansion on Golf Course Rd

Dear Commissioners,

We are longtime Ravalli County residents as well as a friend and neighbor to Robert Leonardi and his family. We have been active in this community for many years, having served on boards and belonged to civic clubs and organizations. We are active walkers, bikers, skiers and former runners who have used Golf Course Road for many years. Having raise our two children in this community, we are well aware of several child-dangerous roads. Accordingly, we are writing in support of the Bike/Walk Bitterroot's request for the County to pursue a Transportation Alternatives grant to construct a trail along Golf Course Road.

Having lived off Golf Course Road over 20 years, we have watched traffic increase both for residential and construction vehicles as more subdivisions and houses have been built. Unfortunately sidewalks and bike paths have not been added as well. The speed for autos, trucks and large construction vehicles have increased no matter the day of the week, regardless of speed limit signs. More children, teens, adults and seniors are using this road for walking, biking, commuting or simply crossing the road to visit neighbors.

This trail will provide a safe place for folks to recreate and add value to our community. It will provide a safe route for Daly School students to walk to school. It will also provide a safe connection to the RAL Trail which is a popular community project that is getting high use after its opening last fall.

We urge you to approve this project. A RAL Trail Expansion on Golf Course Road will provide a safe route to commute and recreate along Golf Course Road.

It will also be a fitting way to remember young Robert Leonardi and keep other tragedies from happening on your watch.

Thank you,

George & Lynda Corn

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