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John Horsley  
Executive Director  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
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Dear Mr. Horsley:

I want to express my disappointment at AASHTO's recent comments to US DOT regarding the Department's guidance on accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians in transportation projects.

Oregon takes bicycling and walking very seriously, not just as forms of recreation, but as modes of transportation. We believe—and our state laws and policies reflect this belief—that bicyclists and pedestrians should be accommodated whenever possible, and we invest significant sums of money in the infrastructure needed to ensure that bicyclists and pedestrians can travel safely and efficiently. Many Oregon communities have shown that with the right mix of policies and investments, active transportation modes can move a significant number of people, taking pressure off over-crowded roads and reducing the costs of expanding highways and transit systems.

I hope in the future AASHTO's policies will better reflect the organization's multi-modal nature and the important role that bicycling and walking play in our communities and our transportation system.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Garrett  
Director

