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Good afternoon,

I'd like to submit the attached testimony for this evening's Council meeting, on behalf of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you!

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Mayor Chuck Bennett & Salem City Council
555 Liberty St SE RM 220
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Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as you consider approval of the recommended City Budget. On behalf of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership in the Pacific Northwest, I would like to express our strong support for fully-funding the speed humps designated in the Winter-Maple Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, this fiscal year.

Salem City Council received compelling testimony from Oregon School for the Deaf students and local advocates, who expressed the need for both a decreased speed limit and self-enforcing speed hump treatments. Council listened and took intentional action to include these elements, which will provide the comfort and safety appropriate near a school campus and through neighborhoods. Thank you again for taking this meaningful action.

It's also encouraging to see the City taking early steps towards implementation, including the installation of stop signs throughout the route. As the Neighborhood Greenway becomes more evident and inviting, we can expect to see more children and families walking and biking along the route. Speed humps are a self-enforcing and low-cost option, that will increase the safety for those walking and riding in this early phase. While the City continues to explore funding options for full-implementation of the Plan, we are asking Council to dedicate funding for the installation of speed humps this year.

Thank you for your time, service and careful consideration of including this low-cost, but much-needed element of the Winter-Maple Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan in this year's budget.

Sincerely,

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