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Saco
LD 511

I live in Saco, and I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. An interim trail from Portland to Auburn would improve public health, protect the environment, connect to public transit, and provide options for people who don't drive, or simply want to drive less.

As an avid cyclist with thousands of miles ridden in the area it would be a fantastic opportunity to increase safe cycling routes in the area.

It would also provide additional revenue to local businesses from tourism and recreation through use. Having formerly lived near, and ventured to, other bike paths such as the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (MA), Northern Rail Trail (NH), Rockingham Rail Trail (NH), Martha's Vineyard bike paths, among others, it is abundantly clear the entire area stands to benefit whether we actively use them or not.

Please vote "ought to pass."