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My family and I are residents of Falmouth. We strongly support the interim use of the Berlin Subdivision corridor as a bike and pedestrian trail, as recommended by the Rail Use Advisory Council. I was an active participant in the public sessions for that council and we saw overwhelming support for utilizing this corridor as a bicycle and pedestrian trail. I personally would use this trail as a safe way to bicycle commute to my job up in Brunswick and my family would use this regularly for exercise as well as bicycle trips into Portland. With two young kids still learning to cycle - riding on streets is incredibly dangerous and having this path would be a major step up.

As a long-term resident, I fully anticipate that - within the next 5-10 years - having more bicycle paths like this available will allow our family to go from two vehicles commuting down to one. This will have tremendous impacts on the environment over time if more people also go in that direction.