Sean Berce Pownal LD 511

I live in Pownal, and I urge the Transportation Committee to vote in support of LD 511. A trail from Portland to Auburn would improve public health by promoting healthy activities like cycling, while also lowering cyclists on roadways, lowering the risk of accidents with vehicles. Some may argue that there is already the East Coast greenway going from Portland to Lewiston, through Brunswick. But in reality, the majority of that greenway is just a bike sign on a high traffic road. I would bet that if this trail should come to fruition the East Coast Greenway would adopt it as the main route, because it would be a great improvement to what we currently have today.

A trail like this would also draw tourist from all over New England to come ride, it would be a great addition to Maine's recreational offerings.

Please vote "ought to pass."