

Chris O'Brien

From: barry schiller <bschillert358@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: support for n amendment to H7123 Article 5

Dear House Finance Committee

I am writing to urge amending the Governor's Green Economy Bond proposal in Article 5 of H7123 to include at least \$5 million for bikeway development.

Bikeways were included in the 2016 and 2018 bonds and the need for them would seem even greater now. That is because of the increased biking and bike sales during covid, the "code red" warning about climate change that should make us prioritize true emission-free travel, competition for tourist dollars with other states that have advanced their bikeway projects, and the desirability of quality of life enhancements greenways provide, they connect our communities in a climate-friendly way that people enjoy. Considering that the state will be spending over \$160 million for lowering property taxes on cars to benefit households with lots of cars, surely \$5 million over two years for bicycling and other non-motorized travel is not too much of an ask.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Barry Schiller, North Providence
401 353-6536