EXHIBIT 7b

July 31, 2026

Jared VerHey
Community Development
555 Israel Road SW
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Dear Mr. VerHey,

We were excited to get a notice this week that plans for the Deschutes Valley Trail Segment C are going ahead.

We have lived next door to the Deschutes Valley Park for 10 years. One of the reasons we built our house here is because of its proximity to the then newly developed park and the proposed trail. Now, we have four grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 9. Three of them ride bicycles and scooters. One of them rollerblades. And one of them was born with muscular dystrophy, a degenerative muscle disease, and may someday be in a wheelchair.
An accessible paved trail from our neighborhood will help insure that my husband and I, our neighbors, and *all* of our grandchildren, can remain active and outside.

Thank you for moving forward with this long-anticipated project, and for keeping us informed.

Sincerely,

Margaret Thomas

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