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SKATS Policy Committee
100 High Street SE
Suite 200
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Dear Members of the SKATS Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on potential legislative priorities for the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. In your discussion today, you will be reviewing legislative concepts drafted by the Central Lane MPO, and I would like to emphasize the following items:

1. Prioritize Safety and Universal Access
2. Transit funding
3. Support increasing investment in Safe Routes to School Programs
5. Support investments in community bicycle and pedestrian improvements
7. Intra-city Transit
8. Transit Student Youth Pass
14. Local Authority of Speed Limits

I am respectfully encouraging your Committee to carefully review how these concepts prioritize a safer, multi-modal system that supports transportation options for all users in the community. These concepts inspire improved access to transit, bike/ped options and Safe Routes to School Programs, and can support the region's safety, congestion and health priorities.

I look forward to your discussion today, especially of these proposals with potential to provide great benefits to all transportation users in the region and state.

Thank you,

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