

Parks Board,

I wanted to send an email of support for the item 24-0554 to move Birch Trail to shared use with bicycles. From a personal point of view my son loves to ride his bike on the trails we are able to but with him being a beginner we can be limited to the trails he can use. This trail would be a great beginner trail for him to get more comfortable riding on trails! I support this agenda item and would love to see it moved to shared use.

An additional note - I volunteer for the 906 Adventure Team program and my son participates in that program. There are 100 students in that program with many different skill levels and they work on confidence and SO much more on the trails. I have continued to be so impressed that one of the HUGE things these coaches are teaching the children is how to share the trails and how to always be kind on the trails and pull over for hikers. It has been amazing to see this community of bikers educating our youth on how important that is and I see how important that is to the bike community in this town. I am confident that opening this trail up to bikers as well will come with the respect on both ends and it can continue to be an amazing hiking spot to relax while sharing the trail with a few bikes passing as you hike!

Thank you for your time and for serving on the Parks Board. I appreciate you ALL for everything you do.

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