

City Council,

As Businesses and organizations in the City of Harrisonburg, we join together to urge our city councilmen to support the funding, construction and completion of the Garbers Church Road Shared Use Paths prior to the opening of the new elementary school. There are many projects in the City that support and highlight our economy and this will be one of them. Walkers and cyclists touch just about every business and community group in Harrisonburg.

More importantly, we have chosen to live and locate our businesses in this wonderful City because we value the ability to walk and bike for recreation and transportation particularly for the use of our children. We want them to have the freedom to walk or ride to school. As you may know, this trail will serve over half of the City's school population.

We work hard to support our City and we want our tax dollars to support this type of project on an equal basis with conventional road building. Harrisonburg is in the forefront of bicycle and pedestrian planning, but not in the construction of the infrastructure that goes with it. Other cities our size are moving ahead of us, and we want and need to catch up.

We appreciate you and your support and look forward to hearing from you if you have questions.