

To the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee,

As a Connecticut resident who prefers to walk or bike to work and for pleasure, I support the Governor's proposals to develop and fund a first-rate active transportation network of bike lanes, greenways, multiuse paths, and pedestrian infrastructure in our state. Please support HB6840 because biking and walking are cost-effective ways to reduce traffic congestion and these activities provide benefit to the health of Connecticut's people, economy and environment. The main reason cited is most people that they don't walk or ride is a lack of infrastructure protected from auto traffic. To use a movie quote: "if you build it, they will come".

Many people are looking for a place to live where they don't need to own a personal vehicle and can get where they need to go without one. Building this type of infrastructure will attract people to Connecticut and encourage them to stay. As we see from Seattle, Boston, and Portland, Oregon active transportation makes cities and town more vibrant and economically viable.

I encourage you to strongly support these active, non fossil fuel transportation initiatives so we can build a better state for ourselves and the future.

Thank you,
Ben Martin