



P. O. Box 974
Ashland, OR 97520
February 2, 2003

Betty Wheeler, City Manager, Talent
P. O. Box 445
Talent, OR 97540

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

The Siskiyou Velo Bicycle Club would like to support the creation of bicycle lanes on both sides of Talent Avenue. Although a portion of this road currently has bike lanes, it is important that the remainder of Talent Ave be completed in order to ensure safe bicycle traffic through the City of Talent. Many of our club members travel on this route on a regular basis as means of commuting to and from work. Also, many of us enjoy using this route for our weekend rides, including sanctioned club rides.

The Siskiyou Velo bicycle club, a strong supporter of bicycling both as transportation and as recreation, comprises about 250 members in the Rogue Valley. About 44% live in/around Ashland, 31% in/around Medford and the most of the others at Gold Hill, Rogue River, Eagle Point, Talent, Phoenix and Central Point. We are especially proud of our significant contributions to the Bear Creek Greenway and bicycle safety classes for the youth of the Rogue Valley.

We thank you for the efforts of the City of Talent towards improving bicycle transportation in the Rogue Valley.

Sincerely,

Robert Korfhage
President, Siskiyou Velo