

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This law is not about safety. It's about assuming everything that's out there is dangerous, when it's not — and punishing anyone who's in business. Things will be no safer on Feb. 11 than they were on Feb. 9. The law will eventually be changed. The question is, how many small businesses will shut their doors before it does?

Katie Aaberg
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: The U.S. Product Safety Commission issued a clarification statement Jan. 8 saying the act will not affect used items. Visit www.cpsc.gov for more information, including updates on enforcement delays.

DANGEROUS FOR BIKES

The Franklin Boulevard overpasses

between Eugene and Glenwood are very dangerous for the increasing numbers of bicycle commuters who travel to and from Eugene and Springfield.

Since Sept. I have conveyed this to ODOT, Mayor Piercy and city staff. This is after I was involved in a head-on bicycle collision on the river path which sent me to the ER.

They recently told me that I should submit my concerns to the Transportation Planning process. Yeah, right. Maybe, just maybe, in 10 years Eugene, Springfield and ODOT might consider addressing this public safety concern.

I have been waiting for the city of Eugene and ODOT to create a safe bicycle

commuters' route to Eugene for at least 15 years.

Bicycle commuting is not a recreational endeavor. It can be as viable as any other transportation in any city if it is afforded safe and viable routes that protect bicyclists from collisions with cars, other bicyclists and pedestrians.

How many bicyclists have to die before they act?

ODOT and Eugene now have the resources and equipment to finally create a safe bicycle overpass passage, but it seems ODOT will be adding two more lanes to the Willamette I-5 bridge instead.

Shannon Wilson
Eugene

I-5 Willamette River
Bridge

Open House

Feb. 9 in
Eugene and
Springfield

Drop in any time to:

- View bridge images.
- Provide input on the design.
- Learn more about the project.
- Hear about the proposed theme.

Springfield Library
Meeting Room
(225 Fifth Street)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Eugene Library
Tykeson/Bascom Rooms
(100 W. 10th Avenue)
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Lane Council of Governments at (541) 682-4283
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I-5 Willamette River
Bridge

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