

# CITY OF ASHLAND

September 17, 2019

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155 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Central Point, OR 97502

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Sincerely,



John Stromberg  
Mayor



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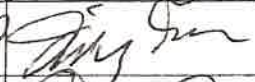


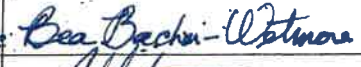



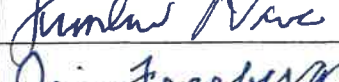


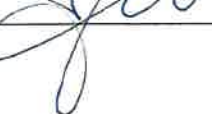


Bruce Borgerson  
City of Ashland Transportation Commission Chair



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DAVID OLIVE		853 BLACKBERRY LN.		9/11/19
IRVING GREEN		862 blackberry Ln		9/11/19
CHRISTINA HUBBARD		850 Blackberry Ln		9/11/19
MARGA METVIER		869 Blackberry Ln	It's really!	9/11/19
Bea Bacher-Watmore		858 Blackberry Lane	(only with <sup>several</sup> speed bumps!)	Sept 11, 2019
Robert Wetmore		858 Blackberry Lane		9/11/2019
BARBARA BROOK		865 BLACKBERRY LN		9/11/2019
Michael Perry		831 Blackberry LN	—	9/11/19
Kimberly Nava		819 Blackberry LN	—	9/11/19
Jim Freeberg		823 Blackberry Ln.	This needs to be done!	9/11/19
Reed Chasman		811 Blackberry Ln.		9/11/19
Jake Woods		355 Tudor St.		9/11/19


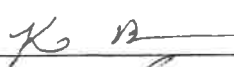

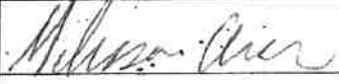

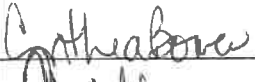


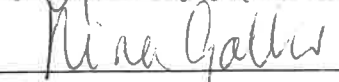
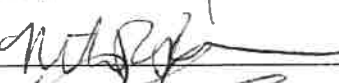

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Sarah Walker	<i>Sarah K. Walker</i>	834 Blackberry Ln	support!	9/9/2019
William Malesitt	<i>W. J. Malesitt</i>	540 S. Mountain Ave	Yes!!	9-9-2019
Sarah Davis	<i>Sarah Davis</i>	540 S. Mountain Ave	Support!	9-9-19
Dan Davis	<i>D. Davis</i>	540 S. Mountain Ave	Yes!	9-9-19
Alec Bayarsky	<i>Alec Bayarsky</i>	834 Blackberry lane	Finally!	9-11-19
Deborah Roseberg	<i>Deborah Roseberg</i>	839 Blackberry Ln.	Thanks!	9/11/19
Steven Dixon	<i>Steven Dixon</i>	838 Blackberry Ct.	Awesome	9/11/19
Nancy Young	<i>Nancy Young</i>	320 N Main St. <sup>Ashland</sup>	Finally!	9/11/19
Mabel Young	<i>Mabel Young</i>	841 Blackberry Lane	Please	9/11/19
Michael Young	<i>Michael Young</i>	"	Fix It!	9-11-19
Dennis Hild	<i>Dennis Hild</i>	850 Blackberry lane	Yes!	9/11/19
Kim Lockett	<i>Kim Lockett</i>	853 Blackberry Ln	Great!	9/11/19

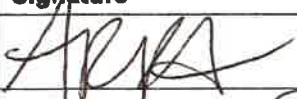
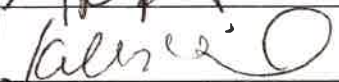
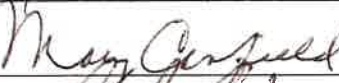



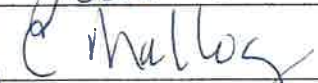
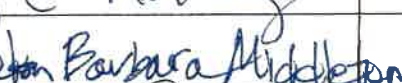

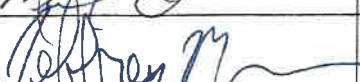


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Maria Fernandez		414 Courtney Street		9/11/19
Janelle Reimer	Janelle Reimer	2370 Blue Sky Ln.		9/12/19
Kristin Beers		550 Allion St.	please help!! ☺	9/12/19
GREGORY BECHT		1050 CLAY	improve this terrible unsafe road.	9/12/19
Melissa Archer		451 Parkside Drive	fix the road please	9/12/19
Robert Dilansa		338 Lithia Ave. Talent	Yes, please!	9/12/19
Gynthia Bower		P.O. Box 166 Talent 97540	absolutely, it's time!	09-12-19
Auntia N. Namara		862 Oak Knoll Dr Ashland	Please!!!	09-12-19
Michael McGowan		97520 Ashland, OR 2025 Tolman Creek Rd	It's a mess... please help!	9/12/19
Nina Gallun		374 Idaho St Ashland 97520	Bad for the car!	9/12/19
Moriah Peterson		180 S. Mountain Ave. Ashland	Bad for cars, unsafe for bikers & pedestrians	9/13/19
Dustin Munda		2514 SISKIYOU BLVD	PLEASE! IT'S BEEN BAD FOR SO LONG	9/13/19

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Anna Razi Robertson		2025 Tolman <sup>City</sup> Road, 97520	The road is unsafe for children. PLEASE HELP	9/13/19
Kelly Tisdell		9069 D.I.M. Rd, 97520	The Road is terribly full of potholes - Bumps	9/13/19
MARY CANFIELD		465 Williamson Way 97520	Let's do it!	9/14/19
ROD BIECK		1027 STEVENS Rd 97520		9/14/19
Lauren Fillipon		2255 Ashland St 97520		9/14/19
Joyce Ollman		846 Blackberry Ln Ashl. 97520	Would be Great	9/15/19
Colleen Matlock		321 Clay St #5 Ashland 97520	It's a very rough road	9/15/19
Barbara Middleton		2815 Diane St Ashland		9/15/19
Mich Smith		2790 DIANE Ashland		9/15/19
Jeffrey M. Mann		2745 Diane St.	Please fix up Clay!	9/15/19
Tom Howe		1973 Siskiyou blvd		9/15/19
Heather Armstrong		883 Clay St		9/15/19



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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Aurilia McNamara <aurilia.mcnamara@siskiyouschool.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:42 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** middle clay

  
Hi City Council,

Our school is on middle clay and we would be absolutely thrilled to see the proposed improvements on the road; it would mean that adults and children alike would finally be safe driving, walking along and biking on clay; it would be such a good move for the entire neighborhood.

We so hope this will be approved.

My best,

Aurilia McNamara

Siskiyou School  
Administrator

[www.siskiyouschool.org](http://www.siskiyouschool.org)  
631 Clay Street  
Ashland, Or 97520  
Phone: 541-494-0030  
Fax: 541-488-9549



## Jennifer Schnell

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 4:54 PM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Clay Street Improvements

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ann Bass <ratherbewalkingnow@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 4:48 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Clay Street Improvements

Hello,

I am very much in favor of improving Clay Street. My child has attended The Siskiyou School for six years and I have watched the street steadily deteriorate. It would be so much safer to have sidewalks and a smooth street (so drivers could pay attention to pedestrians instead of potholes).

Thank you,

Ann Bass

271 Village Park Dr.

Ashland

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 4:46 PM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Clay street

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Oregon Soils <joshua@bulksoils.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Clay street

To whom it may concern:

Please improve middle clay street for the benefit of its community! Sidewalks would be a great improvement to keep school kids safe.

Thank you,  
Joshua Traphagen  
Ashland Local



## Jennifer Schnell

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**From:** Bayard DesCamp <bdescamp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 7:23 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay st

Dear city Council,

I am writing in support of road improvements on Clay street.

The state of that road is hazardous because bicycles and automobiles so frequently have to navigate pot holes which puts pedestrians at danger.

Where I involved in any type of accident on that street I would highly consider engaging a lawyer and attempting to lay part of the fault on the city for dereliction of duty to serve the public safety interest.

It is rather outlandish that it has been allowed to deteriorate for this long.

Please do the right thing and remedy this problem.

Respectfully,  
Bayard DesCamp  
264 Village Park Dr  
Ashland

## Jennifer Schnell

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Clay Street

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jamie North <jamie@mixashland.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Clay Street

Hello,

I strongly support the proposed improvements to Clay Street. As a parent of two children at the Siskiyou School, I have seen the danger of no sidewalks on that street with the amount of traffic. It would improve the neighborhood as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jamie North

Sent from my iPhone

## Jennifer Schnell

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Clay street improvements

**From:** Henry Whitridge <henryo@mind.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Clay street improvements

Dear Council:

I am writing in support of improving the paving and sidewalks of Clay Street. I was privileged to serve on the board of directors of Siskiyou School for six years during which we often wished to improve the street for the safety of the children in the area. If the children are able to safely walk home we felt fewer car trips could result. The neighborhood residents would surely benefit as well.

Thank you and best regards,  
Henry Whitridge

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## Jennifer Schnell

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**From:** Jennifer Yance <jyance@naturahealthproducts.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 5:38 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** Clay Street Support

Dear Scott,

I am a parent of two children at the Siskiyou School on Clay St. in Ashland. My children have attended the school for the past 7 years and therefore I drive to and from the school at least twice daily. I have made numerous phone calls regarding the condition of the street and have been told it was unlikely anything would be done because it is owned by the county. I was ecstatic to hear about the upcoming council meeting and would like to share my support for improvements to the roadway for the good of the neighborhood and the school. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to make the road safe and to be able to maintain it over the coming years. I hope to see this happen as it is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Yance

Jennifer Yance | *Chief Executive Officer*  
Natura Health Products

(tel) 541.488.0210 **Ext. 313**  
(fax) 541.488.0417  
[NaturaHealthProducts.com](http://NaturaHealthProducts.com)

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**From:** Lebeau Potgieter <lebpot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:13 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay street improvement

Dear city council,

Thank you for all your foresight in helping improve infrastructure of our town. It is great to see all the improvements on Helman, Oak etc. Needless to say this will only benefit our town in the long term.

With that in mind, I want to lend my voice of support to improving Clay street. The street is in absolute shambles and it is a high traffic road compared to many. It will be so much safer for the community and the city to have this road repaired.

Thank you again for all you do. I cannot imagine how much you must all balance in your decision making.

Sincerely,  
Lebeau

**Lebeau Potgieter**  
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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 4:55 PM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Supporting Clay Street Improvements

**From:** Mika Kakizaki <mika@wildernesspoets.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 11:45 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>; John Bannerman <john@wildernesspoets.com>; saiamoonsmom@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Supporting Clay Street Improvements

ATT: Ashland City Council,

We are local business owners and land stewards of 1961 Ashland Street (Formerly known as Club 66). Wilderness Poets, a health food company, has occupied this location for the past 2 years. We take pride in improving this location as a safer, more attractive corner for the community. 9 employees work at this location and we have children attending the Siskiyou School.

On behalf of the Siskiyou School Community we would like to support the effort to improve Middle Clay Street to make it safe for all who use it. Please let us know how we can help. We are also interested in improving the area and safety under the bridge where the bike path passes under Ashland street connecting to Clay Street. We would be happy to have our company and employees participate in helping to beautify this area. We are excited to see the draft of the plans to improve Clay Street and support this project.

Sincerely,  
Mika Kakizaki & John Bannerman  
Owners,  
Wilderness Poets

1951 Ashland Street  
Ashland, Oregon 97520

(844)WILD-MIX or (844)945-3649  
[www.wildernesspoets.com](http://www.wildernesspoets.com)

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**From:** Sean Culver <seanculver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:58 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Middle Clay Street Improvements

Hello City Council,

I'm writing to tell you that I'm in support of getting the grant to improve the roads. My father currently lives on Blackberry lane and we visit him very often. I've got one child who attends Sisikyou school and we often walk from my father's house to the school. We have to walk on the road when there is a lot of traffic. Not only is this unsafe, but it also creates extra traffic pressure. I fully support and hope we can acquire the grant to make this Ashland street safe again.

Best Regards,  
Sean Culver

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Michael de Fauw <michael@consciouswebdesign.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 8:21 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Please Improve Middle Clay Street

Hello Ashland,

It would be wonderful to have this street recreated! My car would be happy as well.

Thank you,  
Michael

**Mike Kuntz**

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**From:** Steven Dominguez <stevendominguez@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:01 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Shameful Middle Clay Street

Hello,

With all due respect, the condition of Middle Clay Street is shameful. There are so many potholes that driving on middle Clay Street feels like ones car is rocking as if in the ocean.

The need for upgrade and repair is self-evident. See for yourself. Many thanks. Respectfully. Steven Dominguez.

Sent from my iPhone

**Mike Kuntz**

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**From:** Drew Mebane <mossydrew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:23 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Support for middle Clay Street improvements

Good morning,

I'm writing to support the effort to improve middle Clay Street between Siskiyou and Ashland St.

Several local families and I "jokingly" call Clay Street a death trap. Since my family shares one car, I walk my son down Clay from Blackberry Ln to the Siskiyou School nearly every day. Since there are no sidewalks, we try to walk against the flow of traffic. In some places we can walk in the gravel, but oftentimes there are too many cars parked in the gravel, so we have to try to walk in the street. Other pedestrians walk with the flow of traffic, making traffic worse. When Siskiyou School parents are picking up and dropping off their children, the street is an absolute nightmare, and hence the "death trap."

When I owned a home at 672 Clay St I heard that Jackson County was in charge of Clay St instead of the city, and that covering the open ditches and putting in sidewalks was too expensive.

A lot of cars are considerate and careful, but the awful traffic snarl causes some motorists to get angry and speed down Clay St. Do we have to wait until one of these cars actually kills one of our children before something can be accomplished here? I hope not.

Thank you for considering a long-overdue renovation to the Clay Street death trap.

Sincerely,

Drew Mebane  
842 Blackberry Ln

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Paula Brown <paula.brown@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** FW: Middle Clay St Improvements.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Greg Magda <gregmagda55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:00 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Middle Clay St Improvements.

Hello,

Please consider the improvement proposal re Clay St. My child goes to Siskiyou School and I see how unsafe this street is for pedestrians.

Sincerely,

Greg Magda

Sent from my iPhone

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Marisela Mendoza Brakebill <mbrakebill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:38 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street Improvements.

Dear City Council,

I am a parent from The Siskiyou School. I was delighted to learn that our mayor is proposing to improve Clay Street. I am writing to express my support for street improvements on Clay street.

I often decide to refrain from parking and walking in my daughter to school. The reason being lack of safety on Clay Street. Most drivers are mindful and I haven't experience an erratic, unsafe driver. The problem is the terrain itself and how narrow the street is when a car does pass by. I feel unsafe on my footing due to lack of sidewalks and cars often move closer to the sides if a car is passing the opposite way. This makes for an uncomfortably close situation between us pedestrians and the car. I also am often unsure of what is a safe place to park . I do not want to block anyone's driveway or mailbox. I also don't want my car to get too close to some of the ditches.

it would wonderful to have curbs and sidewalks. I would really enjoy walking my daughter to her class more often.

I am asking for you to support the Clay street improvements and advocate for this plan to move forward.

Marisela Mendoza (city of Ashland resident)



## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Paul Flowers <purekinetics@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:07 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street

Dear City Council,

The private school paid for by tax paying Ashland residents has put lots of money into improvements to the Clay Street neighborhood. It would really be economically wise to help repair the street, and/or even widen it to support your community and the future tax payers, who are the students attending. I think much research shows that children who don't feel appreciated in their community and don't see value attributed to their environment and schools are likely to LEAVE and pursue higher education in environments that DO support them.

Please consider paving the street that supports a fine education establishment in your highly taxed and affluent community for the sake of your future endeavors?

Thank You!  
Paul Flowers  
Ashland Resident and Father

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Amelia Bueche <buecheal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street

To Members of the Ashland City Council -

Thank you for your consideration in the reconstruction and design of Clay Street to improve safety and flow of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. As parents of students at the Siskiyou school and friend to residents along the street, it is imperative that ample parking, consistent sidewalks and adequate space for passage be made for the ease of use of all.

I appreciate your hard work and advocacy for improvements to serve the best health of the Ashland community.

Sincerely,

Amelia L. Bueche, D.O.  
Osteopathic Consultants  
CrossFit Inconceivable  
Parent Pillar with 7th and 4th Grade Students at the Siskiyou School

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Dustin Monda <dustin.monda@siskiyouschool.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:58 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street

Dear City Council members,

Hello, I have been a teacher at the Siskiyou School since we were still renting space at the Clay Street Church. I also previously lived on Clay Street for seven+ years and have been an Ashland resident for 22 years. In my opinion, Clay Street is the worst street in town. At least middle Clay. The pot holes go from the top of the street to the bottom, which is challenging as a biker, and not great for long term wear on the vehicle. It's also incredibly dangerous as a pedestrian, having no sidewalks and, on some stretches, very little shoulder. We have actually had to implement a policy that students cannot ride down the street from the school as there have been too many close calls with cars over the years.

We as teacher's have been asked for years why the road is so bad. I for one can only offer the stories that I have heard - mainly that there is conflict between the county and the city and no one wants to claim responsibility for fixing the road. I don't know if this is true or not. Either way, there doesn't seem to be any great excuse that I can think of that would place safety that far down the list. Even without the school there, it's a much used street. It's up from the bike path, an outlet from Clay Street park, as well as the residents from the houses and the apartment complex.

Whoever is in charge of the street, it's time to fix it. Make it safer for children, adults, bikers, drivers, etc. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dustin Monda

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Jack Gibbs <fortressyourself@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Amelia Bueche; Jennifer Gibbs  
**Subject:** As concerned Ashland parents and daily drivers on Clay St...

We feel that a safer middle Clay street is long overdue, and if done properly, will enable the whole neighborhood to flow and exist more efficiently and peacefully.

Presently, the many bumps, oddities and irregularly parked cars and hidden aspects make driving there tricky and seemingly dangerous, especially with varied sporadic pedestrian volume and the darker days approaching...

if speed is a concern, that would seemingly be well addressed by speed bumps and cut-out walk-ways comparable to the Oak St. Street-scaping.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration on this urgent safety and maintenance issue!

Sincerely,  
Jack & Jennifer Gibbs  
12 year residents of Ashland/  
presently sending our third child through the thriving Siskiyou School



## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Joshua Sandstrom <joshua@solarhomegarden.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:53 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street Parking / Expansion  
**Attachments:** attachment 1.pdf

Ashland City Council,

Please strongly consider supporting this cause to make Clay St. a safer place for our neighborhood and school.

This proposal is reasonable and with positive overall impacts for everyone.

Thank you,

Joshua Sandstrom  
SolarHomeGarden.com  
joshua@solarhomegarden.com  
(541) 708-1362

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Sarah Collins <saia moonsmom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Middle Clay St Ashland

I support the Middle Clay Street project in Ashland! Street repairs are desperately needed and sidewalks would make this heavily used school zone much safer for the families that walk along the street. Let's change this now before someone gets hurt.

Thank you!

Frank Collins



## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Tamara Fields <tamaraf76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay st.

Please vote to improve Clay St. It is important to the safety of the children at Siskiyou School and the people residing in the neighborhood.

Tamara Fields

Sent from my iPhone

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** David Reimer <david.reimer@merryck.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 9:12 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street Improvements - in support

Dear City Council -

As a nearby resident who crosses this neighborhood frequently by car, bike or on foot — often accompanied by my 10- and 6-yr old — I heartily support and respectfully request your vote for sidewalk and parking improvements on Clay Street north of Siskiyou Blvd, bringing that stretch of the street up to City of Ashland standards.

The current narrowness of the street for those several blocks makes it tight for two cars to pass in opposite directions in many spots, even without pedestrians, cyclists or parked cars on the shoulder of the road. When any of those elements are present, often one lane has to stop completely to let the oncoming driver pass. With the number of children on the street and in the neighborhood, this strikes me as particularly dangerous.'

Thank you for giving this your attention and thoughtful action.

Kind regards,

David Reimer  
2370 Blue Sky Lane  
Ashland, OR 97520  
(503) 490-4494

Sent from my iPad

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Jessalynn Jones <jahmoongoddess@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 7:19 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed improvements to Middle Clay St

Dear City Council Members,

I hope you will vote to approve the proposed improvements to Middle Clay St. It would not only benefit the residents of Clay St and the Siskiyou School, but also improve the beauty and aesthetics of Ashland in general, as well as reduce traffic congestion which will also benefit the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you,  
Jessalynn Jones

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** administration <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 6:42 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Contact Form Submitted

**\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA\*\*\***

Full Name: **Kimberly Era**

Phone: **5417278144**

Email: **ohsoglad@gmail.com**

Subject: **Clay Street Improvement**

Message: **To City Council Members, Please make the recommendation the to County to apply for the grant money to improve middle Clay Street. The road has been in terrible condition for decades and the current method of patching several times a year has only made it worse. It is only a matter of time before a child is hit by a car on this street. There is nowhere to walk except by weaving in and among parked cars or in the middle of the street. I see many children every single day of the school year who are walking in the middle of the street because of the parking. Some of these children are 7 and 8 years old. Cars are parked in every direction and clog the roadway so that most days only single lane traffic is possible on the south end of middle Clay. Children attending the Siskiyou School or accessing the bike path at the north end of middle Clay to get to AMS or other schools deserve to be able to safely use this street. Additionally, the uneven road surface is difficult for anyone beyond a certain age or with a disability to navigate. Finally, the wear and tear on vehicles is ridiculous for a city street. The improvement of the street will create safety and security for all the people, of all ages, living and using this neighborhood. Please support the forward movement of the grant. Thank you, Kimberly Avelyn Era 842 Clay Street Ashland**

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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Jennifer Yance <jyance@naturahealthproducts.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 5:38 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Scott Fleury  
**Subject:** Clay Street Support

Dear Scott,

I am a parent of two children at the Siskiyou School on Clay St. in Ashland. My children have attended the school for the past 7 years and therefore I drive to and from the school at least twice daily. I have made numerous phone calls regarding the condition of the street and have been told it was unlikely anything would be done because it is owned by the county. I was ecstatic to hear about the upcoming council meeting and would like to share my support for improvements to the roadway for the good of the neighborhood and the school. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to make the road safe and to be able to maintain it over the coming years. I hope to see this happen as it is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Yance

**Jennifer Yance** | *Chief Executive Officer*  
Natura Health Products

(tel) 541.488.0210 **Ext. 313**  
(fax) 541.488.0417  
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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** julianne newman <jnewmandc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay street improvements

Dear council members,

i am writing in support of improving the road on clay st. It would dramatically improve my daily drive to drop off my children at the siskiyou school and for the residents of clay street.

Thank you,  
Julie newman

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Margaret Machala <margaretmachala@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 3:27 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street

Hello City Council,

I would like to share my support for Clay Street Roadway Improvements. The proposed section of Clay Street is in true need of attention. Every time I drive Clay, which is about 5 times a week, my car bounces along uneven asphalt and potholes, carefully avoiding pedestrians who would benefit from sidewalks. Clay Street is a very active area and deserving of basic improvements. Hooray!! I hope this passes, truly.. many many people hope this passes.

Thank you for reading my 'vote'!  
Margaret Machala

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** administration <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Contact Form Submitted

**\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA\*\*\***

Full Name: **Ian C Maccoubrey**

Phone: **5597409252**

Email: **imaccoubrey@gmail.com**

Subject: **Clay Street improvements**

Message: **It is my understanding that the City of Ashland has an opportunity to support Jackson Counties effort to resurface/improve Clay Street. I would like to voice my support for this understanding. I live in the Clay Creek Gardens community the condition of Clay Street directly impacts me as I frequently as I leave and return to my home via this street. I also walk and ride my bicycle on the street (between Ashland Street and Siskiyou) the many potholes and patches present a significant hazard. I sincerely hope the council will take all steps necessary to support the County's efforts to repair and improve the street. Thank you in advance for your efforts on this project. Ian MacCoubrey 2680 Takelma Way Ashland, OR 97530 559-749-9252**

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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** administration <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 6:28 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Contact Form Submitted

**\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA\*\*\***

Full Name: **Alice MacCoubrey**

Phone:

Email: **Amaccoubrey@att.net**

Subject: **Paving Clay st between Siskiyou & Ashland St.**

Message: **I am writing to request that you support the proposal to repave Clay Street between Siskiyou Boulevard and Ashland Street. I am a homeowner in the Clay Creek Gardens neighborhood, and the condition of that road has always appalled me. It is difficult to drive on as well as to walk on because of the numerous potholes. Not only is it unsightly, but it is dangerous. Pedestrians have to watch where they step; I hurt my knee stepping into one of those potholes. Cars veering to avoid potholes can easily hit pedestrians. The county has done a terrible job filling those potholes, creating an incredibly lumpy and bumpy surface to walk, ride, or drive. It also could use a sidewalk if possible. Please support any funding to properly maintain this road. I would appreciate a reply to understand why this is not a city road? Thank you!**

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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Josh Cott <joshcott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:48 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** I support the proposed improvements to Middle Clay st

Dear City Council,

As a long time Ashland resident and parent at the Siskiyou School, I STRONGLY support the proposed improvements to middle Clay st. My kids will likely be too old to see the benefits personally as they walk to school, but future generations of kids deserve a safe place to walk up and down the street. Thank you very much for your work on this.

Sincerely,  
Josh Cott  
2290 Morada Ln Ashland

**Mike Kuntz**

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**From:** Melissa Irish-Miller <mraeirish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 7:21 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Improvements on Middle Clay Street

Hello,

I wanted to write in to say that I am in favor of the improvements on middle clay street as they are much needed!

Thank you,  
Melissa Irish-Miller  
Ashland Resident

Sent from my iPhone

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Adams Ashleigh <ashleighadams@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street

Please improve middle Clay Street. The street is in a horrible state of disrepair. As a Siskiyou School family and 17-year resident of Clay Creek Gardens the potholes and lack of sidewalks make our daily walks dangerous and drives challenging and hard on our vehicles. I very much appreciate your considering this badly needed street maintenance and repair.

Respectfully,

Ashleigh Adams  
Concerned Ashland Citizen  
541-261-6109

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Bridgett Mayeux <bmayeux@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 4:12 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street Improvements - Please vote YES!

Dear Ashland City Council Members,

Please vote yet on accepting jurisdictional transfer to Jackson County so that Clay Street can be improved.

I can't tell you the tremendous ways it would help the community. It is a high-density living area, with a wonderful community park, Clay Street Park, that would have safer access.

Clay Street, because of the wonderful community asset of The Siskiyou School, and the wonderful community asset of affordable housing, and surrounding neighborhoods is a high-trafficked and child-heavy area.

Countless people (and many children from the entire community) whose lives would be improved - and safety ensured - cannot be understated. This is badly needed in order to continue to make Ashland a quality Southern Oregon community.

Best,  
Bridgett

Bridgett Mayeux  
612-387-7174  
[sprinterfam.com](http://sprinterfam.com)

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Elishia Tucker <elishiat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** re: Clay Street Improvements. Letter of support  
**Attachments:** 091719\_Clay\_Street\_Roadway\_Improvement\_Grants\_Letter\_of\_Support\_CCFinal.pdf

Dear City Council,

I am writing in regards to the proposed improvements on Middle Clay Street. I strongly support these improvements!

I live on Middle Clay Street at 590 Clay, at the corner of Takelma. I see first hand on a daily basis all of the foot traffic on Clay Street. It is full of children, people pushing strollers and wheelchairs, cyclists, pedestrians and people walking their children to school and the park. Yesterday I saw someone pushing a wheelchair down Clay Street and they were weaving all around the street to avoid getting stuck in a pothole. I regularly see all pedestrians and especially children in very risky situations, walking far too close to cars that are driving.

My children attend the Siskiyou School and walk to school both with me and by themselves. We do our very best to be safe walking on Clay Street. We also go down the street regularly and prune the bushes and trees so that we can have even just a few more inches to pass safely down the side of the road between the ditch and the crumbling sidewalk.

The improvements you are suggesting in this letter would help a great many people to arrive safely at school and home on a daily basis. It would also improve the community aspect of this part of town. Now the road is somewhere to be avoided, not a place for a pleasant walk.

My only concern about this plan, as I see it mapped out in this document, is how it finishes at Faith Street. In my observation the intersection of Faith and Ashland street is very dangerous. There isn't a crosswalk on Ashland Street between Tolman Creek and approximately Normal Avenue. To truly make this improvement on Clay Street have a much wider impact I would suggest making a few adjustments to that section of Ashland Street as well.

My suggestions for the intersection of Ashland and Faith are:

1. Place a sign that shows your speed at the downhill section of Ashland, encouraging people to slow down.
2. Place a crosswalk with a blinking light, that can go red when the button is pushed, at Faith Street.
3. At the very least, place a crosswalk there, with a flashing light and very clearly painted stripes and a lot of signage.

I see kids running across that section of road nearly every day. Trying to out run 2-4 lanes of traffic. It's very scary to see!

It is also very difficult to turn left from Faith onto Ashland Street. It takes a very long time - I usually time a 5 minute wait, when I'm the only car. When there are 3-4 cars, it can take much longer. With the population density of this area, that is a big issue. Adding a traffic light there that could be responsive to car traffic and foot traffic would be ideal.

I know that improving Clay Street is already a huge undertaking, and very expensive, so I'm sorry to bring up other issues too! At the same time I can see Clay St. becoming busier with the improvements and I'd hate to see car or pedestrian accidents at the intersection of Faith and Ashland St.

Thank you for all of your efforts to improve Clay Street. The impact would be tremendous!

All my very best,

Elishia Tucker  
590 Clay St.

**Mike Kuntz**

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**From:** PLee <plee13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:29 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Middle Clay Street Improvements

To Whom it May Concern,

As a long time resident of Ashland, born and raised, I fully support the City of Ashland doing what it can to improve the dire state of Middle Clay Street (the section running between Siskiyou Blvd and the Ashland street bridge.) It's more than just a bumpy roadway, riddled with potholes. It's dangerous for the many neighborhood children riding their bikes and walking to school. There is no sidewalk. I am aware there is an opportunity for the City of Ashland to partner with Jackson County to apply for an improvements grant through The Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. As a parent that drives on this road twice a day, 5 days a week, and sometimes even more, I kindly urge the City of Ashland to take appropriate action to remediate this issue.

Thank you,

Phyllis Cooley



## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Katja Toal <katjatoal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Middle Clay Street Roadway improvement

Good day city council,

Thank you for taking the time to read and listen to the Ashland community on the topic of improving middle Clay Street.

My children attend The Siskiyou School and I travel on Clay Street regularly. I have also lived in the Takelma neighborhood and am familiar with the area. I can say that Clay Street is in need of repair. I've always been confused on why this particular section in town has been neglected and have heard mixed answers.

The issues I see are pot holes, uneven patches of asphalt, no clear edge where pavement meets gravel, no sidewalks, and inconsistent widths when cars are parked. It's a mess.

What I'd love to see are all the improvements listed in the document including sidewalks, crosswalks, a bike lane, and clear parking signs. **An improvement not listed that I'd like to see are wide rolling speed bumps like the ones on Oak Street.** This would ensure safety in a residential and school zone so folks aren't zooming down a freshly paved street.

Please feel free to use my written response and note than I am absolutely in favor of improving middle Clay Street.

Thank you,  
Katja

Katja Toal | Personal Chef  
[Katjatoal@gmail.com](mailto:Katjatoal@gmail.com)  
541.840.0867

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Caraway Timmins <carawaytimmins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Clay Street, Ashland

Dear City Council,

I am emailing in support of the proposal for a grant application to improve Middle Clay Street to City standards.

My kids go to school at 631 Clay Street, and the lack of a sidewalk is a huge safety risk. We have dreamed for years about the street being made safer for both the school children and the residents on the street.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter!

Sincerely,

Caraway Timmins, Ashland homeowner and taxpayer  
2290 Morada Lane,  
Ashland, OR 97520

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Hani Hajje <hhajje@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Middle Clay renovation

I am in support of redoing the middle clay road. I am actually baffled why it has taken so long to get to this point. So please make this a priority. As a real estate investor in Ashland my family owns and pays taxes on clay street as well as downtown commercial on main and second street and several other homes.

Hani Hajje  
650-421-5985  
Sent from mobile app.

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** Kate Meltzer Levin <katemeltzer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Improvement to Middle Clay Street

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing in strong support of making improvements to MIDDLE CLAY STREET. The road is in HORRIBLE condition and is dangerous with degraded pavement and many pot holes. I have two children who attend Siskiyou School and I see how busy that area is during the course of the day with cars, bikers and pedestrians. There are no sidewalks and the road is inadequate to support all this traffic. It is only a matter to time before someone gets hurt, likely a child. Lets not wait until that happens. I STRONGLY SUPPORT the improvements on MIDDLE CLAY STREET.

Thank you for your time.

Kate Levin  
1300 Wilson Road  
Ashland, OR 97520  
(541) 727-2100

## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** administration <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:02 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Contact Form Submitted

**\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA \*\*\***

Full Name: **Marion L Moore**

Phone: **5414884448**

Email: **mlmatlpc@hotmail.com**

Subject: **Clay St. improvements**

Message: **I live a block away from middle Clay St, so I drive it often. I strongly support improvements on that street, and ask the City Council to write a letter to the county, supporting the grant to improve middle Clay St.**

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## Mike Kuntz

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**From:** administration <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
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**\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA\*\*\***

Full Name: **Gavin kleiman**

Phone: **5416215354**

Email: **Gavinkleiman@yahoo.com**

Subject: **Middle Clay Street improvement**

Message: **Dear Sirs/Madams My understanding is the County has grant money and is looking to our City for comment or feedback on improving MIDDLE CLAY STREET. This section of Clay street is in abysmal condition. Patches on patches, potholes on potholes. I would ask Council members to walk down Middle Clay from Siskiyou blvd on a school morning and ask yourselves? would I feel safe sending my kids or grandkids down this dangerous street to school?? Please, it DESPERATELY NEEDS REBUILDING ( no more patches) and let?s not wait until someone gets injured on a bike or walking before action is taken. Thank you for your strong support on this issue. Sincerely, Gavin Kleiman**

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