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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 22, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Three Rivers Park District, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

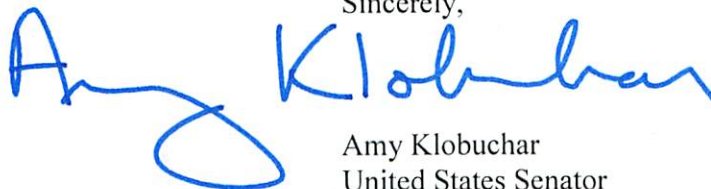
I write in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. If awarded, funding would support the Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility Project; which would improve the Three Rivers Park District Regional Trail Network by addressing critical safety concerns, enhancing connectivity, increasing mobility, and bolstering the quality of life across the region.

Three Rivers Park District is a park system based in suburban Hennepin County in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area. The park system employs over 2,000 employees that manage nearly 27,000 acres of parkland and over 160 miles of regional trails spanning seven counties. In Hennepin County, the trail system features several arterial routes that serve as the backbone of the regional bicycle transportation network. It is a key link in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area's regional trail system, serving several communities and connecting residents to employment, education, and recreational opportunities in the region. However, in order to ensure that local and regional infrastructure needs are properly met, upgrades to the trail system are needed.

Funding from the RAISE Program would be used to construct over five miles of new trail, reconstruct over nine miles of existing trails and sidewalks, improve trail signage and amenities, and upgrade trail crossings. Completing this project would help the park system improve parts of the trail system that are in dire need of repair and maintenance, establish new north-south connections in the trail system, and fill gaps in the existing trail network. Improvements to the trail system would not only bolster the quality of life for communities in the region, but it would also enhance trail safety, increase connectivity, boost mobility, and provide a world-class outdoor recreation experience for both residents and visitors.

Again, I support Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.Senate.Gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application/#DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to urge your consideration for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application submitted by the Three Rivers Park District. If awarded, the project will help connect greater Minneapolis communities through sustainability, equity, and mobility.

This project will safely connect people walking and biking to retail centers, employment, transit areas, parks and medical centers. The network will provide equitable mobility, community connectivity, healthy alternative transportation options, and combats climate change through reducing annual Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gases.

This RAISE project helps achieve Three Rivers' vision by adding new trail miles, reconstructing aging trails, removing significant safety and ADA barriers, seamlessly connecting to and improving transit stops, and enhancing the Active Transportation Network (ATN) experience with technological advancements like Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and bicycle charging stations. These improvements are strategically targeted toward network functionality needs to best serve the greater Minneapolis area's Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC), Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP), and Opportunity Zones.

For the reasons above, I encourage your strong consideration of this proposal. If you any questions, please contact Myles Artis by email at myles_artis@smith.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Tina Smith

US Senator



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–2305

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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Honorable Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express support of the Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will result in:

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The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly. The improvements that would be funded through Three Rivers Park District's RAISE grant application are strategically targeted to improve the Active Transportation Network to best serve the greater Minneapolis area's Historically Disadvantaged Communities, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Opportunity Zones.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full and fair consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff Akolade Gbadamosi at Akolade.Gbadamosi@mail.house.gov or 612-333-1272.

Sincerely,

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Ilhan Omar
Member of Congress



February 15, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

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The City of Brooklyn Center has no funding programmed for the proposed reconstruction of the Twin Lakes Regional Trail, located between France Avenue North and the Brooklyn Boulevard, and the sidewalk to trail conversion of the Twin Lakes Regional Trail between Brooklyn Boulevard and Xerxes Avenue North; however, the City has already committed substantial investments in the areas surrounding the proposed projects and to the benefit of alternative transportation users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. This includes the modernization of Brooklyn Boulevard to address safety concerns, streetscape improvements, and the commitment of dedicated local trail. Further, the City of Brooklyn Center recently approved the redevelopment of the 15-acre former Sears site (1297 Shingle Creek Crossing), which has long been the source of a major gap

City of Brooklyn Center | Public Works

in the Twin Lakes Regional Trail network. As the developer to required to now complete this longstanding gap, and to Three Rivers Park District trail specifications, the above-mentioned improvements requested as part of the 2023 RAISE grant proposal would build upon the City of Brooklyn Center and Three Rivers Park District's investments in its trail network.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at: (763) 569-3328 or eheyman@brooklyncentermn.gov.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Heyman
Public Works Director



February 10, 2023

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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The City of Bloomington has been working in coordination with Three Rivers Park District to prepare a Master Plan for the CP Rail Regional Trail, one of the sub-projects within this project applications trail network. The CP Rail Regional Trail in Bloomington will provide an off-road trail connection from the Minnesota River through Bloomington to the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Edina. This network will fill a critical north-south gap in the trail system and provide a highly desirable recreation amenity and connectivity to Bloomington residents and visitors.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if Bloomington can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Long, our City Engineer at (952)563-4870 or jlong@BloomingtonMN.gov.

Sincerely,

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Karl P. Keel, P.E.
Public Works Director



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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Improving safe and accessible non-motorized infrastructure is a high priority of Brooklyn Park, as significant community engagement efforts have indicated that by improving the comfort and safety of trail/road crossings, more people will use the trail facilities for recreation and transportation purposes.

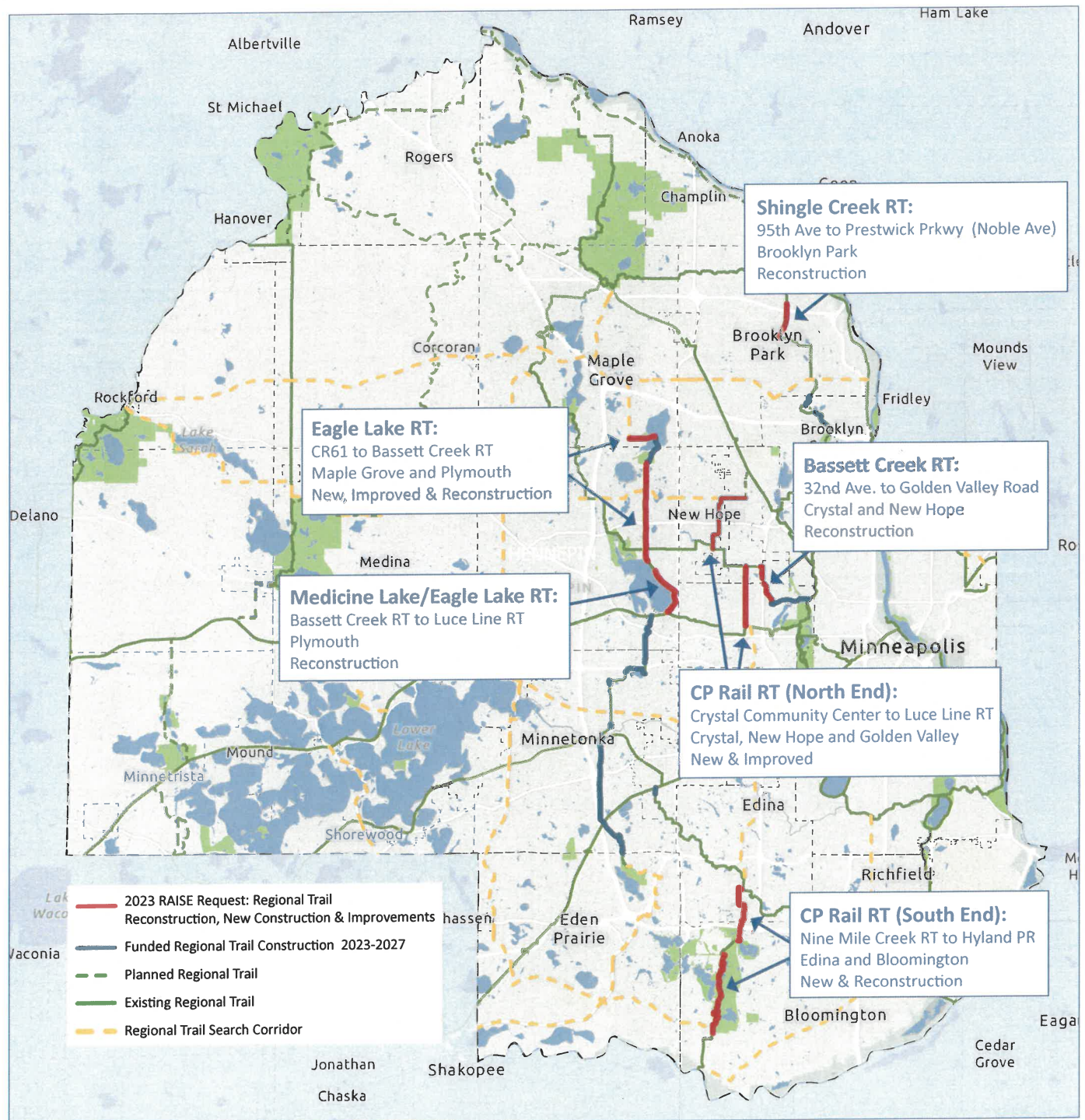
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Sincerely,

Hollies J. Winston, Mayor
City of Brooklyn Park, MN

Three Rivers Park District 2023 RAISE Grant Request

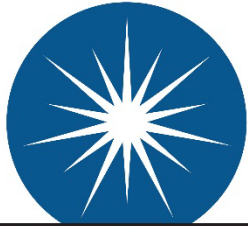
Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility



Project Details

\$22+ Million of Active Transportation Investment, 6 Regional Trails, 8 Cities, 17 Miles of Trails

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February 3, 2023
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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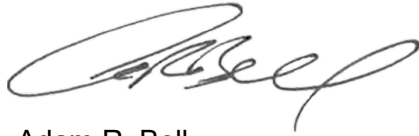
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Regional trails like this are critical for the livability of our community. Trails in general are in high demand, and providing additional trail connections in the regional system will promote health and wellness of our citizens. In Crystal, these planned trails will help connect our residents with many popular destinations; including our community parks, community pool and community center.

I strongly support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by phone at 763-531-1140 or via email at adam.bell@crystalmn.gov.

Sincerely,

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Adam R. Bell
City Manager
City of Crystal



February 7, 2023

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
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The City of Edina and the Park District have a long-standing history of collaboration to build out the regional trail system. The CP Rail Regional Trail, included with this project, will enhance quality of life in the City by improving mobility and connectivity to public transit, local employment centers and recreational amenities.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


James Hovland
Mayor, City of Edina
JHovland@EdinaMN.gov


Scott Neal
City Manager, City of Edina
SNeal@EdinaMN.gov

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Golden Valley, MN 55427

January 19, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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The proposed project also aligns with the City of Golden Valley's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, which emphasizes multi-modal transportation, and local access to the regional facilities provided the Three Rivers Park District trail system. These facilities currently have high usage by our residents and we anticipate that the use will continue to grow as the system is expanded.

On behalf of the City of Golden Valley, I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.



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Golden Valley, MN 55427

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at:

Jeff Oliver, PE
City Engineer
City of Golden Valley
7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

joliver@goldenvalleymn.gov or 763-593-8034.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Oliver, P.E.
City Engineer

Cc: Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning, Three Rivers Park District



February 6, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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The residents of Maple Grove have long benefited from the collaborative partnership Three Rivers Park District and the City have sustained to provide area residents with essential public trail infrastructure. The Park District trail network is the spine from which the local



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trail system feeds - together delivering a cohesive and valued public asset which adds to the livability of our community.

The City of Maple Grove, through resolution, supports Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at msteffenson@maplegrovern.gov

Sincerely,

Acting Mayor Judy Hanson
City of Maple Grove



January 23, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Our residents have been fortunate to have direct access to the Bassett Creek Regional Trail that runs east/west and connects them with other cities. This trail has also brought non-residents

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into New Hope, who may not have visited our city otherwise. We look forward to adding a north/south connection to further expand these opportunities.

We support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Rader, Director of Parks & Recreation at srader@newhopemn.gov or 763.531.5152.
Sincerely,

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Kathi Hemken, Mayor
City of New Hope



January 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
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The City and the Park District have a long-standing history of collaboration to build out the regional trail system. The addition of the regional trails will enhance the livability and quality of life in Plymouth by improving mobility and connectivity to the local and regional trail system, as well as public transit and local retail centers.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at jtomlinson@plymouthmn.gov or (763) 509-5201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Tomlinson'.

Jennifer Tomlinson
Director of Parks & Recreation
City of Plymouth

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February 20, 2023

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Buttigieg:


As the region's metropolitan planning organization, the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities region is pleased to support Three Rivers Park District's Active Transportation Network project for consideration under the US Department of Transportation (DOT) RAISE grant program. This project will transform a significant portion of the region's active transportation network to improve accessibility and community connectivity for those walking, biking, and rolling.

This project will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will ultimately result in 5.5 miles of new regional trails, nine miles of reconstructed regional trails, 2.4 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails, three improved major highway grade-separated crossings, six safe at-grade railroad crossings, and ADA improvements to over 100 curb ramps.

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The Council has partnered with the park district to build out their active transportation network, including funding six regional trail segments in the last eight years. The Metropolitan Council is committed to amending the Transportation Improvement Program and long-range transportation plan, as needed, to include this project. The Metropolitan Council is in full support of the Three Rivers Park District's RAISE grant application, and we look forward to working with the park district and all other project partners.

Sincerely,


Charles Carlson (Feb 10, 2023 17:02 CST)

Charles Carlson
Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
Metropolitan Council

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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February 10, 2023

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Application
Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Hennepin County has been notified that Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) is submitting an application for funding as part of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program through the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) to facilitate completion of TRPD's long-planned multimodal connections through the region. The Project, *Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility*, will fill critical links in the regional trail network, reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety, accessibility, and wayfinding improvements as summarized below:

- Shingle Creek Regional Trail Reconstruction located along Noble Parkway (CSAH 12) in Brooklyn Park
- Twin Lakes Regional Trail Reconstruction located across Brooklyn Boulevard (CSAH 152) in Brooklyn Center
- Bassett Creek Regional Trail Reconstruction located across Duluth Street (CSAH 66) in Crystal and Golden Valley
- CP Rail Regional Trail (Re)construction along Douglas Drive (CSAH 102) and across 42nd Avenue (CSAH 9), Medicine Lake Road (CSAH 70), and Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156) in Crystal, Golden Valley, and New Hope*
- CP Rail Regional Trail (Re)construction along East Bush Lake Road (CSAH 28) in Bloomington and Edina
- Medicine Lake and Eagle Lake Regional Trail Reconstruction in Plymouth
- Eagle Lake Regional Trail (Re)construction across Rockford Road (CSAH 9), Bass Lake Road (CSAH 10), and Hemlock Lane (CSAH 61) in Plymouth and Maple Grove

Hennepin County supports TRPD's funding application which will promote choices in transportation, connect key destinations, and address climate change. It should be noted that Hennepin County was awarded federal funds through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) at various intersections along Douglas Drive (CSAH 102) located within the limits of the project denoted with an asterisk (*) in the above list.

Hennepin County Transportation Project Delivery
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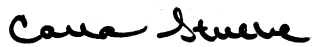
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At this time, Hennepin County has no funding programmed in its 2023-2027 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for this project. Therefore, county staff is unable to commit county cost participation in this project. However, we kindly ask that TRPD include county staff in the project development process to ensure project success.

Additionally, Hennepin County understands that other agencies will be the owner and operator of the multi-use facilities constructed or improved by this project, whereas, Hennepin County will continue to operate and maintain the roadway facilities currently under the county's jurisdiction. Hennepin County looks forward to working together to improve the accessibility, mobility, and safety of people walking and biking throughout the region.

Sincerely,



Carla Stueve, P.E.
Transportation Project Delivery Director and County Engineer

Cc: Jason Pieper, P.E. – Capital Program Manager

A Resolution supporting Three Rivers Park District efforts to apply for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant

Date: January 23, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Lee Newman Seconded by: Courtney Costigan

WHEREAS; The USDOT released the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in 2022 for local agencies to apply for federal grant funding to construct and/ or reconstruct Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities; and,

WHEREAS; Three Rivers Park District intends to submit an application for federal grant funding for construction and improvement of regional trails throughout Hennepin County; and,

WHEREAS; These projects would add 5.5 miles of new regional trail, reconstruct 9 miles of regional trail, add 2.4 miles of newly designated regional trail, improve 3 major highway grade separated crossings, improve safety at 6 at-grade rail road crossings and make ADA improvements to 100+ curb ramps; and,

WHEREAS; Physically separated biking, walking and rolling facilities provide greater safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the proposed application efforts and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports Three Rivers Park District in efforts to secure federal funds through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	vacant – District 6	-
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
vacant – District 4	-	Lee Newman – District 7	Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest: 
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

February 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity,
and Mobility**

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The residents of Maple Grove have long benefited from the collaborative partnership Three Rivers Park District and the City have sustained to provide area residents with essential public trail infrastructure. The Park District trail network is the spine from which the local trail system



feeds - together delivering a cohesive and valued public asset which adds to the livability of our community.

The Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board supports Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at blewis@maplegrovern.gov

Sincerely,

William L. Lewis, Chair
Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board



February 16, 2023

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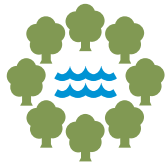
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Jonathan Weinhausen
President & CEO
Minneapolis Regional Chamber



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board owns and operates more than 102 miles of trails, many with connections to Three Rivers Park District's trails outside of Minneapolis. The additions and improvements noted, particularly those nearer to the northwest boundaries of the MPRB system, will greatly enhance non-vehicle commuting and recreation links for Minneapolis residents.

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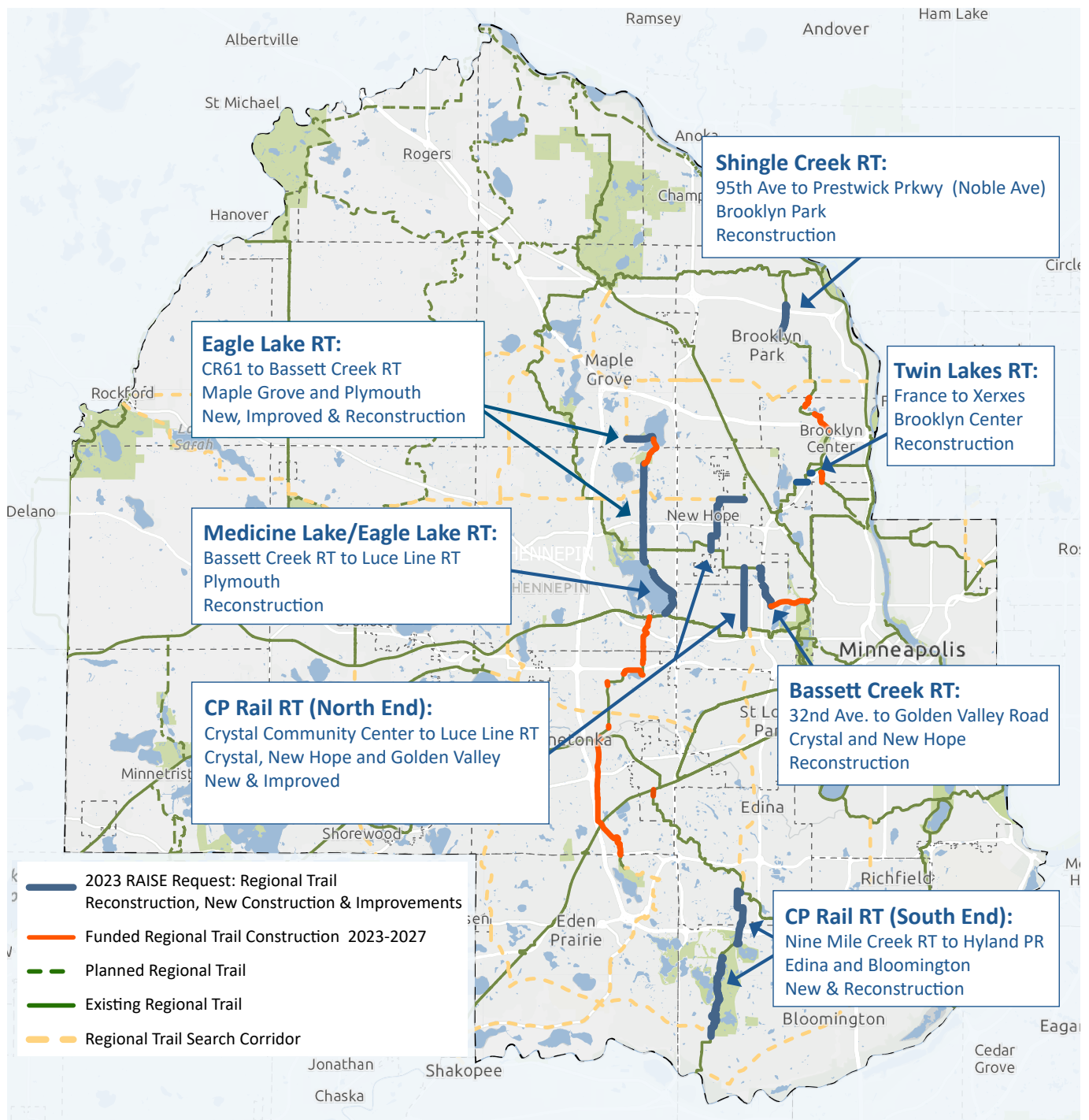


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I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Al Bangoura, Superintendent



Project Details

\$22+ Million of Active Transportation Investment, 7 Regional Trails, 9 Cities, 17+ Miles of Trails

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January 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program

Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:

Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity and Mobility

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity and Mobility**, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their usual life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will result in:

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The reconstruction of 3 miles of the CP Rail Regional Trail through portions Hyland Park Reserve in Bloomington and new trail construction/expansion north to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Edina will be a critical trail as it will cross I-494 at East Bush Lake Road making it easier and safer for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel from Bloomington to Edina.



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I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Madison

Melissa Madison

Executive Director

I-494 Corridor Commission



February 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to share my support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.

As I understand the project, the Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will result in:

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I am told that the project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

Accordingly, I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Doug Loon
President & CEO
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce



January 23, 2023

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Grant Program: Plymouth's Station 73 Transit and Regional Improvement Program (TRIP) (Plymouth, MN)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will result in: 5.5 miles of new regional trails, 9 miles of reconstructed regional trails, 2.4 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails, 3 improved major highway grade-separated crossings, 6 safe at-grade railroad crossings, and ADA improvements to over 100 curb ramps.

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As a transit agency serving a portion of the area Three Rivers Park District serves, we see this as a critical project for providing non-vehicular access to our transit system, thus expanding ridership and supporting people of all socio-economic classes. Projects like these also help supplement our transit service by providing the critical last mile connections for some of our transit users.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at clabounty@plymouthmn.gov or 763.509.5541.

Sincerely,

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Chris LaBounty, PE, ENV SP
CEO Plymouth Metrolink
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Plymouth, Minnesota



February 7, 2023

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, builds off and improves the existing regional trail system.

The regional trail system is an important amenity in our and to our school. The trails are vital to helping connect people to our school, parks and local businesses and providing opportunities for exercise and connecting to nature close to where people live, work and play – and they do so in a manner that is safe, comfortable, and desirable for a wide-range of users including those new to active transportation and those from our most vulnerable communities.

In partnership with Three Rivers, Beacon Academy Charter School hosted an open house event in 2022 for the future CP Rail Regional Trail through our community, which was well supported and attended. As an organization, we draw enrollment from Golden Valley, New Hope, and the Crystal communities. Our students play at Three Rivers Parks, and our families would utilize the trail weekly, as our concentration of students and their families surrounds the project. Personally, I utilize the Three Rivers' Off Leash Dog Parks that they maintain for the surrounding northwest suburban communities and have known their organization to be the utmost stewards of all of their recreational areas for a multitude of family activities.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at (763-546-9999 ext. 1107).

Sincerely,

Sean Koster

Executive Director



Robbinsdale Area Schools

David Engstrom, Superintendent

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January 23, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I support the Three Rivers Park District application for funding – Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility – through the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.

The project will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, and other road crossing enhancements.

The project aligns with USDOT's goals. It addresses critical safety concerns for those traveling along the Three Rivers active transportation network; expands equitable mobility and community connectivity; and addresses climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

These places of assembly include schools in our district, like Zachary Lane Elementary and Armstrong High School. Both schools are situated close to trails that are part of this project. New or reconstructed trails will make it that much easier for students at both schools (and others nearby) to ride their bikes to school for much of the year. This is better for student health – and the environment.

On behalf of Robbinsdale Area Schools, I support the Three Rivers Park District request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 763-504-8012.

Sincerely,

David Engstrom

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The regional trail system is an important amenity in our community. The trails are vital to helping connect people to work, school, parks, businesses, and the YMCA and providing opportunities for exercise and connecting to nature close to where people live, work and play – and they do so in a manner that is safe, comfortable and desirable for a wide-range of users including those new to active transportation and those from our most vulnerable communities.

In partnership with Three Rivers, the YMCA of the North, as a community service organization, supports good healthy outdoor activities. The proposed trail network will make it possible to safely access the YMCA through several different modes of transit, including creating safe walkable routes to access public transit. Kids will use these trail systems to safely access YMCA programs. It is apart of our mission to ensure ALL have safe access to the community-based programs offered by the YMCA

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at 651-210-3794.

Sincerely,

Amanda Novak (her/hers)
Vice President of Real Estate

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February 10, 2023

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In partnership with Three Rivers, the Hmong Women and Queer Outdoors group helped teach community members how to be fitted onto a bike, rules of trail etiquette, and introduction of the regional trail system. There is quite the excitement in creating spaces for Hmong women and the Hmong LGBTQIA+ in the outdoors, especially within the biking community. There is an emphasis in continuing activities with biking and the regional trail system throughout the area for more within the Hmong community to enjoy.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at HmongWomenQueerOutdoors@gmail.com or 763-248-3127.

Sincerely,

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Chia Xiong

Hmong Women + Queer Outdoors, Founder

February 10, 2023

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Latinos en Bici MN are a group of friends in Minnesota with a Latino influence in our lives in different ways, some in love with the Hispanic culture, some with Latino ancestry and some others born in different Latin-American countries. Our mission is to go out, learn about the place where we live and invite our community to be part of the place where we call Home.

Latinos en Bici MN, in partnership with Three Rivers, helps teach community members how to bike, navigate a wide array of active transportation facilities, and introduce them to the regional trail system – in doing so, we are helping to foster the next generation of active transportation users!

Latinos en Bici MN had the opportunity to work with Three River on BICIS Y BECAS, a fundraiser to benefit the Latino Scholarship Fund. This event gives our Latino community the opportunity to know and explore trails that Three Rivers offers—we were able to use their bikes and facilities. BICIS Y BECAS was a success, and we are excited to have more events with cultural diversity. Three Rivers makes sure that everyone feels welcome and part of the place.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Reyna Lopez

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Reyna.lpz13@gmail.com

Co-Captain, Latinos en Bici MN



February 6, 2023

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

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In partnership with Three Rivers, we connect Latino families to nature and outdoor activities in the Twin Cities Metro Area, including year-round engagement on bikes. We help people of all ages feel comfortable on bikes and learning to navigate across the regional trail system within the metro area. As with all of our programs, the biking programs are multigenerational, introducing participants of all ages to the regional trail system—and in doing so, we are helping to expand the community of active transportation users and fostering the next generation of active cyclists!

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at 612-353-1041 or ruben.garza@outdoorlatinominnesota.com.

Sincerely,

Ruben C Garza

Founder Outdoor Latino Minnesota



February 7, 2023

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Urban Ventures serves Latino families in our community. Through our partnership with Three Rivers, these families have been introduced for the first time to a wide variety of outdoor resources and opportunities in their own backyard! Three Rivers has opened the doors to the Latino community to access many of the beautiful things of Minnesota: biking, the regional trail system, a wide array of active-lifestyle opportunities, family camping, and outdoor winter activities like snowshoeing. Because of this, our families are more active, healthier, and are becoming the next generation of active transportation users! None of this would have been possible for our often under-resourced and overlooked community without Three Rivers Park District and their generous support.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, *Franklin R Briceno*

Franklin Briceno
Siempre Padres Program Director
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February 15, 2023

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In partnership with Three Rivers, we connect men and fathers from our SNAP-Ed programs, many of whom are new to the country, to nature and outdoor activities in the Twin Cities Metro Area. As part of our joint programming, we help participants feel more confident on a bike and begin to feel confident navigating along a trail system. This proposal supports and expands opportunities for physical activities families can do together in a safe environment.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and see how this investment will support the health of the communities we work with. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can provide additional information or be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Patricia Olson, PhD
Associate Dean University of Minnesota
Extension Center for Family Development
pdolson@umn.edu

February 14, 2023

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BI WORLDWIDE has almost 750 people working on our five-building Edina campus which is located directly adjacent to this proposed trail expansion. Our associates would appreciate the many benefits this trail brings to our work neighborhood. The Park District's regional trail will better connect our people to local businesses and provide an outstanding option for those who choose to use it for their primary transportation to work.

BIW supports the Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and looks forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at 952-844-4478.

Sincerely,

Karen Wantock

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Property Manager

BI WORLDWIDE

February 17, 2023

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The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) is a statewide education and advocacy non-profit organization that works to make Minnesota a place where every person everywhere can easily walk, bike, and roll as ways to move in daily life. We believe everyone should have access to active mobility that puts human life and health first. We support a comprehensive 6E's approach (Education, Engineering, Encouragement, Engagement, Evaluation, and Equity) to active transportation. This project seeks to enhance the aspect of Engineering or the built environment in the specific ways described above..

BikeMN supports Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and looks forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 651-387-2445 or dorian@bikemn.org.

Sincerely,



Dorian Grilley
Executive Director



February 12, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Three Rivers' regional trail network is super popular and is an important amenity in our community, connecting people to work, school, parks and businesses, and providing opportunities for exercise and connection to nature. The RAISE grant funding will facilitate the completion of this very cool community feature.

The project aligns with many of your USDOT's goals including making communities and transportation routes safer, improving accessibility and mobility, expanding equitable community connectivity, and reducing impacts of climate change by providing infrastructure for active transportation and recreation.

I own a bike-related business that has partnered with Three Rivers on events and races. We are grateful for the regional trail network in our community – the presence of safe, connected and designated facilities for people biking, walking and running that are separated from motor vehicles has had a positive economic impact on all the cycling and walking folks in the area.

Movement, health, and a safe place to exercise are what trail systems provide. The Three Rivers Park trails not only make it fun to travel from destination to destination, but it's safe! They maintain the trails well, and all walks of life use them. And they are beautiful! I know because my customers and I use these trails daily to commute to work, push joggers, walk dogs etc. We LOVE the trails and they support your initiatives.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at gearwest@gearwest.com or 763-458-5834.

Sincerely,

Jan Guenther

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HOPKINS BIKE CLUB

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January 11, 2023

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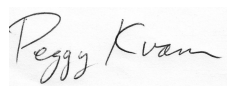
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Our group, the Hopkins Bike Club, serves senior citizens in the small city of Hopkins, MN. Our group teaches men and women over 60 years of age how to bike safely, navigate a wide array of active transportation facilities (including the highly anticipated Light Rail Green Line Extension - with a Bike & Ride event), and introduces them to the regional trail system. Being in the heart of Hennepin County and Three Rivers Parks' regional trail network, our town enjoys connections to five amazing regional trails. Because the trails mainly follow abandoned rail corridors traveling east to downtown Minneapolis, they do not connect to each other, nor meet needs to travel north/south. The 2023 RAISE Grant Request fills in key missing links between our regional trails with north/south routes, efficiently and effectively fixing both problems.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at ppkvam@gmail.com or 612-414-6154.

Sincerely,



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At The Hub Bicycle Co-op, our mission is “all types of bikes for all types of people.” We are excited to help people explore their motivation to ride and provide the gear, information, and resources needed to safely ride and experience the community by bike. Clients regularly look to our staff for advice on where to ride and how to navigate through the Twin Cities Metro Area on bicycle—in that way, we are actively introducing folks to the regional trail system and helping to foster the next generation of active transportation users!

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at cristina.m@thehubbikecoop.org

Sincerely,

Cristina Montoya

Worker-Owner

Marketing Coordinator- Outreach, Donations and Events

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TWIN CITIES BICYCLING CLUB

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In partnership with Three Rivers, we help teach community members how to bike safely, offer group bike ride opportunities, and introduce them to the regional trail system – in doing so, we are helping to foster the next generation of active transportation users! We organize many group bike rides that utilize the Three Rivers regional bike trail system that provides both recreational and bike transportation opportunities. Many of these trails connect to underserved/underrepresented communities in the Minneapolis – St. Paul metro area. The Twin Cities Bicycling Club is the largest bike club in the Twin Cities metro area with over 1100 members. Our club strongly supports the Three Rivers' regional trail building efforts.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at dick_stardig@hotmail.com or 612-209-3355.

Sincerely,

Richard Stardig

President

Twin Cities Bicycling Club

February 15th, 2023

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In partnership with Three Rivers, The Loppet Foundation has helped usher in the cross country ski season each year by participating and offering skate ski lessons at the Nordic Opener. With sights on this upcoming year, we look forward to partnering with Three Rivers further on events that help introduce diverse groups of people to the outdoors and the healing that can be found in nature.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at: hoover@loppet.org.

Sincerely,

Amber Hoover

Community Engagement Manager

The Loppet Foundation



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The project aligns with many of the USDOT's goals including making communities and transportation routes safer, improving accessibility and mobility, expanding equitable community connectivity, and reducing impacts of climate change by providing infrastructure for active transportation and recreation.

For the past 20+ years, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH®) and the Park District have partnered in implementing recreational infrastructure improvements through planning, design and construction. SEH is an 800-plus employee-owned engineering, architectural, environmental and planning company whose core purpose is Building a Better World for All of Us®. We live this purpose every day by serving our clients. Our work with Three Rivers Park District exemplifies living that purpose. Three Rivers regional trail networks allow our community to get out from behind the screens, breathe fresh air and recreate!

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Regional Trail Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at tmuse@sehinc.com.

Sincerely,

Toby Muse, PE (MN)
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February 2, 2023

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In partnership with Three Rivers, we provide free opportunities for low-income and at-risk kids to access nature and outdoor activities in the Twin Cities Metro Area. As part of our partnership, Three Rivers facilitates group bike rides, which allows our network of participants to learn some basic bike safety, how to safely ride on a trail, and ultimately get introduced to the regional trail system. The biking programs are multigenerational, introducing participants of all ages to the regional trail system—and in doing so, we are helping to expand the community of active transportation users and fostering the next generation of active cyclists!

In 2022 we partnered to send two groups from local youth shelters on guided bike rides on the Three Rivers Park trails. These youth reported that they not only enjoyed the activity, but they felt a newfound sense of independence while having access to this activity. In 2023 we plan to provide this opportunity for additional youth that need the opportunity the most in order to feel welcomed, included, and part of a community that is for all of us.

Our park systems are for everyone, and Three Rivers Parks District does an exemplary job at ensuring accessible, welcoming, and inclusive activities.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal

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your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at Susan@ticketsforkids.org or by calling 612-695-8018

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Murray", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Susan Murray

Regional Director, Minnesota

Tickets for Kids Charities



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I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd G. Hartman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd G. Hartman
Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer
Best Buy Co., Inc.



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Bolton & Menk has had the opportunity to work with Three Rivers as a partner in planning, designing and constructing portions of the regional trail network within the communities adjacent to and surrounding Minneapolis. We have seen firsthand the positive impact the regional trail network has on these communities in respect to providing safe places for people to walk and bike for recreation and transportation purposes.

We support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our greater community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at Kevin.Kielb@Bolton-Menk.com or (651) 968-7760.

Sincerely,

BOLTON & MENK, INC.

Kevin P. Kielb, P.E.
Principal Engineer



February 10, 2023

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We have had the opportunity to work with Three Rivers as a partner in planning, designing and constructing the regional trail network within the communities adjacent to and surrounding Minneapolis and have seen firsthand the positive impact it has on our communities in respect to providing safe places for people to walk and bike for recreation and transportation purposes. We are proud to be a partner to Three Rivers and its efforts to further improve and expand this system so its benefits can continued to be appreciated - especially by those with limited access.

The projects TKDA has had the privilege to collaborate with Three Rivers Park District staff on range from regional trail design and bridge evaluations, to shoreline restoration, and ski jump inspections. As Client Service Manager, I have been impressed with Three River's organizational commitment to providing quality facilities and programs. I have also witnessed their commitment to better serve and help evolve underrepresented community groups, as evidenced in their 2040 System Plan.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our greater community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at mark.daubenberger@tkda.com or 651.292.4611.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Daubenberger
Senior Registered Engineer - TKDA

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February 15, 2023

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, provides critical multimodal transportation options in our community, connecting people to work, school, parks and businesses, and providing opportunities for exercise and connecting with nature. The RAISE grant funding will facilitate the completion of this vital community active transportation network that provides sustainable and safe infrastructure for people of all ages and abilities.

The project aligns with many of the USDOT's goals including making communities and transportation routes safer, improving accessibility and mobility, expanding equitable community connectivity, and reducing impacts of climate change by providing infrastructure for active transportation and recreation.

We have had the opportunity to work with Three Rivers as a partner in planning and designing the regional trail network within suburban Hennepin County and have seen firsthand the positive impact it has on our communities in respect to providing safe places for people to walk and bike for transportation and recreation purposes. The regional trail network serves as backbone of the active transportation system which spans over 170 miles and makes critical connections between where people live, work and play and between our region's most rural and urbanized communities. We are proud to be a partner to Three Rivers and its efforts to further improve and expand this system so its benefits can continue to be appreciated - especially by those living and working in underserved and under resourced communities.

For the past decade, Three Rivers has focused on planning, designing and constructing their "First Tier Trails." These trails provide safe multimodal transportation options in underserved and under resourced communities in first and second ring suburbs of Minneapolis. These multimodal transportation trails fill critical gaps in the regional trails system that help underserved communities connect to jobs, services, schools and nature. These gaps are some of the most difficult to plan and construct given limited rights of way, disconnected street networks, and overcoming major physical barriers posed by freeways, rail lines and watercourses.

I have helped Three Rivers plan these First Tier Trails over the past 16 years. Three Rivers goes above and beyond the typical planning process to ensure that they maximize participation of underserved communities in the planning

process as well as take extra steps to minimize the potential negative effects of retrofitting trails in fully developed areas. Having worked alongside Three Rivers staff to plan four of the regional trails included in this grant request, we have firsthand knowledge of the extra effort Three Rivers takes in planning these trails in complex suburban environments.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our greater community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at cschlichting@tooledesign.com or 612-584-4094x501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ciara Schlichting". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ciara" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Schlichting".

Ciara Schlichting, AICP | Director of Operations, Midwestern U.S. | Owner

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February 14, 2023

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, builds off and improves the existing regional trail system.

The regional trail system is an important amenity to our customers and employees that bike and walk to our Brewery. Wooden Hill Brewing Company is located directly adjacent to this proposed trail expansion and would benefit greatly from this addition to our community. We encourage our patrons and our employees to live healthy and active lifestyles. The Park District's regional trail system is vital to helping connect people to local businesses and providing transportation options close to where people live and work.

My brother and I founded Wooden Hill Brewing Company five years ago with a mission to share joy with our community through craft beer and food. We were overwhelmed by the support of the neighborhood and greater area, who as a collective have made our taproom the communal gathering place that we always envisioned. The proposed trail expansion strengthens that sense of community and will keep our vision alive well into the future.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for RAISE funding and look forward to fully utilizing this infrastructure investment within our community. Please give this 2023 RAISE grant proposal your full consideration. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I can be reached at (651) 230-6783.

Sincerely,

James Ewen

Co-Owner & Head Brewer

Wooden Hill Brewing Company



February 24, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program
**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, **Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project will result in:

- 5.5 miles of new regional trails
- 9 miles of reconstructed regional trails
- 2.4 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails
- 3 improved major highway grade-separated crossings
- 6 safe at-grade railroad crossings
- ADA improvements to over 100 curb ramps

The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lee Anderson
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General Mills
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February 28, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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**Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network:
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- 5.5 miles of new regional trails
- 9 miles of reconstructed regional trails
- 2.4 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails
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The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Active Transportation Network project and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We believe in our community and making it better where we live and work. Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary Kay", written in a cursive style.

Gary Kay
Director, Government Relations
Cargill, Inc.