



**395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55155**

April 1, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity application for Three Rivers Park District regional trail improvements project in Hennepin County. This project is a locally led project. The project will construct 7 miles of new regional trail, reconstruct 8 miles of existing (mostly end-of-life sidewalk/trail facilities) to meet regional trail standards, and construct one new grade-separated crossing. These improvements will facilitate completion of the park district's long-planned multimodal connections in the region by providing critical links in the regional trail network, reconstructing trail sections that are beyond their useful life, incorporating ADA improvements and ensuring safer crossings of major barriers.

Currently the total project cost estimate is \$27.8 million. Three Rivers Park District has identified \$5.6 million for this project. MnDOT currently does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or funding identified in MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP). It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction in 2026.

MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with Three Rivers Park District as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Interim Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

CC Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning, Three Rivers Park District
Michael Barnes, MnDOT District Engineer

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
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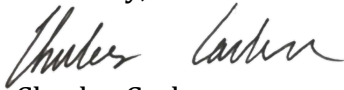
Secretary Buttigieg:

As the region's metropolitan planning organization, the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities region is pleased to support the Three Rivers Park District's regional trail network project for consideration under the US Department of Transportation (DOT) RAISE grant program. The project will construct approximately seven miles of new regional trail, reconstruct eight miles of existing trail to meet regional trail standards and state of good repair, and construct one new grade-separated crossing. These improvements will facilitate completion of the park district's long-planned multimodal connections in the region by providing critical links in the regional trail network, reconstructing trail sections that are beyond their useful life, incorporating Americans with Disabilities Act compliant improvements, and ensuring safer crossings of major barriers.

This project extends through nine cities and connect eight different regional trails. These trail improvements will be closely coordinated with various jurisdictions to ensure consistency across the trail network in this part of the region and the highest level of safety for all users. This project meets many of the goals of RAISE, including multimodal mobility, safety, sustainability, state of good repair, quality of life, and partnership.

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 park district's RAISE grant application, and we look forward to working with the park district and all other project partners.

Sincerely,



Charles Carlson
Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
Metropolitan Council

HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA

March 25, 2022

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 Park District's Regional Trail Network
Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility

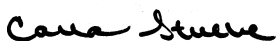
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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' Regional Trail Network: Connecting 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 safety, accessibility, and wayfinding improvements.

Hennepin County supports TRPD's funding application which will promote choices in transportation, connect key destinations, and address climate change. At this time, Hennepin County has no funding programmed in its 2022-2026 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

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HENNEPIN COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH

March 30, 2022

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

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. Three Rivers' regional trail network is an important amenity in our community, connecting people to work, school, parks and businesses, and providing opportunities for exercise and connecting with nature.

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.

Over the past several years, Hennepin County Public Health has been fortunate to partner with the Three Rivers Park District to connect racially and ethnically diverse community members to nature. We have worked together to help people learn new outdoor recreation skills, while decreasing participation barriers. Our aim is to decrease health disparities by increasing access to physical activity facilities, like biking and walking trails. Through our partnership over 300 people of color have been introduced to the Three Rivers' trail system.

Our department supports Three Rivers Park District's request for funding of the Regional Trail Network project and look forward to this infrastructure investment in our community. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan Palchick, Ph.D., MPH
Director, Hennepin County Public Health
525 Portland Ave S. MC 963
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Office: 612-348-3045
Susan.Palchick@hennepin.us



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

Date: March 21, 2022

Motion: Moved by: Lou Miranda Seconded by: Gilbert Odonkor

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 7 miles of new regional trail, reconstruct 10 miles of regional trail, one new grade-separated crossing of CSAH 103; 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.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Hokan – District 4	Absent
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	Bob Byers – District 6	Absent
Dave Carlson – District 3	Absent	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Jay Eidsness – District 4	Aye	Lee Newman – District 7	Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:  _____
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator





March 28, 2022

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
Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network:
Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in 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 RAISE funding will facilitate completion of Three Rivers Park District's long-planned multimodal connections in the region. The Project, Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting 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 such as 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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This work and critical investment will result in a more cohesive network of active transportation multimodal alternatives which support a wide range of community needs.

The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' regional trail system, 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 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 the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 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 (952)563-4870 or jlong@BloomingtonMN.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie M. Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being the most prominent.

Julie Long, PE
City Engineer
City of Bloomington, Minnesota



April 8, 2022

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The Shingle Creek Regional Trail component of the proposed project is very important to the residents of Brooklyn Center, as it serves as the primary north/south trail route through our city.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Cordell Wiseman
Recreation Director | City of Brooklyn Center
cwiseman@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us

March 28, 2022



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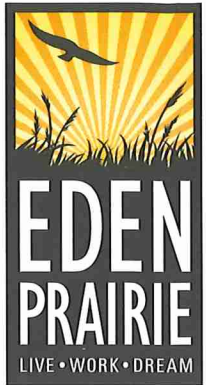
Sincerely,

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Brad Tullberg, Recreation and Parks Director
City of Brooklyn Park

March 22, 2022

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



RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Grant Program
Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

8080 Mitchell Rd
Eden Prairie, MN
55344-4485

I am writing in support of the Three Rivers Park District's (TRPD) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The RAISE grant will facilitate completion of long-planned multimodal connections in our region and City. The Project, **Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility**, will complete critical links in the regional trail network, reconstruct old trail sections and make other important safety and useability improvements such as 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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This investment will create a more cohesive network of active transportation multimodal alternatives which support a wide range of community needs. The project aligns with USDOT's goals of addressing critical safety concerns, 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.

For the City of Eden Prairie, this project will complete a key trail connection from Bryant Lake Regional Park north to the existing TRPD regional trail system. It will provide our residents an important link to the vast network of regional trails provided and maintained by Three Rivers Parks District.

The City of Eden Prairie supports Three Rivers Park District's grant request for this important trail connectivity project. Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Getschow

City Manager - City of Eden Prairie



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Filling critical links in the regional trail system will enhance the livability and quality of life in the City by improving mobility and connectivity to the local and regional trail system as well as public transit and local employment centers.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 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 952.826.0401.

Sincerely,

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Scott H. Neal
City Manager

CITY OF EDINA

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7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

March 28, 2022

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Further, this project builds off the City and the Park District's successful history of planning, designing, constructing, and operating the regional trail system within the City. In fact, the Bassett Creek Regional Trail is recognized in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and was supported by resolution with the adoption of the master plan in October 2011.

The reconstruction and expansion of the regional trail will enhance the livability and quality of life in Golden Valley by improving mobility and connectivity to and between the local and regional trail systems, as well as public transit, neighborhoods, job centers, and local retail centers.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 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 763-593-8034 or joliver@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Oliver, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Golden Valley



City of Hopkins

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March 23, 2022

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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Sincerely,

Mike Mornson
City Manager
City of Hopkins



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March 24, 2022

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
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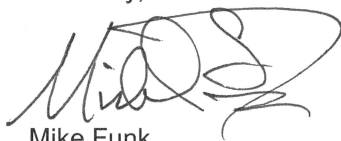
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The multiuse regional trails are highly important to residents in Minnetonka. Expanding the trail network in the area and improving safety along the project corridors will strengthen our community and improve the quality of life for residents in the area.

The City of Minnetonka supports Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 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 mfunk@minnetonkamn.gov or (952) 939-8216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Funk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Funk
Acting City Manager
City of Minnetonka

Minnetonka...where quality is our nature



March 9, 2022

Mr. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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In the City of Plymouth alone, this project will construct or reconstruct over 5-miles of trails and improve connectivity to regional parks and the Three Rivers Park District trail system which our residents frequent. This work and critical investment will result in a more cohesive network of active transportation multimodal alternatives which support a wide range of community needs in an equitable way. People flock to the City of Plymouth for our local park system and natural resources, and the improvements proposed with this project support City goals and will improve the quality of life for our residents.

I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility project and hope that you give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Callister'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Dave Callister
Plymouth City Manager





March 28, 2022

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- One new grade-separated crossing of CSAH 103.

This investment is critical and will result in a more cohesive network of active transportation multimodal alternatives which support a wide range of community needs including access to Plymouth MetroLink Transit Facilities.

We're excited about the opportunity for these funds to be used to improve the condition of existing trails and construct new trails to support ridership in transit here in Plymouth. The Station 73 transit facility is the busiest within our transit network and currently serves as a connection point for 60% of scheduled bus routes in the City. I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and request you give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris LaBounty'.

Chris LaBounty, PE, ENV SP
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March 28, 2022

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

Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network:

Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in 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 RAISE funding will facilitate completion of Three Rivers Park District's long-planned multimodal connections in the region. The Project, **Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting 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 such as striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps as well as other road crossing enhancements. The Project will result in:

- 7 miles of new regional trail,
- 8 miles of reconstructed regional trail,
- 8 miles of improvements to newly designated regional trails, and
- One new grade-separated crossing of CSAH 103.

This work and critical investment will result in a more cohesive network of active transportation multimodal alternatives which support a wide range of community needs.

The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' regional trail system, 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.

Three Rivers Park District and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are two of the 10 agencies responsible for implementing the regional park trail network in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area. Additionally, Three Rivers Park District is our direction neighbor to the west of the Minneapolis park and recreation system. As such, many of our trails connect to expand mobility across the western metro. We appreciate the partnership and look forward to future collaborations.

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I support Three Rivers Park District's request for the funding of the Three Rivers' Regional Trail Network: Connecting Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility and look forward to the infrastructure investment in our region through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please give this 2022 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 jringold@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-230-6464.

Sincerely,

Jennifer B. Ringold
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Ms. Kelly Grissman
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Dear Ms. Grissman:

On behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), I am writing in support of Three Rivers Park District's federal transportation funding request for the construction of the CP Rail Regional Trail: Bloomington/Edina. This project will provide the public with access across I-494 at East Bush Lake Road as well as a connection from the trail system in the Minnesota River valley to Bloomington, Edina and the greater regional trail system in Hennepin County.

This trail corridor will provide for greater access and connection to the trail system in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Additionally, the project will help develop a connected network of state and federal bicycle routes in partnership with national, state, regional, and local partners.

The staff at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Three Rivers Park District have a long-standing history of collaboration, especially in respect to designing and planning trails in the Minnesota River valley. Supporting non-motorized transportation systems that provide the public with access to our Wildlife Refuges is part of the Service's mission of working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance, fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The Service looks forward to working with Three Rivers Park District on the implementation of this project and fully supports this funding effort.

Sincerely,

Suzanne C. Baird
Regional Chief
National Wildlife Refuge System