



February 6, 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 usability 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.

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 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](mailto:msteffenson@maplegrovern.gov)

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Steffenson  
City of Maple Grove