

June 28, 2011

Mr. Donald J. DeVeau
Director of Planning and Development
Three Rivers Park District
3000 Xenium Lane North
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**RE: Letter of Support for 2011 Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for
Federal Transportation Funding - Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment**

Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to express support for the Three Rivers Park District in their Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant application to implement a trail between Tracy Avenue and the Edina Promenade in the City of Edina. It is our understanding that this project would construct a segment of trail approximately 3.75 miles long that utilizes parkland along the Nine Mile Creek Corridor and road right of way.

The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail project will connect schools, neighborhoods and mixed-use businesses and will be a valuable asset to the regional trail system. This trail segment will provide an important route affording both recreational and non-motorized transportation opportunities through an area currently underserved by regional trails.

The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail project is consistent with the goals and intentions of Hennepin County's Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee is looking forward to working with the Three Rivers Park District to develop the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.

The Hennepin County Bicycle Committee reviewed this trail project at their meeting on June 20, 2011 and would like to express their support for this project.

Sincerely,

Dave Carlson, Chair
Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee
763-745-5106

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Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to express support for the Three Rivers Park District in their Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant application to implement a trail between TH 169 and Tracy Avenue in the City of Edina. It is our understanding that this project would construct a segment of trail approximately 3 miles long that utilizes parkland along the Nine Mile Creek Corridor and road right of way.

The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail project will connect schools, neighborhoods and mixed-use businesses and will be a valuable asset to the regional trail system. This trail segment will provide an important route affording both recreational and non-motorized transportation opportunities through an area currently underserved by regional trails.

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RE: Letter of Support for Bassett Creek Regional Trail
SAFETEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) Application

Dear Mr. DeVeau:

The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Three Rivers Park District (Park District) 2011 SAFETEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program application for the following project:

Bassett Creek Regional Trail: Boone Avenue | TH 100

The proposed project is the construction of a 2.8 mile, off-road, bicycle and pedestrian regional trail segment between Boone Avenue in the City of New Hope and Trunk Highway (TH) 100 in the City of Crystal. Completing this trail gap will complement adjacent trail segments currently constructed.

The entire seven mile Bassett Creek Regional Trail corridor connects the Minneapolis Grand Rounds (Theodore Wirth Regional Park) to French Regional Park through the communities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Crystal, New Hope and Plymouth.

The project is consistent with the Hennepin County Bicycle Transportation Plan, as it provides an east-west connection between French and Theodore Wirth Regional Parks and will close a segment of Gap57A shown in the Hennepin County Bicycle System Gap Study. The Bassett Creek Regional Trail will also provide transportation and recreational connections to the Minneapolis Grand Rounds and the broader regional park and trail network, and access to vital employment and retail centers for a number of communities along the trail that are currently underserved by regional trail facilities.

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