

***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