



June 23, 2026

Elaine Koutsoukos, Transportation Coordinator  
Transportation Advisory Board  
Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street North

RE: 2026 Regional Solicitation Application for West St. Paul Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalk Gaps Improvements

Dear Ms. Koutsoukos:

Dakota County is pleased to offer our support for the City of West St. Paul's application for Regional Solicitation funding in the Active Transportation category for the Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalk Gaps Improvements project in West St. Paul.

By providing bicycle and pedestrian connections from Christensen Avenue to CSAH 73, this project will ensure safe access routes for residents in the project area to transit stops along CSAH 73, as well as several community destinations including three parks and several grocery stores. Due to the high residential density of the project area and lack of current facilities, this area has been identified in City plans as a key priority for expanding bicycle and pedestrian networks. The lack of facilities along Christensen Ave, Marie Ave, and Westview Drive is felt by Dakota County residents daily as they go to their cars or use other modes to move around. The proposed project addresses this need by filling in gaps in the existing network and creating a safe way for our community to connect to the rest of the City.

On behalf of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, I offer our full support for this important project, which will allow West St. Paul to become even more safe, vibrant, and economically viable for years to come.

Sincerely,

Laurie Halverson, Chair  
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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