

Application 01971 - 2014 Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities 02288 - France Avenue Trail Regional Solicitation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Status: Submitted Submitted Date: 11/25/2014 3:58 PM **Primary Contact** Marohn Amy Name:* Salutation First Name Middle Name Last Name Title: Civil Engineer **Department:** PW - Engineering Email: amarohn@bloomingtonmn.gov Address: 1700 W 98th St Bloomington 55431 Minnesota City State/Province Postal Code/Zip 952-563-4532 Phone:* Phone Ext. Fax: 952-563-4868 What Grant Programs are you most interested in? Regional Solicitation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Organization Information

Name: BLOOMINGTON, CITY OF

Jurisdictional Agency (if different):

Organization Type:	City
Organization Website:	

Address: 1700 W 98TH STREET

BLOOMINGTON Minnesota 55431

City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

County: Hennepin

Phone:* 952-563-8700

Ext.

Fax:

PeopleSoft Vendor Number 0000026809A5

Project Information

Project Name France Avenue Trail

Primary County where the Project is Located Hennepin

Jurisdictional Agency (If Different than the Applicant):

Brief Project Description (Limit 2,800 characters; approximately 400 words)

The France Avenue project in Bloomington will reconstruct existing trails that are beyond their useful life and construct new trails to fill in the physical gaps in the network and widen trails are substandard. The result will be a new multiuse trail with improved crossings parallel to France on the west side of the roadway, and a bridge or boardwalk to cross Nine Mile Creek. As a Tier I Priority RBTN corridor and critical north-south link. it will catalyze bicycle travel throughout the city. The 3.2-mile project corridor extends from American Boulevard to Old Shakopee Road. It traverses areas of distinct character, including an employment hub along the I-494 corridor, a regional educational destination at Normandale College, and Valley West Shopping Center at Old Shakopee Road. While this makes France an excellent multimodal thoroughfare, the existing corridor is burdened with issues related to the condition, safety, and design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the west side of France are a patchwork of sidewalks, narrow trails, and paved shoulders. The varied conditions require weaving, have inconsistent protection, and have little space between bicyclists and pedestrians. The project will establish a consistent width of 10 feet throughout the corridor, and separation between the trail and roadway enhancing safety. Reconstruction will improve the pavement condition of the existing trail which is cracked, overgrown with plants, and beyond its useful life. The project will also connect to a future trail in a railroad corridor parallel to Old Shakopee Road, and enhanced pedestrian facilities along American Boulevard. Bicycle lanes on 90th Street also provide an east-west connection. The trail improvement will promote active living in Bloomington in a variety of ways. France Avenue

travels in close proximity to parks and recreational

facilities. Marsh Lake Park along Nine Mile Creek and Lake Girard Park are local parks on the corridor, and there are soccer facilities at Marsh Lake Playing Fields located at 94th Street. Additionally, the France trail will efficiently connect people with housing, education, and employment opportunities. Several schools - Jefferson High School, Olson Elementary/Middle School, and Westwood Elementary School and Normandale College will have direct access to the trail, and four other elementary schools are within one mile of the project. The project is also within a one mile bicycle connection of Northwestern Chiropractic College. Old Shakopee Road also has senior housing developments including 77 independent senior living units currently under construction at the southern end of the project. The northern extent of the project serves employment centers on the I-494 corridor.

Include location, road name/functional class, type of improvement, etc.

Project Length (Miles)

3.2

Connection to Local Planning:

Reference the name of the appropriate comprehensive plan, regional/statewide plan, capital improvement program, corridor study document [studies on trunk highway must be approved by MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council], or other official plan or program of the applicant agency [includes Safe Routes to School Plans] that the project is included in and/or a transportation problem/need that the project addresses. List the applicable documents and pages.

Connection to Local Planning

City of Bloomington Alternative Transportation Plan, 2008, p. 3-20;

Project Funding

Are you applying for funds from another source(s) to implement this project?

No

If yes, please identify the source(s)

Federal Amount \$2,704,614.00

Match Amount \$676,154.00

Minimum of 20% of project total

Project Total \$3,380,768.00

Match Percentage 20.0%

Minimum of 20%

Compute the match percentage by dividing the match amount by the project total

Source of Match Funds City of Bloomington CIP

Preferred Program Year

Select one: 2019

Project Information

County, City, or Lead Agency City of Bloomington

Zip Code where Majority of Work is Being Performed 55431

(Approximate) Begin Construction Date 03/04/2019

(Approximate) End Construction Date 11/29/2019

LOCATION

From: 8200 France Avenue S (CSAH 17)

Do not include legal description;

Include name of roadway if majority of facility runs adjacent to a single corridor.

To:

(Intersection or Address) 10700 France Avenue S (CSAH 17)

Type of Work Bike Path, Retaining Wall, Boardwalk

Examples: grading, aggregate base, bituminous base, bituminous surface, sidewalk, signals, lighting, guardrail, bicycle path, ped ramps, bridge, Park & Ride, etc.)

BRIDGE/CULVERT PROJECTS

(If Applicable)

Old Bridge/Culvert?

New Bridge/Culvert?

Structure is Over/Under (Bridge or culvert name):

Specific Roadway Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Mobilization (approx. 5% of total cost)	\$0.00
Removals (approx. 5% of total cost)	\$0.00
Roadway (grading, borrow, etc.)	\$0.00
Roadway (aggregates and paving)	\$0.00
Subgrade Correction (muck)	\$0.00
Storm Sewer	\$0.00
Ponds	\$0.00

Concrete Items (curb & gutter, sidewalks, median barriers)	\$0.00
Traffic Control	\$0.00
Striping	\$0.00
Signing	\$0.00
Lighting	\$0.00
Turf - Erosion & Landscaping	\$0.00
Bridge	\$0.00
Retaining Walls	\$0.00
Noise Wall	\$0.00
Traffic Signals	\$0.00
Wetland Mitigation	\$0.00
Other Natural and Cultural Resource Protection	\$0.00
RR Crossing	\$0.00
Roadway Contingencies	\$0.00
Other Roadway Elements	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00

Specific Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Path/Trail Construction	\$2,820,768.00
Sidewalk Construction	\$0.00
On-Street Bicycle Facility Construction	\$0.00
Right-of-Way	\$560,000.00
Pedestrian Curb Ramps (ADA)	\$0.00
Crossing Aids (e.g., Audible Pedestrian Signals, HAWK)	\$0.00
Pedestrian-scale Lighting	\$0.00
Streetscaping	\$0.00
Wayfinding	\$0.00
Bicycle and Pedestrian Contingencies	\$0.00
Other Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements	\$0.00
Totals	\$3,380,768.00

Specific Transit and TDM Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Fixed Guideway Elements	\$0.00
Stations, Stops, and Terminals	\$0.00
Support Facilities	\$0.00
Transit Systems (e.g. communications, signals, controls, fare collection, etc.)	\$0.00
Vehicles	\$0.00
Transit and TDM Contingencies	\$0.00
Other Transit and TDM Elements	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00

Transit Operating Costs

OPERATING COSTS	Cost
Transit Operating Costs	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00

Totals

Total Cost \$3,380,768.00

Construction Cost Total \$3,380,768.00

Transit Operating Cost Total \$0.00

Requirements - All Projects

All Projects

1. The project must be consistent with the goals and policies in these adopted regional plans: Thrive MSP 2040 (2014), the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (amended 2013), and the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan (2005).

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

2. Applicants that are not cities or counties in the seven-county metro area with populations over 5,000 must contact the MnDOT Metro State Aid Office prior to submitting their application to determine if a public agency sponsor is required.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

3.Applicants must not submit an application for the same project in more than one funding sub-category.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

4. The requested funding amount must be more than or equal to the minimum award and less than or equal to the maximum award. The cost of preparing a project for funding authorization can be substantial. For that reason, minimum federal amounts apply. Other federal funds may be combined with the requested funds for projects exceeding the maximum award, but the source(s) must be identified in the application. Multiuse trails & bicycle facilities must be between \$125,000 and \$5,500,000. Pedestrian facilities and Safe Routes to School must be between \$125,000 and \$1,000,000.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

5. The project must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

6. The project must be accessible and open to the general public.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

7.The owner/operator of the facility must operate and maintain the project for the useful life of the improvement.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

8. The project must represent a permanent improvement with independent utility. The term independent utility means the project provides benefits described in the application by itself and does not depend on any construction elements of the project being funded from other sources outside the regional solicitation, excluding the required non-federal match. Projects that include traffic management or transit operating funds as part of a construction project are exempt from this policy.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

9. The project must not be a temporary construction project. A temporary construction project is defined as work that must be replaced within five years and is ineligible for funding. The project must also not be staged construction where the project will be replaced as part of future stages. Staged construction is eligible for funding as long as future stages build on, rather than replace, previous work.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

10. The project applicant must send written notification regarding the proposed projected to all affected communities and other levels and units of government prior to submitting the application.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

Requirements - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects

1.All projects must relate to surface transportation. As an example, for multiuse trail and bicycle facilities, surface transportation is defined as primarily serving a commuting purpose and/or that connect two destination points. A facility may serve both a transportation purpose and a recreational purpose; a facility that connects people to recreational destinations may be considered to have a transportation purpose.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

2. The project must exclude costs for study completion, preliminary engineering, design, construction engineering, or other similar costs (eligible costs include construction and materials, right-of-way, and land acquisition).

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

3. The project must exclude work which is required as a condition of obtaining a permit or concurrence for a different transportation project.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

4. Seventy percent of the project cost must fall under one of the following eligible activities:

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

For Safe Routes to School Projects Only

5.All projects must be located within a two-mile radius of the associated primary, middle, or high school site.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement.

6.All schools benefiting from the SRTS program must conduct after-implementation surveys. These include the student tally form and the parent survey available on the National Center for SRTS website. The school(s) must submit the after-evaluation data to the National Center for SRTS within a year of the project completion date. Additional guidance regarding evaluation can be found at the MnDOT SRTS website.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement.

7. The applicant must have a Safe Routes to School plan or planning process established to be eligible for funding. MnDOT staff will notify Metropolitan Council staff of all agencies eligible for funding. If an applicant has a new Safe Routes to School plan and has not previously notified MnDOT Safe Routes to School staff of the plan, the applicant should contact Nicole Campbell (Nicole.M.Campbell@state.mn.us; 651-366-4180) prior to beginning an application to discuss the plan and confirm eligibility. MnDOT staff will send updated applicant eligibility information to Metropolitan Council staff, if necessary.

Check the box to indicate that the applicant understands this requirement and will contact MnDOT Safe Routes to School staff, if necessary, to confirm funding eligibility.

Other Attachments

File Name	Description	File Size
compplanmap.pdf	Future land use map from City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan	1.9 MB
CSAH 17 Trail_RegSolic_SupportLetter_Hennepin Co.pdf	Letter of Support from Hennepin County (jurisdictional partner, CSAH 17)	335 KB
Figure1_FranceAveTrail_ProjectLimits.p	Project area map.	4.0 MB
Figure2_FranceAveTrail_BloomingtonPa rksTrails.pdf	Existing Bloomington trail network and high crash intersections w/project area	1.0 MB
Resolution 2014-130.pdf	City of Bloomington Resolution in Support of France Avenue Trail project.	105 KB

Measure A: Project Location Relative to the RBTN

Select one:

Tier 1, Priority RBTN Corridor

Yes

Tier 2, RBTN Corridor

(Tier 1 or Tier 2)

Direct connection to the RBTN

OR

Project is not located on or directly connected to the RBTN, but is part of a local system and identified within an adopted county or city plan

Upload Map

France_Bike Map.pdf

Measure A: Cost Effectiveness

Existing Population Within One Mile (Integer Only) 39251

Existing Employment Within One Mile (Integer Only) 37333

Completed by Metropolitan Council Staff

Total Project Cost \$3,380,768.00

Cost Effectiveness for Population \$86.13

Cost Effectiveness for Employment \$90.56

Upload Map France_PopEmp Map.pdf

Measure A: Project Location and Impact to Disadvantaged Populations

Select one:

Project located in Racially Concentrated Area of Poverty

Project located in Concentrated Area of Poverty

Projects census tracts are above the regional average for population in poverty or population of color

Project located in a census tract that is below the regional average for population in poverty or populations of color or includes children, people with disabilities, or the elderly.

Yes

is comprised of people of color, and 32 percent of Normandale Colleges student population is comprised of people of color, compared to a regional average of 24 percent. Reconstruction of the trail facilities that connect to Normandale College will improve access to the institution. The scheduling of suburban local or express transit service may not meet the needs of non-traditional students. An improved bicycle trail can provide last mile transportation for students, and eliminate a barrier to training and employment. The project has direct transit and bikeway connections to major employment centers, and there are over 37,000 jobs within one mile of the project. Providing safe passage between schools, parks, and recreation will benefit children who must travel on a mix of trails, on-street bikeways, and sidewalks. Several schools (see Fig. 1) will have access to the trail. Transitions between facility types are difficult for people who have mobility challenges, and this project presents a benefit to older adults and people with disabilities. Project construction will incorporate proper noise, dust, and traffic mitigation and will not negatively impact the disadvantaged populations present in the project area by maintaining access to businesses and housing, and minimizing construction nuisances.

Twenty-seven percent of Bloomingtons population

France_Equity Map.pdf

Measure B: Affordable Housing

City/Township **Segment Length (Miles)**

Bloomington 3.2

3

Total Project Length

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Affordable Housing Scoring - To Be Completed By Metropolitan Council Staff

City/Township	Segment Length (Miles)	Total Length (Miles)	Score	Segment Length/Total Length	Housing Score Multiplied by Segment percent
Bloomington	3.2	3.2	79.0	1.0	79.0
		3	79	1	79

Affordable Housing Scoring - To Be Completed By Metropolitan Council Staff

Total Project Length (Miles) 3.2

Total Housing Score 79.0

Measure A: Gaps, Barriers and Continuity/Connections

Check all that apply:

Closes a Gap on or off the RBTN including improving bikeability for all age/experience levels within urban, high demand corridors that may already have a continuous bikeway facility (in urban high-demand corridors, this could include adding an off-road trail where there is only an onstreet bike lane or adding a bike lane where only a trail exists)

Closes a Gap Yes

Provides a Facility That Crosses or Circumvents a Physical Barrier (bridge or tunnel; on or off the RBTN) including a river or stream, railroad corridor, freeway, or multi-lane highway

Provides a Facility That Crosses or Circumvents a Physical Yes

Improves Continuity and/or Connections Between Jurisdictions (on or off the RBTN) (e.g., extending a specific bikeway facility treatment across jurisdictions to improve consistency and inherent bikeability)

Improves Continuity and/or Connections Between Jurisdictions Yes

France Avenue in the City of Bloomington is a Tier I Corridor on the RBTN (see attached figure), making it a top priority for regional investment given its ability to attract bicycle riders, connect to growing concentrations of population and employment, and complete gaps in the regional bikeway system. Gaps: The project will close a gap in the RBTN by adding an off-road trail where there is currently only an on-street facility. The off-road trail is interrupted by the bridge that crosses Nine Mile Creek and its riparian areas; bicyclists and pedestrians are forced to travel on a narrow paved shoulder at this location. At the southern portion of the project area approaching Old Shakopee Road, the trail ends at the Cub Foods driveway and merges with the sidewalk. The project would fill in this gap by extending the trail to a new terminal at Old Shakopee Road.

Barriers: The project proposes a new facility parallel to France that would link the trail via a new, protected bridge over the creek (a physical barrier). The nearest parallel route requires an additional 1.2 miles of additional travel and has limited bicycle facilities (pedestrian trail though East Marsh Lake Park via 96th Street).

Connections: The France corridor also makes connections between jurisdictions. It links to bikeways on 90th street that directly connect to trails and bicycle lanes that serve Eden Prairie.

Measure B: Project Improvements

The current trail facilities parallel to France Avenue are beyond their useful life. They have deteriorated pavement condition, numerous gaps, and areas that vary between off-road trail and narrow paved shoulder. The project will reduce the crash potential and provide existing trail users with a much safer environment attractive to new users. Connections between employment, bus routes, educational centers, retail areas, and senior housing will be made safer through reconstruction. Studies and accepted practice state that dedicated bicycle facilities reduce crashes and injuries among cyclists. The new bridge replacing the shoulder for cyclists crossing Nine Mile Creek, and near Old Shakopee Road where bicycles travel in mixed traffic will benefit most from new facilities, offering protection from vehicles at posted speed limits of 45 mph, and AADT of 20,700. The Bloomington Alternative Transportation Plan identifies the intersections with the highest rate of pedestrian or bicycle related crashes over the past ten years. Six intersections on France Avenue are high crash intersections: American, 84th, 90th, 98th, 102nd, and Old Shakopee Road. The project will address safety issues at each intersection. Improving the condition of the pavement will ease the mobility of people with disabilities and older adults for whom deteriorating pavement poses a disproportionate challenge.

Measure A: Transit Connections

Existing Routes Directly Connected to the Project

Planned Transitways Directly Connected to the Project (alignment and mode determined and identified in the 2030 TPP)

Existing Routes Indirectly Connected Within One Mile of the Project

Planned Transitways Indirectly Connected Within One Mile of the Project (alignment and mode determined and identified in the 2030 TPP)

Upload Map

535, 537, 539, 542, 597, 694

American Boulevard Arterial BRT

6, 535, 537, 538, 539, 540, 542, 565, 578, 588, 589, 597, 694

American Boulevard Arterial BRT

France_Transit Map.pdf

Response

Met Council Staff Data Entry Only

Route Ridership Directly Connected 945631.0

Transitway Ridership Directly Connected 1324800.0

Route Ridership Indirectly Connected 3361900.0

Transitway Ridership Indirectly Connected 0

Measure B: Pedestrian Connections

Existing Facilities: The City of Bloomington Alternative Transportation Plan identifies several existing and future pedestrian connections that will link to the proposed project. The Mid-City Trail intersects France Avenue near the Marsh Lake Playing Fields. American Boulevard is a major pedestrian corridor that has benefitted from investments such as wider sidewalks, plantings, and bus shelters. Similar treatments are also present near the retail node at Old Shakopee Road. Connections to Pedestrian Areas: The project travels through three areas of high pedestrian activity described in the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan. The north end of the project area is characterized by office space (Northland Plaza, TRIA) and parcels planned for high intensity mixed-use development, which connect to the American Boulevard sidewalks and transit service. Several locations on the corridor have existing and planned high-density housing (>10 dwelling units/acre) (see attached). Normandale College also has pedestrian facilities and relies on connectivity to transit. At Old Shakopee the project connects to retail activity surrounded by medium density housing, commercial space, and senior housing. Future Connections: American Boulevard is the location of a future ABRT station area, and bicycle facilities are planned for the Old Shakopee Road corridor, both on-road and along a railroad corridor.

Measure C: Multimodal Facilities

The objective of the France Avenue trail project is to safely integrate multiple modes of transportation into a corridor that serves important purposes across these modes. There is a wide variation in terms of the safety, security, and quality of the pedestrian facilities on the corridor. The project will enable pedestrians to use a protected trail facility instead of a paved shoulder. This shoulder area is also an active transit route served by Routes 537 and 539, and the trail will reduce the risks and conflicts between pedestrians and buses. The project will also ease connections to future transitway service on American Boulevard. The trail facilities are also a substandard width for shared use, and this will be addressed in the reconstruction. France Avenue is served by numerous express and local bus routes that link Bloomington residents and businesses to educational facilities, the regional workforce, health care providers, and recreation. Transit connectivity provides a mutual benefit to the project and supports its purpose as a commuter corridor. Also, in areas where sidewalks are limited, adding pedestrian facilities makes transit safer and supports multimodal transportation for members of the community.

Transit Projects Not Requiring Construction

If the applicant is completing a transit or TDM application, only Park-and-Ride and other construction projects require completion of the Risk Assessment below. Check the box below if the project does not require the Risk Assessment fields, and do not complete the remainder of the form. These projects will receive full points for the Risk Assessment.

Check Here if Your Transit Project Does Not Require Construction

Measure A: Risk Assessment

1)Project Scope (5 Percent of Points)

Meetings or contacts with stakeholders have occurred

100%

Stakeholders have been identified

40% Stakeholders have not been identified or contacted 2)Layout or Preliminary Plan (5 Percent of Points) **Layout or Preliminary Plan completed** 100% **Layout or Preliminary Plan started** Yes Layout or Preliminary Plan has not been started 12/31/2017 Anticipated date or date of completion 3)Environmental Documentation (10 Percent of Points) **EIS** EΑ PM Yes **Document Status:** Document approved (include copy of signed cover sheet) 100% **Document submitted to State Aid for review** 75% Document in progress; environmental impacts identified 50% **Document not started** Yes 0% Anticipated date or date of completion/approval 05/01/2018 4) Review of Section 106 Historic Resources (15 Percent of Points) No known potential for archaeological resources, no historic resources known to be eligible for/listed on the National Register of Historic Places located in the project area, and project is not located on an identified historic bridge 100% Historic/archeological review under way; determination of no historic properties affected or no adverse effect anticipated 80% Historic/archaeological review under way; determination of adverse effect anticipated 40%

Yes

0%

Unknown impacts to historic/archaeological resources

Anticipated date or date of completion of historic/archeological review:	05/01/2018
Project is located on an identified historic bridge	
5)Review of Section 4f/6f Resources (15 Percent of Points)	
(4f is publicly owned parks, recreation areas, historic sites, wildlife or we Conservation Funds were used for planning, acquisition, or development	•
No Section 4f/6f resources located in the project area	
100%	
Project is an independent bikeway/walkway project covered by the bikeway/walkway Negative Declaration statement; letter of support received	
100%	
Section 4f resources present within the project area, but no known adverse effects	Yes
80%	
Adverse effects (land conversion) to Section 4f/6f resources likely	
30%	
Unknown impacts to Section 4f/6f resources in the project area	
0%	
6)Right-of-Way (15 Percent of Points)	
Pight-of-way or easements not required	

Right-of-way or easements not required

100%

Right-of-way or easements has/have been acquired

100%

Right-of-way or easements required, offers made

75%

Right-of-way or easements required, appraisals made

50%

Right-of-way or easements required, parcels identified

Yes

25%

Right-of-way or easements required, parcels not identified

0%

Right-of-way or easements identification has not been completed

0%

Anticipated date or date of acquisition 12/31/2018

7)Railroad Involvement (25 Percent of Points)

No railroad involvement on project Yes

100%

Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement is executed (include signature page)	100%
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; Agreement has been initiated	
60%	
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; negotiations have begun	
40%	
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; negotiations not begun	
0%	
Anticipated date or date of executed Agreement	
8)Construction Documents/Plan (10 Percent of Points)	
Construction plans completed/approved (include signed title sheet)	
100%	
Construction plans submitted to State Aid for review	
75%	
Construction plans in progress; at least 30% completion	
50%	
Construction plans have not been started	Yes
0%	
Anticipated date or date of completion	12/31/2018
9)Letting	
Anticipated Letting Date	01/10/2019

the City cannot guaruntee the accuracy of this map.



612-596-0300, Phone 612-321-3410, Fax www.hennepin.us/transportation

November 21, 2014

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator Metropolitan Council 390 North Robert Street St. Paul, MN 55101

Re:

CSAH 17 (France Avenue) Multiuse Trail Project

Regional Solicitation Funding Submittal

Dear Ms. Koutsoukos:

Hennepin County has been notified that the City of Bloomington is submitting an application for regional solicitation funding for a multiuse trail project on CSAH 17 (France Avenue) from CSAH 1 (West Old Shakopee Road) to West American Boulevard. The project will reconstruct the existing trail along France Avenue to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, provide a new pavement surface, and correct existing alignment issues.

France Avenue serves as an important north/south corridor throughout the City of Bloomington due to its proximity to commercial areas along West American Boulevard and housing developments on either side of France Avenue. The project will promote active living within the community with an improved multiuse trail that will provide local connections to existing facilities. Olson Elementary/Middle School, Thomas Jefferson High School, and Normandale College are all located within the limits of the proposed project; thus increasing the importance of providing a safe and accessible facility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Hennepin County looks forward to working with the City of Bloomington on this project, if the city is successful in securing regional solicitation funding.

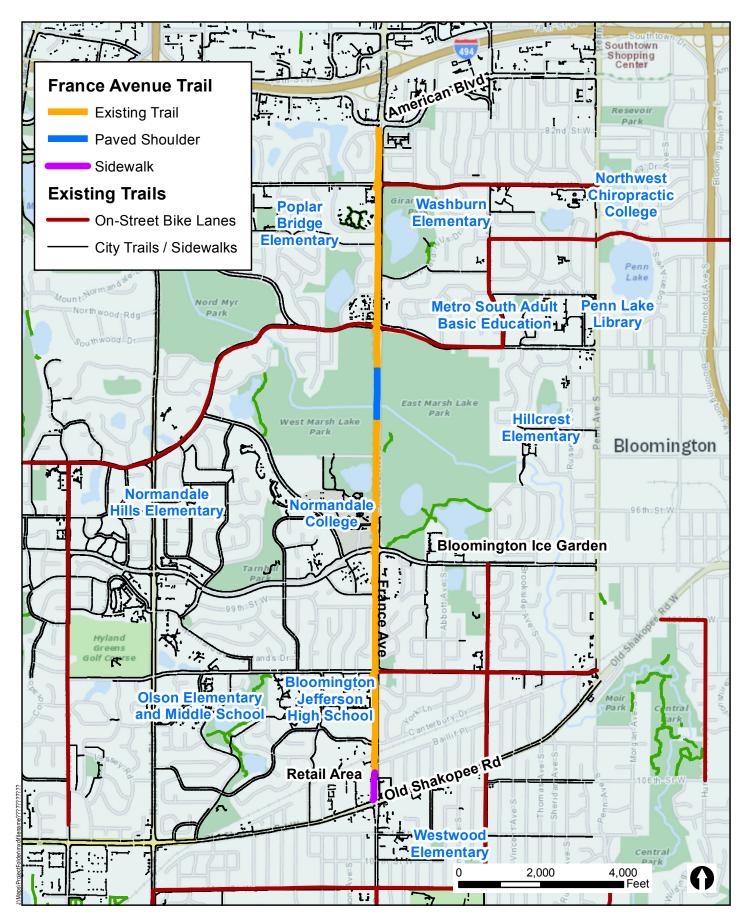
Sincerely,

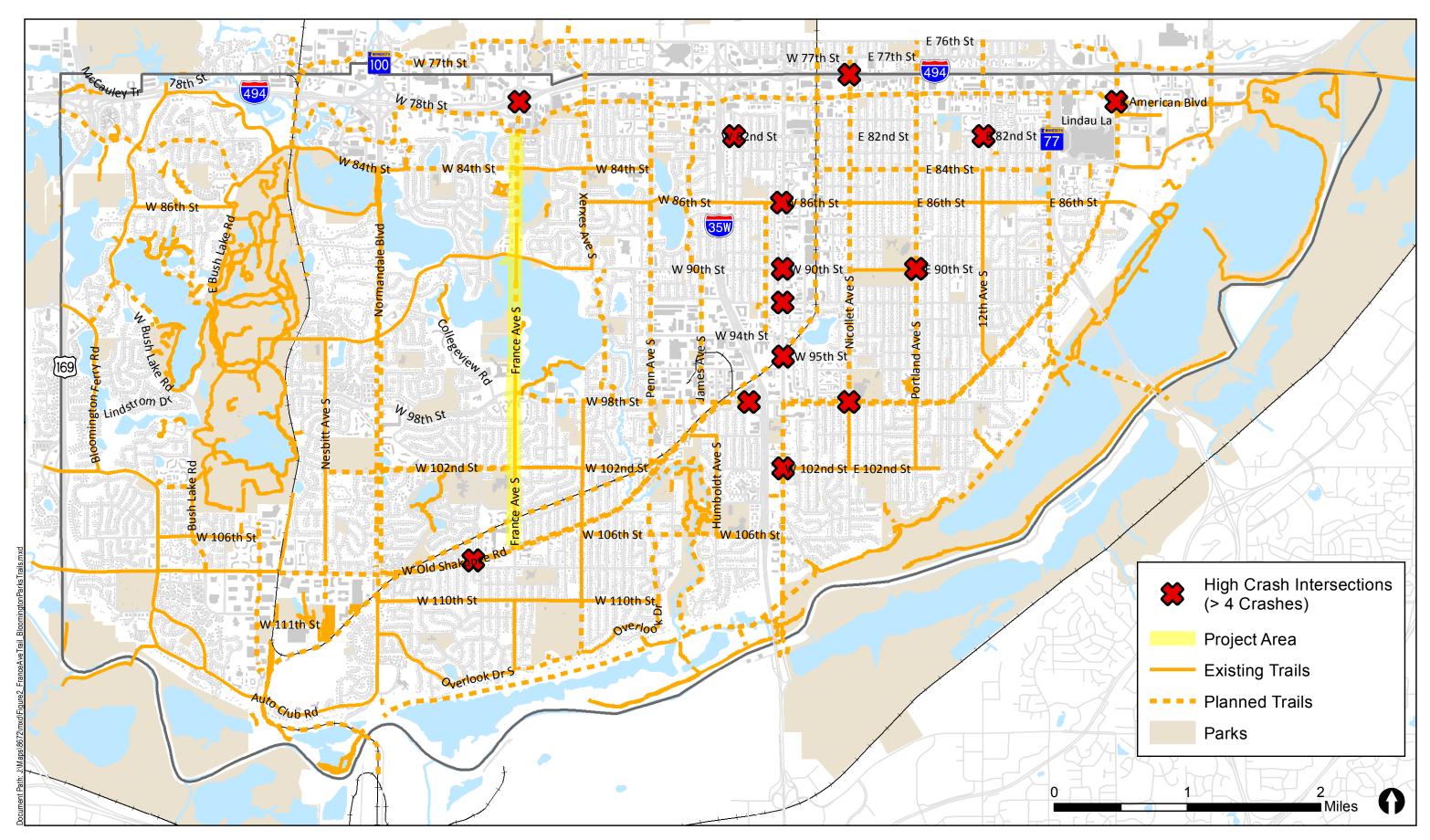
James N. Grube, P.E.

Director of Transportation and County Engineer

James M. Leube

JNG/JRP





Bloomington Parks and Trails

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-130

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF PROJECT NO. 2019-1, A BICYCLE FACILITY PROJECT, FRANCE AVENUE MULTI-MODAL TRAIL BETWEEN OLD SHAKOPEE ROAD AND AMERICAN BOULEVARD – WEST SIDE BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bloomington is the official governing body of the City of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County, the local road jurisdiction, has shown support for the proposed multi-use trail project; and

WHEREAS, the City, in conjunction with Hennepin County, document its acceptance of the responsibility for operation and maintenance of the project throughout its useful life; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for safe and convenient multi-modal access along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has identified this corridor as a Planned, Off-Street Trail in its Alternative Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has identified this corridor as an Off-Street Trail in the Hennepin County 2040 Bikeway Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council has identified this corridor as a Tier I Alignment in the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network Corridors from the 2013-14 Regional Bicycle System Study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington accepts responsibility for an amount equal to or greater than 20% of the eligible project construction costs, including design, administration, rights-of-way, and peripheral project costs, and when the roadway abutting property jurisdictional or ownership responsibility is shared by the Hennepin County and/or others; The City of Bloomington will anticipate sharing of local costs through a subsequent cooperative agreement where applicable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bloomington in regular meeting assembled to adopt this Resolution in support of the request for federal funds under the Bicycle Facility category of the federal surface transportation funding act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) extension, for the Bloomington Surface Transportation Project No. 2019-1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board with the Bloomington Project 2019-1 submittal.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of November 2014.

Mayor

Secretary to the Council

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Resolution Number 2014-130

The attached resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Bloomington on November 17, 2014.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were					
COUNCILMEMBERS:	YEA	NAY	OTHER		
Gene Winstead					
Cynthia Bemis Abrams					
Jack Baloga					
Tim Busse					
Andrew Carlson					
Dwayne Lowman					
Jon Oleson			***************************************		
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.					
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Secretary to the Council

