

December 20, 2022

MnDOT District 8
2505 Transportation Road
Willmar, MN 56201

Jason Anderson, PE
Director of Public works/City Engineer
City of Marshall
344 West Main St.
Marshall, MN 56258

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for your interest in MnDOT's Active Transportation (AT) Infrastructure funding program. We understand the City of Marshall is going to apply for funds to install an RRFB at US 59 and A Street and possibly a median and trail extension in MnDOT right of way on US 59 between Boyer Drive and Windstar Street. It is MnDOT's policy and practice to allow crossing safety enhancements and trails within the right of way, therefore, we are providing you this letter of support to aid your AT application for funding.

District 8 staff have reviewed the information included in your Active Transportation Infrastructure Program Letter of Interest (LOI) and maps of the proposed trail and have the following preliminary comments and conditions that must be met:

- If the RRFB is installed with this grant, then it may need to be removed and replaced with MnDOT's future project at the City's cost.
- Coordination will be required to make sure ramp designs, striping, etc. is in line with future MnDOT projects so unnecessary rework is avoided.
- Boyer is the preferred crossing location, we don't want to encourage crossing at Windstar as speeds are higher and there is a longer crossing distance. It is unlikely that MnDOT would stripe a crossing at Windstar since destinations are limited south of Boyer Dr.
- ADA recommendations have been made for City's trails between Boyer and TH 23, is there the potential to include with this project?
- If a median island is proposed, turning movements would need to be submitted for review to show the geometry works and also an operational analysis to show the impact of eliminating the left turn lane.

If this project is funded, a Cooperative Agreement and permit will be needed to install the equipment in MnDOT right of way to document responsibilities for maintenance, funding, utilities, and coordination on any other issues. District 8 Staff believe this project will enhance and improve safety for crossing pedestrians and bicyclists. If the project is funded, MnDOT staff will assist with the review process and appropriate contacts for all coordination.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Active Transportation Program.

Sincerely,

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