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February 27, 2015

John McCarthy  
Chief Budget Analyst  
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Subject: CIB Proposal for Pelham Boulevard Improvements**

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

On behalf of the Creative Enterprise Zone Action Committee that is active in the South St. Anthony Park industrial area, I am writing to express our full support for CIB funding to rebuild and improve the Stretch of Pelham Boulevard between Mississippi River Boulevard and University Ave. This stretch of road is a vital piece of the regional travel network for cars, pedestrians, and bikers.

It is the shortest distance between the Mississippi River and the Green Line with its connection at the Raymond Station and is one of the very rare North-South routes that allows both bikers and cars to cross I-94 and the Railroad Tracks. This stretch currently represents a "missing link" in the Grand Round and St. Paul Bikeways Plan.

We feel improvement of Pelham Boulevard represents a valuable opportunity to create a "complete street" that connects the bustling culture and economic center around the Raymond and University area to the broader region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Sparks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Sparks, Executive Director  
Creative Enterprise Zone



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February 5, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Committee  
c/o John McCarthy, Senior Budget Analyst  
City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: CIB Proposal for rebuilding Pelham Boulevard

The Union Park District Council supports the rebuilding of Pelham Boulevard as proposed by Desnoyer Park Improvement Association.

This project leverages the current plan to build an off-street bike path along Pelham Boulevard as a part of the St. Paul Grand Round (funded with the 8-80 Vitality Fund). The Grand Round Bikeways Plan, which is nearing its final approval, calls for both on-street bike lanes and an off-street bike path. Rebuilding the street at the same time as the path would reduce duplication costs in curbs, lighting, and intersections.

Pelham Boulevard is identified in other City plans, including the Great River Passage (completed in 2013) and the Green Line's Raymond Station Plan, as an important north-south route that connects the urban and natural environment of the river. Pelham (along with Raymond) spans the great hurdles of bike commuters and recreationalists - I-94 and the railroad yards. As the only route to do so, Pelham plays a functioning role in both Grand Rounds.

Several sections of Pelham are rated as failures (by St. Paul Public Works) for car traffic. They are even more hazardous for on-street bike travel, with large potholes and linear cracks causing many accidents. Bikers know it as a difficult route, although it often is their only option.

The neighborhood has developed this proposal through grassroots work with the Friendly Streets Initiative. They are supported by surrounding neighborhoods, schools and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Reiter, Executive Director  
Union Park District Council

# SAINT PAUL BICYCLE COALITION

November 17, 2014

Dear CIB Committee and Whom It May Concern,

The Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition strongly supports the Capital Improvement Budget request to fund bicycle lanes and traffic calming improvements as part of a street rebuild of Pelham Boulevard in Desnoyer Park.

Saint Paul has very few north-south streets that cross all of the major obstacles and are safe for bicycling. These obstacles include Interstate 94, the CP Rail lines, The BNSF railroad line and the UP railroad line. Pelham Boulevard via its connections to Raymond (on the north end) and Otis and Mississippi River Boulevard (on the south end) provides one of the only, relatively safe north-south connections for bicyclists in all of Saint Paul. A cyclist can go from Marshall or points south, north on Otis to Pelham. Then they can go north on Pelham, crossing Interstate 94 and the CP Rail line to Raymond. From there, they can cross both the BNSF and UP rail lines on their way to Como, the UMN Saint Paul Campus and other northern destinations.

No other streets in Saint Paul do this. Lexington is only bikeable as far south as Minnehaha Avenue (via off-street path). Dale and Western also have substantial unbikeable sections and Snelling Avenue, the only other street to cross all these obstacles is a high-speed motor-vehicle death-trap for cyclists (who get hit by cars on it every year).

Pelham and Raymond have low motor-vehicle traffic volumes and lower vehicle speeds, which make them safer for cycling. Parts of Raymond already have bicycle lanes and there are plans to complete those lanes next year, and Pelham is wide enough that motorists have room to pass cyclists. Pelham is already a designated city bike route and has "Share the Road" signs for cyclists. It is also designated for bike lanes on the city's Draft Bikeways Plan, downloadable at--  
<http://www.stpaul.gov/bikeplan>

Unfortunately, Pelham is full of major potholes and cracks, which have contributed to at least one major cycling accident. Also, going downhill, cars often speed. So repairing the street, adding bike lanes and some traffic calming would transform it from a decent bike route to a great bike route. We urge the CIB Committee to fund it.

Andy Singer and Jeff Zaayer, Co-Chairs

Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition

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# SAINT PAUL RIVERFRONT CORPORATION

February 23, 2015

Long-Range Capital Improvement  
Budget Committee of Saint Paul  
Central Library  
90 W. Fourth St.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear CIB Task Force of Saint Paul,

The Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation fully supports the Pelham on Grand Round CIB proposal submitted by the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association. We feel this project would greatly improve the connection between the Green Line Light Rail and the Mississippi River. Promoting safe multi-modal access, pedestrian, auto, and bicycle access to the Mississippi River valley is an important piece of improving the health and vitality of Saint Paul's neighborhoods and residents. This project strengthens the "8-80" concept that the public realm should be safe and convenient for uses of all types, abilities, and ages.

This project is a great opportunity and location to connect many existing and proposed amenities including the Green Line LRT, both Saint Paul and Minneapolis Grand Round(s) and a future Saint Paul extension on the Green Way bike path. We share the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's vision that one day this project could connect all these amenities in one mile. We also see the importance of this project's role in creating a gateway to the river from the Green Line LRT at the Raymond Ave. Station. This gateway could be similar to efforts to connect the LRT to the River at Union Depot, creating connected bookends for those wishing to experience the river via LRT or vis-versa.

We are happy to support this CIB request because through its impact on the public realm and local culture it will promote active lifestyles, multimodal transportation options, and a strong connection between Saint Paul neighborhood and the Mississippi River.

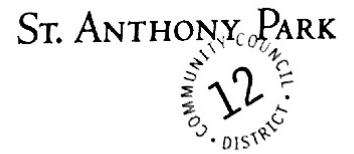
Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Patrick Seeb  
Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation.

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Drew Ross  
Desnoyer Park  
2000 St. Anthony Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55104

February 17, 15

Dear Drew,

It is my pleasure to extend St. Anthony Community Council's support of Desnoyer Park's Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) proposal to leverage the building of an off-street trail on Pelham Blvd. to do a compete street re-design and re-build from River Rd. to University Ave. On February 12, 2015, the St. Anthony Park Community Council board passed a resolution confirming the Council's full support of this proposal.

We happily partner with you on this important issue of connectivity between our two communities. We recognize the crucial timing of your proposal given the planned off-street trail construction. Re-designing and re-building Pelham Blvd. now maximizes output on this project while minimizing effort. Pelham Blvd. has long needed re-envisioning—now we have the opportunity to capitalize on another project to tackle two issues at once.

Desnoyer Park has the full support of the St. Anthony Park Community Council in your bid for this project through the CIB process. We will enthusiastically await the development of this project.

Sincerely,

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Cailin A. Rogers



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area  
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Ste. 105  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 23, 2015

CIB Committee  
City of Saint Paul  
390 City Hall  
15 Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Desnoyer Park Improvement Association Pelham Boulevard on Grand Round Proposal.

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Park Service -- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (NRRA) - strongly supports the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's capital improvement request for bicycle and safety improvements to Pelham Boulevard.

The proposed project is within the Mississippi NRRA, which Congress established in 1988 to preserve, protect and enhance the significant values of the Mississippi River Corridor through the Twin Cities metropolitan area. One of the more important goals identified in the NRRA's Comprehensive Management Plan is the establishment of a continuous trail, open space and alternative transportation system that connects to the 72-mile Mississippi River Corridor. The Pelham Road Grand Rounds proposal will greatly improve multi-modal access to the river and make it safer for bikers and pedestrians on Pelham Blvd.

We encourage the CIB Committee to fund this project. Please do not hesitate to call me at 651-293-8432 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Anfinson  
Superintendent

**HAMLIN MIDWAY COALITION**  
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February 24, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Committee  
Streets and Utilities Task Force  
City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Subject: CIB Proposal for Pelham Boulevard Improvements**

To the CIB Streets and Utilities Task Force:

Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) fully supports CIB funding to rebuild and improve Pelham Boulevard. This route is an integral piece of the regional biking, pedestrian and driving network, but its current condition makes it unsafe for drivers, residents, bikers and pedestrians alike. With its connection to Raymond Ave to the North, it represents one of the few North-South connections for bikers and cars to cross both I-94 and the train yards and is also the shortest point of connection between the Mississippi River Boulevard and the Green Line with its connection to the Raymond Station. Pelham currently represents a “Missing Link” in the Grand round and city Bikeways Plan.

With money already dedicated to Pelham improvements through the 8-80 Vitality fund and plans to replace the bridge over I-94 in 2019 in place, leveraging these upcoming investments with common sense improvements and reconstruction of the roadway now, would help ensure a Complete Streets outcome in the end with a boulevard that is truly a valuable amenity to the region and city that accommodates a variety of travel modes.

Sincerely,

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Michael Jon Olson, Executive Director  
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February 19, 2015

CIB Proposal: Desnoyer Park Improvement Association

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[www.friendsoftheparks.org](http://www.friendsoftheparks.org)

Dear St. Paul CIB Committee,

Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County support the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's CIB proposal to rebuild Pelham Boulevard.

Pelham Boulevard is currently in a dire state of disrepair that is dangerous for bicyclists. We strongly recommend rebuilding and repaving Pelham to include on-street bike lanes and an off-road trail with separated facilities for bicycling and walking.

Pelham Boulevard is an integral part of the Saint Paul Grand Round and is the major north-south connection to Mississippi River Boulevard. It is used daily by about 300 commuters and recreational cyclists and enjoyed by over 5,000 cyclists during the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour. It is worth noting that potholes and excessively wide expansion joints have led to bike crashes during the Classic.

We urge the CIB Committee to fund this greatly needed and long overdue project and look forward to continued participation in the process.

Sincerely,

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
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February 25, 2014

Mr. Drew Ross  
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Saint Paul, MN 55104

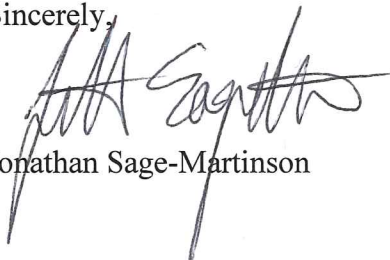
Re: Pelham Boulevard CIB Application

Dear Mr. Ross,

The Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) would like to express our support for the CIB application by the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association for Pelham Boulevard reconstruction. This street is part of the Grand Round, a city-wide parkway loop first envisioned over 100 years ago, in which the City of Saint Paul will be investing over \$13 million as part of the Mayor's 8-80 Vitality Fund (PED) initiative. This investment will help the Grand Round reach its full potential by improving neighborhood livability citywide and elevating our economic competitiveness nationally. Your CIB application will continue our momentum toward realizing the vision of the Grand Round, and we look forward to working in close partnership with your organization as part of the design process for Pelham Boulevard.

This project helps PED further its mission to actively create opportunities and encourage investment for the benefit of Saint Paul residents and businesses that preserve, grow and sustain downtown and the city's diverse neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Sage-Martinson



# AVALON SCHOOL

PASSION FOR LEARNING

February 12, 2015

Mayor Chris Coleman  
Office of the Mayor  
390 City Hall  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Dear Mayor Coleman:

My name is Kevin Ward, and I am writing on behalf of Avalon School, a 6-12 charter school, located at 700 Glendale Street in St. Paul. The intent of this letter to demonstrate our school's support of the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's proposal to rebuild Pelham Boulevard. Our students and staff use Pelham Boulevard every day, and we would like to see the boulevard be made more amenable to pedestrian and cycling traffic. We believe this proposal will not only increase the safety for our students but also will encourage them to travel in an environmentally-responsible manner.

If you have any questions about this letter or our school, please contact me at the information below my signature.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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27 February 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Committee  
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City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

To the St. Paul CIB Committee:

Town and Country Club is fully supportive of the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's CIB proposal to rebuild Pelham Boulevard.

Pelham Boulevard abuts our property for several blocks. For many years, Town and Country Club has worked to solve the problems inherent with the current layout. Pelham's current condition encourages excessive speed in cars and has no on-street bike lane. The speeds are dangerous to both pedestrians and people on bikes. These issues extend on to Otis Avenue, which connects Pelham to Marshall.

A major concern of Town and Country Club and the neighborhood is the amount and speed of the cut through traffic on Otis to and from Marshall to Pelham Boulevard. In addition, please consider ways to improve the dangerous intersection of Pelham Boulevard and Otis Avenue, which is the site of many accidents.

Town and Country Club continues to be supportive of the St. Paul Bikeway Plan that will soon be adopted and are proud that our property is located on the Grand Round. We believe that leveraging the funds appropriated for the off-street trail to rebuild the street will provide a safe travel route to a variety of users.

Very Respectfully,

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Devin P. Rice  
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February 19, 2015

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March 2, 2015

Mayor Christopher B. Coleman  
City Hall  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.  
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The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota supports the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's Capitol Improvement Budget proposal to totally rebuild Pelham Boulevard into a complete street. We agree with the Association's recommendation to rebuild and repave Pelham to include on-street bike lanes and an off-road trail with separated facilities for bicycling and walking.

Pelham Boulevard is an integral part of the Saint Paul Grand Round and is the major north-south connection between University Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard. It is used daily by about 300 commuters and recreational cyclists and enjoyed by over 5,000 of cyclists during the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour which is produced by the Bicycle Alliance. As Classic Ride Director Richard Arey noted in his letter, the potholes and excessively wide expansion joints have led to bike crashes during the Classic.

We urge the CIB Committee to fund this greatly needed and long overdue project.

Sincerely,

Dorian Grilley  
Executive Director