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CIB Streets and Utilities Task Force  
C/o Daley Lehmann  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Kellogg Boulevard/Third Street Bridge - Design

Dear Streets and Utilities Task Force,

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council submits this letter in strong support of the Department of Public Works Kellogg Boulevard/Third Street Bridge - Design. The Dayton's Bluff community has long depended on this bridge for access to downtown and the West Side. Our topography is a significant challenge to connectivity and any route that provides for multi-modal access is a high priority for the community. The substandard condition of the bridge has long been noted by the community and we welcome the official designation due to inspections and structural analysis that concluded that the bridge's pier cantilevers are not adequately designed to support today's traffic loads. The Kellogg bridge is an extremely important connector for Dayton's Bluff and the entire East Side.

Kellogg Boulevard carries approximately 14,400 vehicles per day to and from Lowertown/Downtown and Dayton's Bluff. In addition to adequate vehicular lanes to carry projected traffic volumes, pedestrian walkways and rest areas on both sides will promote walkability and provide safe pedestrian access from Dayton's Bluff to Lowertown. Dedicated Bus Rapid Transit lanes for Gateway will add an important public transitway and will ensure adequate support for the multi-modal transportation needs.

A new structure would best provide both functional and aesthetic value to the City. Aesthetic improvements such as ornamental metal railings and lantern style lighting, as well as the incorporation of public art have long been sought by the residents in Dayton's Bluff. We strongly support the careful planning and public involvement needed to ensure replacement of this urgently needed bridge.

Sincerely,

Deanna Abbott-Foster  
Executive Director