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David Swearingen, P.E.
Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Arden Hills
1245 Highway 96 W
Arden Hills, MN 55112

Re: MnDOT Letter for Arden Hills Safe Routes to School 2024 Funding Request for Old Highway 10 Trail

Dear David Swearingen,

This letter documents MnDOT Metro District's support for the City of Arden Hills to pursue funding for MnDOT Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Program for a new, 10-foot paved multi-purpose trail on the west side of Old Highway 10 from Lake Valentine Road to Highway 96 W (CSAH 96).

This trail will fill a gap in the pedestrian network, linking existing trails along Highway 96 W with a trail along Lake Valentine Road and a trail that extends further south along Old Highway 10 south of Lake Valentine Road. This trail will provide an improved off-road facility for those who walk and bike to Valentine Hills Elementary School, Mounds View High School, and Bethel College, and to Tony Schmidt Regional Park on Lake Johanna. The project will utilize County Road right of way and may impact trunk highway right of way for a portion of the stormwater treatment facilities.

As the agency with jurisdiction over the trunk highway, MnDOT will allow Arden Hills to seek improvements proposed in the application. If funded, details of how the project is delivered and any future maintenance agreement with the City will need to be determined during the project's development to define how the improvements will be maintained for the project's useful life.

MnDOT Metro District looks forward to continued cooperation with the City and the County as this project moves forward and as we work together to improve safety and travel options within the Metro Area.

If you have questions or require additional information at this time, please reach out to your Area Manager at Molly.McCartney@state.mn.us or 651-775-0326.

Sincerely,

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Metro District Engineer

CC:
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