

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for CP Rail Regional Trail South Segment Improvements in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Three Rivers Park District, located at 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

The funds will be used by the Three Rivers Park District to construct and reconstruct 4.7 miles of the CP Rail Regional Trail South Segment between Bloomington and Edina, completing a continuous six mile north/south multi use corridor. This will link the Minnesota Valley State Trail to the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. The project includes rebuilding three miles of trail through Hyland Lake Park Reserve, adding 1.7 miles of new trail to connect with Nine Mile Creek, installing safety upgrades at four major road crossings with Accessible Pedestrian Signals, constructing a grade separated crossing at the CP Rail line near Dewey Hill Road, and adding amenities such as rest areas, signage, and bike repair stations. Once completed, the trail will serve thousands of daily users and eliminate current gaps where pedestrians and bicyclists must navigate high traffic roadways. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a safe transportation corridor between Bloomington and Edina. With accessibility to public transportation linking the trail with service to the Twin Cities, this project will increase economic, educational, and recreational opportunities in the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Kelly Morrison  
Member of Congress