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City of Bloomington
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Honorable Mayor Gene Winstead
City of Bloomington
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Re: Letter of Support for TIGER II Grant Funding Application

Dear Mayor Winstead:

On behalf of HealthPartners, I want to write to express support for the TIGER II Grant Funding Application. As you know, the HealthPartners corporate headquarters is within the City's South Loop District. HealthPartners employs over two thousand people just at our headquarters building, which is directly adjacent to the Bloomington Central light rail station, thus inviting less single-occupant vehicle use.

HealthPartners is committed to promoting walking and regular exercise as an important component of mental and physical health, and to reducing our organization's environmental impact. We support the goals of Bloomington Central Station and the South Loop District Plan since those goals encourage an active lifestyle that aligns with our organizational mission.

The Lindau Corridor Complete Street and Safety Enhancement project will complete the pedestrian corridor between HealthPartners and the Mall of America, advancing the goals of a complete street network in the South Loop District. Again, we want to express the support of HealthPartners for the Lindau Corridor Complete Street and Safety Enhancements project to help us achieve these goals.

We look forward to continued cooperation with the City of Bloomington as we work to improve the health of our employees and of the community. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Donna Zimmerman,
Senior Vice-President, Government and Community Relations