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## United States Department of the Interior

### U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
3815 American Blvd E.  
Bloomington, MN 55425

August 4, 2010

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:

The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) supports the TIGER II grant application for the Lindau Corridor Complete Street and Safety Enhancements Project. The project will enhance the connections between the City of Bloomington and the Refuge and provide alternative, clean transportation options for travel.

The Refuge was created in 1976 and provides important benefits for wildlife and their habitats as well as outdoor recreational opportunities for the public. Over 350,000 people visit the refuge each year and many of those visitors take advantage of the refuge lands within the City of Bloomington. This project will improve access to the refuge and provide new and safe transportation options.

The Refuge and the City of Bloomington have a long history of working cooperatively to protect the Refuge and improve the quality of life for Bloomington residents and visitors. This project will further that goal.

If there are questions or comments regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 952-858-0701/charles\_blair@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Blair  
Refuge Manager