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Dear Kathryn J. McFadden,

The Region Five Development Commission is a regional planning agency that represents Todd, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing and Morrison counties in central Minnesota. We are devoted to assisting local units of governments and community leaders in Central Minnesota who are working to build and improve their communities.

As the Transportation Planner for the Region Five Development Commission I am writing in support of the TIGER II grant proposal for the improvements to the Garrison area. The improvements to the Garrison area are vital to the interests of residents along with promoting and supporting tourism to the area.

The Garrison project shows numerous improvements and enhancements to area trails. The improvements and creation of trails will accommodate multi-modal use and encourage a safe route for users to downtown Garrison. This will improve the livability for community residents and encourage economic benefits by increasing revenues within the Garrison community.

The Region Five Development Commission supports public multi-modal trails such as the enhancements to the Garrison area and suggests that their application for the TIGER II funds be strongly considered.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Huebsch".

Jake Huebsch
Transportation Planner