

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS
& TECHNOLOGY

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL FARM COMMODITIES,
RISK MANAGEMENT, AND CREDIT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMODITY MARKETS, DIGITAL
ASSETS, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

May 8, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for Trunk Highway (TH) 13 Trail between 150th Street and Candy Cove Trail in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Prior Lake, located at 4646 Dakota Street SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372.

The funding would be used for the construction of a multi-use trail segment along the west side of MnDOT TH 13 in the City of Prior Lake. The 10-foot wide bituminous trail will fill a critical gap in the local and regional trail system and will connect existing trails and popular walking and biking destinations in the community. The City's proposed trail project would provide a safe connection from the signalized intersection at 150th Street, which leads to Prior Lake High School, south to Candy Cove Trail and to another sidewalk connection to the two Prior Lake-Savage School District middle schools at Fish Point Road.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will benefit all community members - young and old - regardless of their physical ability. The trail will be built to ADA standards; provide a safe place for young children to walk or bike as it will be separated from vehicular traffic; and it will allow for high school students to safely walk to school. The project will increase the connectivity between several popular destinations in the community like parks and schools and provide increased access to businesses in the surrounding area which will help to drive economic activity. In addition, community members that live along or near the corridor will be able to easily and safely walk along the corridor to access jobs near the heavy commercial area at the intersection of CSAH 42 and TH 13.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)(7).

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

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress