June 13, 2017

Mr. Ralph Pfremmer
Chief Executive Officer
Trailnet
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Dear Mr. Pfremmer:

On behalf of St. Louis County, I would like to express support for Trailnet’s vision of a regional network of protected bikeways and high quality sidewalks. This bold vision seeks to take active transportation in St. Louis County and City to a new level, one that expands opportunities for biking and walking for the broadest range of people.

A protected bikeway network offers many benefits to the local and regional community. By appealing to riders of all ages and skill levels, it supports a healthy, active lifestyle, one that promotes cycling as a means of transportation, recreation, and exercise. Protected bikeways and high quality sidewalks, such as those in Indianapolis, have demonstrated results to promote economic development, and can be key in attracting and retaining businesses and residents who desire non-automobile transportation options and modern, urban recreation amenities.

While the initial phases of the protected bikeways network will center on the City of St. Louis, the broader vision is to extend into St. Louis County and the broader regional network of greenways and bike facilities. The prospects of regional connectivity leverage the investments being made throughout St. Louis County, and dovetail nicely with St. Louis County’s efforts to improve the climate of biking and walking. In fact, St. Louis County’s future countywide biking and walking action plan reflects a great deal of synergy with the protected bikeways initiative.

I support Trailnet’s vision and endorse County staff from various departments to participate in the Master Planning process. I believe together we can leverage our expertise to create a network of protected bikeways and high quality sidewalks that will be a focal point for the region’s multi-modal transportation network.

Sincerely,

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Steven V. Stenger
St. Louis County Executive