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Attention:

- Three Rivers Parks Commissioners Wyatt, Corcoran, Haggerty, Woodbeck, Franzese, Blackstad, and Kinsey, and Project Manager Kelly Grissman,
- Edina City Mayor Hovland, Edina City Council Members Housh, Bennett, Brindle, and Swenson, Edina Park Director Keprios

RE: Support for Nine Mile Creek Regional Bike Trail through Parkland

I strongly support the construction of a regional bike trail through Edina. While the bike trail would have a significant cost, I believe the many recreational and practical benefits of a regional bike trail to Edina residents would outweigh the cost. Edina is renowned as a very high quality community. A safe, comfortable, and inviting bike trail for riders of all ages and skill levels would serve to promote our unique healthy Edina lifestyle and enjoyment of Edina's parks.

A wise investment in a regional bike trail would be an asset to the community and increase the value of Edina property. Recreational facilities are a decision factor for many prospective homeowners and a bike trail would be a selling point for Edina home sellers.

I believe the regional bike trail should run through parks to enhance the riding and walking experience, versus existing roadways which have increased levels of car exhaust and noise.

In summary, we urge you to approve the proposed regional bike trail and select routes through parks.

Sincerely,