

ST. PAUL Smart Trips

March 5, 2013

Capital Improvement Budget Committee c/o John McCarthy, Senior Budget Analyst City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: CIB Proposal for Highland Village Streetscape

To the Capital Improvement Budget Committee:

I'm writing on behalf of St. Paul Smart Trips to express our support for CIB funding for the Highland Village Streetscape project as proposed by the Highland District Council and the Highland Business Association. St. Paul Smart Trips is a 501c3 non-profit organization that improves access and mobility for those who travel in and around Saint Paul. We work to help those who live and work in the City to reduce car trips and to bike, walk, bus and carpool more often.

The Highland Village is an important neighborhood commercial district in St. Paul. Vibrant, walkable shopping districts that are well served by transit enable residents to walk, bike or take transit for errands helping them to shop locally and keep their money in St. Paul.

This streetscape project will improve conditions for pedestrians and generally make the Highland Village more attractive and desirable for all users which should help to increase walking, biking and transit trips to the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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