



April 5, 2023

Mr. Jeffrey Soula,
Local Projects Engineer
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
1400 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502

RE: Letter of Support for the Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Dear Mr. Soula:

This letter is written on behalf of the GIAMPO Non-Motorized Subcommittee, to state support of the City of Grand Island's application for funding through the NDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to construct a 10-foot trail from the intersection of North Road and Old Potash Highway to the City Water Tower Park on Engleman Road. On March 22, 2023, this subcommittee unanimously voted to support the City's application for this important project.*

If awarded, this funding will build a new trail approximately 1.4 miles long that will connect to an existing trail completed in 2022. This addition will decrease a gap in the existing trail network and will increase bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to existing and future trails and sidewalks between neighborhoods.

The GIAMPO Non-Motorized Subcommittee recommends support of the application for TAP funding for this project because it enhances the overall bicycle and pedestrian network for the Grand Island region, including both transportation and recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan Zafft", is written over a white background.

Allan Zafft, AICP
MPO Program Manager

cc: Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island

* Craig Wacker, NDOT Highway Planning Manager, is a member of the GIAMPO Non-Motorized Subcommittee. Mr. Wacker was present at the March 22 subcommittee, and his vote was waived since Mr. Wacker indicated he would be serving on the selection team to review applications for TAP funding.