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**DATE:** July 21, 2020

**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Joe Vaughan, Recreation Programmer

**SUBJECT:** Regional Solicitation Applications for Trail Extensions

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**Background**

Every two years, the Metropolitan Council and the Transportation Advisory Board solicits applications for the Regional Solicitation grant program. This program provides metro area counties and cities with the opportunity to apply for federal funding for transportation and infrastructure projects. The Regional Solicitation specifically provides funding to communities within the greater metro area for highway, road, transit and other transportation improvements.

The Public Works Department applied for two projects for the Regional Solicitation Grant Program within the Bicycle and Pedestrian category.

**Project 1 - The Mounds View High School Trail.**

This project would be an extension of the trail built in 2018 on the west side of Snelling Avenue North. The trail would extend from County E2 to Lake Valentine Road, continuing on to the east parking lot for Mounds View High School. See Attachment A for project summary.

**Project 2 – The Old Snelling Trail Extension**

This project would be an extension north adjacent to Old Snelling Highway 10 from Lake Valentine Road to Wedgewood Circle. See Attachment B for project summary.

The applications were submitted on May 15, 2020. The Transportation Advisory Board will select projects for funding in December 2020. A total of approximately \$180 million in federal funds is anticipated to be available in this solicitation for program years 2024 and 2025. See Attachment C for project maps.