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Local Technical Assistance Program CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at a Fox Valley Sustainability Network meeting hosted by the City of Elgin at Judson University.

The Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is focused on promoting active transportation in Elgin – walking, cycling and transit. Elgin is recognized nationally on the ‘honorable mention’ list of Bicycle Friendly Communities. We look forward to joining Aurora and Batavia as an officially designated Bicycle Friendly Community in Kane County.

Creating a regional bike share program will create more opportunity for residents and visitors to realize the many benefits of cycling – health, mobility, personal savings, recreation, and social interaction. Fox Valley communities will realize benefits including economic development, tourism, a cleaner environment, and congestion relief.

Learning how to promote the amenities of the area, the Fox River, the great trail system, the unique downtowns of the region is a benefit to all communities. The residents living here take for granted the amenities or may not even know about all of them. To share this area with tourists would generate a sense of pride for the residents as well as generate revenue for the local businesses.

The Elgin BPAC is eager to continue growing the partnership in the region and collaborating with the municipalities, counties, and organizations to see Regional Active Mobility. Please do not hesitate to call Dave Waden (847-931-5909) if you would like to further discuss Elgin BPAC’s programs and support to this regional initiative.

Sincerely,

Michele Campbell, Chair
Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee