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Dear Transportation Alternatives Review Board,

I am writing you to express my firm support for construction of a lighted crosswalk on Timberwolf Drive, north of Rosa Parks Elementary School. As President of the Rosa Parks Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, I have found student pedestrian safety to be a recurring topic of parent concern over the past three years and can confirm that there is a strong need for this crosswalk. I strongly encourage the Minnesota Department of Transportation to grant Transportation Alternatives funding for this project.

The need for this crosswalk was indicated in the Mankato Area's Safe Routes To School Plan, and since that time, the need has only increased as our student population has grown and new housing continues to be built on the far side of Timberwolf Drive from the school. In the published SRTS plan, 71% of Rosa Parks parents said that if the safety of crossings and intersections were to be improved, they would probably let their children walk or bike to school.

There are many young drivers who use Timberwolf Drive as their most direct route between apartments near the school and nearby Mankato State University. These inexperienced drivers hurrying to and from class coupled with the age of the Rosa Parks students (kindergarten through fifth grade) makes a safe crosswalk in that area a particularly important necessity. This project is necessary and will help alleviate an ongoing demand for a safe road crossing on Timberwolf Drive north of Rosa Parks Elementary.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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October 24, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the proposed lighted crosswalk on Timberwolf Drive, north of Rosa Parks Elementary School. In my capacity as Superintendent of Mankato Area Public Schools, I can attest that safe and convenient access to our schools is an integral part of our mission.

I strongly encourage the Minnesota Department of Transportation to grant Transportation Alternatives funding for this crosswalk. The age of the students (kindergarten through fifth grade) makes a safe crosswalk in that area a particularly important necessity. The project is necessary and will help alleviate an ongoing demand for a safe road crossing on Timberwolf Drive north of Rosa Parks Elementary.

Sincerely,

Sheri L. Allen

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October 25, 2017

Dear Transportation Alternatives Revlew Board,

I would like to voice my support for construction of a lighted crosswalk on Timberwolf Drive, north of Rosa Parks Elementary School. As Principal of Rosa Parks Elementary, I can confirm that there is a clear record of need for this crosswalk. I strongly encourage the Minnesota Department of Transportation to grant Transportation Alternatives funding for this crosswalk. The need for this crosswalk was indicated in the Mankato Area's Safe Routes To School Plan, and since that time, the need has only increased. The age of the students (kindergarten through fifth grade) makes a safe crosswalk in that area a particularly important necessity. This project is necessary and will help alleviate an ongoing demand for a safe road crossing on Timberwolf Drive north of Rosa Parks Elementary.

Please contact me if there are questions.

Thank you,

Michelle Kruize
Principal
Rosa Parks Elementary School