

2023 Transportation Transportation Alternative Grant Program Letters of Interest  
Summary of Projects Benefitting the Great River Road  
11/09/2023

Name of application org	Title of project:	Amount of fundin	Total project bud	One sentence description of the work for which you are seeking support:	Benefit to Byway Traveler or Byway
Wabasha County	Wabasha-Kellogg Trail Bridge	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,800,000	Construction of a bridge and bridge approaches for multi-use trail bridge over the Zumbro River that would connect the cities of Wabasha and Kellogg, and portions of densely populated Greenfield Township.	A future trail connection will enhance the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) corridor through this segment of southeastern Minnesota, providing for safer routing.
City of Brainerd	TH 210/Lum Park Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 800,000	\$5,110,000	Construction funding for the TH 210/Lum Park Pedestrian Bridge over Highway 210 in Brainerd.	The project will construct a bridge across TH 210 adjacent to Lum Park connecting the Mississippi River to a new trail from MnDOT's TH 25 Bridge project, providing a safer facility for non-motorized travelers.
City of Bemidji	15th Street NW Trail Extension Project	\$ 240,000	\$ 350,000	Constructing a 10 foot multi-use paved trail along 15th Street NW between Norton Avenue NW and Irvine Avenue NW	While not located by byway amenities, this trail will provide improved active transportation access for residents to travel to the Mississippi River.
City of La Crescent	MRT/USBR45 - Root River Trail Connector Phase 1	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,920,000	The project implements the MnDOT/La Crescent Active Transportation Action Plan (2023) by creating final design and construction drawings for bidding to construct a .9-mile multi-use path along the MRT/USBR 45 and two National Scenic Byways.	This multi-use path benefits Great River Road, Bluff Country Scenic Byway, and MRT/USBR45 travelers by improving their ability to safely bicycle, walk, or use micromobility devices to access community destinations.
City of Clearwater	TH 24 Trail Improvements	\$ 800,000	\$ 26,000,000	Construction of trails to connect the 2 sides of Clearwater separated by I-94.	This trail benefits the byway traveler by connecting the 2 sides of Clearwater businesses and residential developments separated by I-94, only .5 miles away from the GRR and MRT.
City of Elk River	Scenic Mississippi Trail Park Connection	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,200,000	Create a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail connection between River's Edge Commons Park in downtown Elk River to the boat landing at Babcock Memorial Rest Area.	The project benefits the GRR and MRT traveler by developing a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail connection between River's Edge Commons Park in downtown Elk River to the boat landing at Babcock Memorial Rest Area.
Crow Wing County	CSAH 11 Trail Project	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,000,000	Funding to construct a trail along CSAH 11 that will connect the cities of Breezy Point and Pequot Lakes.	The project benefits the MRT traveler by developing a trail along CSAH 11 that will connect Breezy Point and Pequot Lakes, building upon trail improvements at Pequot Lakes from the Paul Bunyan Trail - designated as the MRT.
City of Sauk Rapids	Second Avenue South Pedestrian Railroad Crossing	\$ 575,000	\$750,000	Construction of a sidewalk extension across a dual set of railroad tracks adjacent to 2nd Avenue South.	This project will benefit GRR and MRT travelers by improving non-motorized access to Sauk Rapids downtown businesses by those exploring the river, especially MRT cyclists.
Sherburne County	TH 25 Trail	\$ 863,000	\$ 107,875	Sherburne County is seeking funding to connect the City of Big Lake to the Mississippi River Crossing to Monticello along TH 25.	This project benefits GRR and MRT travelers by developing a trail to connect the City of Big Lake to the Mississippi River Crossing to Monticello along TH 25.
City of Sauk Rapids	Pedestrian Improvements - CSAH 3 at 6th and Summit Avenues, Sauk Rapids	\$ 264,000	\$ 330,000	Funds are requested to complete a pedestrian crosswalk flasher system along CSAH 3 at each of the intersections of 6th and Summit Avenues North.	This project benefit the GRR and MRT traveler by completing a pedestrian crosswalk flasher system along CSAH 3 at each of the intersections of 6th and Summit Avenues North, providing improved non-motorized access to Bob Cross Nature Preserve and Bob Cross Park.