

2025 Transportation Alternative Grant Program Letters of Interest Summary of Projects Benefitting the Great River Road - 11/20/2025

Name of application organization:	Title of project:	Amount of funding requested:	Total Project Budget	One sentence description of the work for which you are seeking support:	Benefit to Byway Traveler or Byway
Sauk Rapids	2nd Ave S. Sidewalks, ADA, Improvements	\$ 240,000	\$ 4,420,000	Reconstruction and extension of sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps along 2nd Avenue South and side streets, including a new separated railroad crossing with pedestrian signals along 9th St So, as part of the 2026 2nd Ave So Improvements reconstruction project SP 191-106-008.	The project benefits GRR travelers because the 2nd Ave So corridor serves as a multimodal connection between the downtowns of Sauk Rapids and St Cloud. 14th St So is the main access to the Benton County Fairgrounds and Sports Arena East complex. These improvements enhance and expand a larger continuous sidewalk system providing multimodal access to basic needs of employment, food, schools, cultural and spiritual organizations, and recreation, as well as improved access to the Mississippi River and Wilson Park.
St. Cloud	5th Avenue South from 12th Street South to Ramsey Place	\$ 800,000	\$ 5,700,000	The corridor is the gateway to St Cloud State University and is heavily used for pedestrian, bike, and vehicular traffic. The work includes reconstructing pedestrian ramps to current ADA standards, improving the safety of the pedestrian crossing with signage, construct dedicated bike lanes, pavement markings and reduced crossing widths, and enhanced street lighting.	This project will benefit the GRR traveler by improving a portion of the MRT, and providing and enhancing the multi-modal infrastructure of the 5th Avenue corridor to provide safer experiences for St. Cloud State University students, river explorers, and commuters.

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St. Cloud	Heatherwood Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$ 400,000	\$ 500,000	The installation of a multi-modal path that is the missing 1.5 mile link between the existing segments of the Beaver Island Trail from St Cloud State University to Clearwater Rd (5 miles) and Opportunity Drive to the City of Clearwater (3.5 miles).	This project benefits the GRR traveler by constructing the 1.5-mile section of the Beaver Island Trail that will connect two existing trail segments, creating an 11 mile contiguous trail from the City of Clearwater to St Cloud State University. The north section is a 5 mile section that runs from St Cloud State to past the River Bluffs Park to Clearwater Road. The south section runs from 60th Ave South just north of Opportunity Drive to the City of Clearwater.
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