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Steven Leiby
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Dear Mr. Leiby and Members of the DALMAC Fund Committee,

Thank you for being the first grantor to commit to supporting our Peninsula Township Non-Motorized Transportation Planning effort. We believe your support was critical in helping us secure additional funding.

The efforts to secure adequate funding to complete a formal planning process have now been realized. In addition to the \$15,000 award from the DALMAC Fund, in September Peninsula Township was awarded \$51,000 from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund's 2024 Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles program. In addition, Peninsula Township had already allocated \$8,000 for non-motorized planning, which was used as a matching cash contribution in both of the awarded grants.

These three sources total a budget of \$74,000 now secured to complete a comprehensive non-motorized transportation plan for Peninsula Township that will include multiple and diverse opportunities for citizen engagement to develop a plan that works for our community.

We expanded the budget for the MI Health Fund (compared to the DALMAC Fund request) to include a more extensive public engagement process, more comprehensive plan goals including construction cost estimates, and an evaluation approach for the planning process. There were a few reasons for the expanded request to the MI Health Fund:

The grant opportunity required a minimum ask of \$50,000.

The grant emphasized extensive public engagement (always a good thing and we're thrilled to be able to increase engagement opportunities!).

The grant emphasized greater preparation for implementation as an outcome (also a great plan expansion opportunity).

The grant required an evaluation approach be included.

The target timeline for our planning process is a 14-month project period beginning in October, 2024 with the release of an RFP for planning services, and concluding November 30, 2025. The timeline is aligned to provide the main public engagement periods during the summer months, when the greatest number of township residents are present locally.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to a successful planning process and providing return on your investment in us that supports the DALMAC Fund goals of: advancing and promoting the use of bicycles; bicycle safety; public awareness of bicyclists' rights on public thoroughfares; and planning that may expand the statewide bicycle route system in a very popular cycling destination for many riders.

Sincerely,

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