



City of Detroit Lakes

1025 Roosevelt Ave., P.O. Box 647 Detroit Lakes MN 56502

Item 14: LETTER OF SUPPORT

May 4, 2009

The Honorable Collin Peterson, Congressman
2211 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515-2308

Dear Collin,

I am writing to you to express the City's strong support for the Crescent Parkway Project. The Crescent Parkway Project is a high priority project for the City and has strong community support. This project was developed as part of the Business Corridor Redevelopment Plan prepared by RDG Planning & Design, a private planning consulting firm. The planning process lasted one year and involved hundreds of residents in focus groups and design workshops, which has helped to create broad community support for this project. The City of Detroit Lakes is seeking grant assistance for the Crescent Parkway Project.

The Crescent Parkway is a 5 acre area that was significantly impacted due to the Highway 10 Realignment Project. The City would like to develop the Crescent Parkway in order to regain local traffic circulation and additional parking for this commercial area adjacent to our downtown. Some of the property to be redeveloped includes the old highway to be vacated and turned back to the City. Other parcels will be assembled through acquisition. The City was required to spend money on local improvements related to the Highway 10 Project. In fact, the City has committed its Municipal State Aid (MSA) funds for the next six years. Local funding for street and road projects will be very limited for the next several years.

The investment in public infrastructure will lead to private investment in this redevelopment area. The Detroit Lakes Development Authority has acquired a key property in this area for \$393,000. They plan to acquire another property for \$275,000. The investment in property acquisition while important for this project, will further limit local funds that are available for other aspects of the redevelopment. We anticipate that private investment in the Crescent Parkway Area will exceed ten million dollars.

The construction of the Crescent Parkway and public parking facilities is estimated to cost \$1,074,000. A cost breakdown is presented below.

Crescent Parkway Project Budget

Street	\$475,000.
Parking Lots	\$650,000.
Sidewalk	\$140,000.
Storm Sewer	\$200,000.
Sanitary Sewer	\$ 40,000.
Water Main	\$ 50,000.
Lighting	\$ 84,000.
Streetscapes/Stormwater Holding	<u>\$175,000.</u>

TOTAL \$1,814,000.

The City of Detroit Lakes is requesting \$1,451,200. in Federal funds which represents 80% of the eligible cost.

The attached map shows the proposed Crescent Parkway Project. A copy of the Business Corridor Study was sent to you separately.

I am hopeful that this letter has summarized the benefits of this development and also provided a statement of the City's commitment to this project. If you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information, please contact our City Administrator, Robert Louiseau at 218-846-7123.

Sincerely,



Matt Brenk
Mayor

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