



September 22, 2023

RE: USDOT RCN/NAE Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

City of Memphis via Memphis Parks respectfully submits the Neighborhood Access & Equity Program application "Walking (and biking) in Memphis." Supporting environmental initiatives such as this directly aligns with the vision and mission of Memphis Parks.

This unique community asset addition located in North Memphis will improve neighborhood transportation in total for 26 miles across the city. This addition to our greenway will be providing access to green spaces and other neighborhood destinations and reducing physical and socioeconomic barriers for all users.

The City of Memphis is financially committed to funding \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) in local match toward the project budget.

We believe this initiative will result in enhanced environmental civic engagement and quality of life for our citizens, but particularly for the historically disadvantaged neighborhoods directly surrounding this one-mile addition. We look forward to continuing our decades long collaboration with Wolf River Conservancy during this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Nick Walker
Director, Memphis Parks