

Monica Bryand, Chair CIB Streets and Utilities Task Force. c/o John McCarthy 700 City Hall 15 West Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul MN 55102-1658

February 12, 2013

Ms. Bryand:

On behalf of Sparc, I am writing to recommend the D11 Neighbors' proposal, "Pierce Butler/Lexington Parkway Bicycle Connection," for funding.

We support this application as the bicycle connection will directly link a major North/South bicycle commuter route with an East/West one. This connection will help complete the bicycle commuter route system that is supported by the City of Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.

The bicycle connection would also provide easier bicycle access to the recreational opportunities at Como Park. The completion of the commuter route system would have long-term benefits in terms of health and access to employment opportunities and housing by those who need to or choose to bike instead of daily commuting by auto.

Sparc is a community development corporation that creates and maintains healthy, affordable, and sustainable communities by improving residential and business vitality in the City of Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Allison Sharkey Associate Director