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Township of South Orange Village
101 South Orange Avenue
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Re: South Orange River Greenway Bike Trail Phase IV - NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant Application

Dear Village President Torpey and Board of Trustees:

Today, I am writing in support of the Township of South Orange Village's proposed NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant application in which the Village seeks funding for the South Orange River Greenway Bike Trail Phase IV.

The Township of South Orange Village is seeking funding for the final phase of the already successful River Greenway project. The Village is a leader in the State for their commitment to the environment and the promotion of alternative modes of transportation. This final phase will complete the Bike Trail that will provide a bikeway/pedestrian path linking the southern border of South Orange and Maplewood, including a vital link to Columbia High School, and connecting through to the downtown Village Center. The trail will also provide a path to the South Orange Train Station, the South Orange Performing Arts Center and the north of downtown to the Village's parks and recreational amenities.

I strongly support the Township of South Orange Village's efforts in the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant application for South Orange River Greenway Bike Trail Phase IV. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress