

April 29th, 2025

Ohio Department of Transportation
Attn: Ms. Caitlin Harley, Safe Routes to School & Active Transportation Program Mgr.
1980 West Broad St.
Columbus OH 43223

Re: ODOT Special Solicitation – Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Dear Ms. Harley,

On behalf of the Village of Granville, I am writing to express our strong support for the grant application submitted by the Granville Recreation District to the ODOT Special Solicitation Fund for pedestrian and cyclist accessibility improvements along the Newark-Granville Road path from St. Edward's Church to Thornewood Crossing.

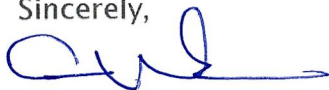
This segment of the pathway plays a critical role in connecting our community, particularly students, families, and recreational users, with key local institutions including Granville Elementary School, Granville Christian Academy, Welsh Hills School, and the Granville Recreation District (GRD) facilities at Bryn Du Mansion. Enhancing the safety and accessibility of this route is essential to ensure that all community members, regardless of age or ability, can travel this corridor safely and comfortably.

The proposed upgrades are necessary and timely. These improvements will significantly enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety, promote walkability, and ensure greater accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

We believe this project aligns strongly with the objectives of the Special Solicitation Fund and reflects a clear commitment to inclusive and equitable transportation infrastructure.

We wholeheartedly endorse this project and encourage its full and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Andy Wildman



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