

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



June 4, 2021

Dave Holien
Transportation Alternatives Engineer
Montana Department of Transportation

Dear Mr. Holien,

This letter is in support of the City of Hamilton's Transportation Alternatives grant application for a bicycle and pedestrian path on Marcus Street. Over the years Ravalli County has worked in partnership with the City of Hamilton to nominate Marcus Street for improvements, including dedicated non-motorized facilities. The Ravalli County Commissioners are in full support of the City's grant request.

Marcus Street is a primary access route into Hamilton for Ravalli County residents, providing connections to Hamilton Schools, downtown, and employment. As residential development on Hamilton's eastside continues to grow, the need to provide a safe bicycle and pedestrian route on Marcus Street has become increasingly apparent. Already school age children and adults bike and walk along Marcus Street. With the lack of sidewalks or bike path this situation increases the potential for conflicts between vehicles and bikes/pedestrians. We feel a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian path on Marcus Street will greatly improve transportation safety in Hamilton, particularly for kids going to Hamilton Middle School and Daly Elementary.

We appreciate your consideration of Hamilton's Transportation Alternatives grant application.

Regards,

Dan Huls, Vice Chairman
Ravalli County Commissioner