October 15, 2020

Mr. Omer Osman, Secretary

Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Mr. Osman:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce in support of connecting communities through trail development and alternate transportation routes. We represent over 500 businesses and organizations throughout DeKalb County, and we are proud to lend this letter of support as the Sycamore Park District applies for IDOT's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant to support the final piece of an integral tail connection in Sycamore and identified in DeKalb County's Greenways and Trails Plan.

We believe that trail connections are extremely important to our residents and to enhancing our community's recreational opportunities. Trail connections also provide safe routes to schools, and to our business districts, particularly access to sidewalks leading to our downtown shopping district.

On behalf of the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors, our members, and our community, we enthusiastically support Sycamore Park District’s ITEP grant application.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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