



River Park Neighborhood Association

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September 14, 2021

The Honorable Mayor James Mueller
South Bend City Council
County City Bldg.
227 W. Jefferson Blvd.
South Bend, IN 46601

Dear Mayor Mueller and Council members:

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the members of the River Park Neighborhood Association. Doug Hunt and Professor Jan Cervelli presented the RiverRail project at our September board meeting and discussed the goals, concepts and logistics of the project. They also discussed how similar projects have positively impacted the areas they serve, not only by the connection of areas, but the revitalization of those areas as direct result of the completion of a modern streetcar system.

More importantly, we believe that the RiverRail would provide a much needed service to the citizens of South Bend who presently utilize Transpo as their primary means of transportation. Transpo is a very decent transit system; however, it has limitations in both hours of operation and days of the week. A modern streetcar system would fill this gap, allowing citizens and more importantly, families to access downtown South Bend for dining, theatre, sporting events, parks, museums, and city-sponsored events like First Friday, Meet Me on the Island, and others.

As with any project, it is of the utmost importance to conduct an extensive study as part of the due diligence process. The River Park Neighborhood Association strongly supports a feasibility study in order for us, as both citizens and an organization, to make the most comprehensive decision for this project. We would ask the Mayor's Office and the City Council to also consider the support for further study this project.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to your response. Until then, I remain...

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl Walsh, President
River Park Neighborhood Association

cc: Douglas Hunt
Professor Jan Cervelli