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RE: Letter of Support for USBR11

Dear Ms. Abrahamer,

On behalf of the Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council, I am writing to express my support for the New York State Bike Route 11 project. As a community that supports transportation equity efforts and environmental considerations, I feel that development of this bicycle route will also provide us with an opportunity to bring awareness to our trails, paths, state parks and other recreational areas.

Introducing routes that cater to non-automated forms of transportation offers an innovative and affordable source of access for residents and visitors. Non-automated transportation is sustainable, decreasing traffic and toxic emissions.

The USBR11 project will broaden transportation modes, while enhancing tourism experiences that cater to bicycle tourism companies and bike share programs alike. USBR11 can provide an opportunity for riders to access various cities and villages creating connections that are currently lacking. This project also dovetails with the goals of the League of American Bicyclist Bicycle Friendly Community program, acknowledging bicycling as a cost-effective solution while prioritizing safety and education. Applying for this status would assist in creating greater community pride and tourism opportunities.

The overall impact of this bicycle route will promote healthier lifestyles and improve the quality of life for New York State residents. I hope that you and other leaders look favorably on the opportunity to implement USBR11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nicolette Wagoner".

Nicolette A. Wagoner, AICP
Director