



July 7, 2021

Mayor Sharon Powell
201 East Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Dear Mayor Powell,

On behalf of Mid-Continent Public Library, please accept this letter voicing support for the City of Excelsior Springs and your effort to obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE grant.

The RAISE grant would give the citizens of Excelsior Springs a valuable resource in creating accessible and safe sidewalks through a community that currently has none. Those using businesses and schools will benefit greatly from these sidewalks, but library patrons will most certainly benefit. A significant number of residents walk to our library branch each day to apply for jobs, access technology, register to vote, to build skills, and to get help with life issues great and small. Creating a safe path for those residents to make it to the library would truly be a boon for the community.

Speaking for the library, we fully support the city's vision for a safer and more walkable community. The community asset we provide will be enhanced by the creation of other city assets that are complementary. We commend the city in this effort and we fully support that application for the RAISE grant.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Potter
Library Director and C.E.O.