THE NORA ALLIANCE
a 501c3 not-for-profit
community organization

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To whom it may concern,

We, the undersigned organizations, would like to express our support for the coalition that includes Nora Alliance, Bicycle Garage Indy, neighboring property owners, organizations, and individuals seeking to improve the safety of the Monon Trail and 86th Street crossing through a tactical urbanism pilot project with the assistance of a grant from the State Department of Health and the approval of the Indianapolis Department of Public Works.

We recognize the value of creating a safe community for all and having streets, sidewalks, pathways, and trails that serve people of all ages and capabilities. We support a collaboration that includes local citizens, citizen groups, businesses, bicycle advocates, and safe streets advocates, supported by Ball State College of Architecture students and faculty, to create a tactical urbanism pilot project to be implemented in 2023.

The intersection of the Monon Trail and 86th Street had two fatalities in 2021 and countless near-misses. A citizen-led traffic study in July 2022 documenting 6+ hours found 240 incidents, including Right Turn on Red (93), Crosswalk Encroachment (44), and Running Red Light (11). The Tactical Urbanism Pilot Project will work to address these safety issues. We believe the tactical urbanism pilot project will provide a template for more permanent street-level safety measures.

In the long term, we support work toward the design and construction of permanent trail safety solutions such as a tunnel.

Sincerely,

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