

From: [Laura Wilmot](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Statement for Sept. 5 town council meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 10:29:08 AM

Hi!

I would like to submit a statement for the September 5 town council meeting:

I strongly urge the council to release the funds needed to complete Phase II of the rail trail widening project. I live close to the section of the trail that is now closed. My kids and I loved walking and biking on the trail, my husband used it to commute to work, and my neighbors used it to walk their dogs, run, etc... not to mention all the high school kids I would see training on the trail after school! Delaying the completion of the trail would be a detriment not just to my family but to the Zionsville community as a whole. We look forward to enjoying Indiana's glorious fall weather on this beautiful trail. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Thanks!
Laura Wilmot

From: [Eliana Armstrong](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#); [Craig Melton](#)
Subject: Rail trail
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 10:32:43 AM

Hello Mr Melton,

Please vote to release the funds for the completion of the rail trail repair. This project has already been left in limbo for too long and jeopardizes a much needed and valued resource for the town. The parks board recommendation should be followed so that further delay and cost increases are avoided.

Thank you,

Eliana Armstrong
650 Spring Hills Dr

From: [Sandy Chan](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Rail Trail
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 10:40:09 AM

Please can my statement below be added to the Sept 5th council meeting. Thank you!

To Town Council Members,

Since 2019, I have been dropping my children off at preschool and walking the rail trail near Town Hall. It has been a joy to experience all the seasons and weather with such a wonderful gem of the city. The current construction pause has been long enough. I enjoy the location I use because I have access to Town hall for restrooms and there's a little water fountain that I can also use or rest at from the nearby church. I currently am at that spot 3x a week for drop off and its infuriating that the construction has been stagnant.

I urge you to release funds to complete construction of Rail Trail Phase II so that I and many other community members may again use this space.

Thank you,
Sandy Chan
6271 Lancaster Pl, Zionsville, IN 46077

From: [Pam Diagostino](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Rail trail funds release
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:18:37 AM

I ask that the council release the rail trail completion funds at the next meeting on the 9/5. There is absolutely no reason for construction on the Rail Trail will be paused until next year. These funds were already approved by the Town Council and there is no budgeted overage for this project. Holding funds hostage for one project due to questions about others is poor fiscal management and hinders citizens from fully using one of our best town assets.

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From: Sharla Merrick
To: Alex Choi; Amy Lacy; Brad Burk; Bryan Traylor; Craig Melton; Jason Plunkett; Joe Culp; Josh Garrett
Subject: Rail trail funding
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:26:36 AM

I'm contacting you to express my support for releasing the funds to complete the rail trail project improvements. I feel that the Parks Department projects are essential to the continued growth of Zionsville. The rail trail is one project that I think the entire community uses and appreciates.

Thank you,
Sharla Merrick
265 Beechwood Ln, Zionsville, IN

From: [Christy Wessel Powell](#)
To: [Jason Plunkett](#)
Cc: [Scott Powell](#); [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Rail Trail funds request
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:27:44 AM

Dear Jason,

I request the Town Council release the Rail Trail funds at the next meeting so the park department can move forward with the project rather than having it paused for a year. It's an important way our kids get to and from school everyday safely, and we use it a lot for recreation even though we live in your district.

Thanks for your consideration, and your service to the town.

Christy Wessel Powell
District 2/Eaglewood

From: [Mindy Gmail](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Trail widening
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:28:42 AM

Hi,

My name is Mindy Burke and I live at 733 Bloor Woods Ct. I would like to ask that you vote yes for the additional appropriation request in regards to the Rail Trail widening. We use the Rail Trail often and it has been a great inconvenience having it shut down in both directions from Bloor Lane. My middle schooler uses the trail often to get to and from school and for cross country and track conditioning. The Rail Trail provides a safe option for my family to travel through Zionsville and we would like to see the project completed as soon as possible. We are happy to see that the town is investing in the Rail Trail and look forward to using the widened trail.

Thank you!

Mindy Burke

From: Adam Rosenfeld
To: Alex Choi; Amy Lacy; Brad Burk; Bryan Traylor; Craig Melton; Jason Plunkett; Joe Culp; Josh Garrett
Subject: Rail Trail Funds
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:31:22 AM

Dear Councilors,

I am writing to ask you to please release the funds that Jared Logston has requested for the completion of the Rail Trail expansion. Connectivity is a high priority for citizens of Zionsville. Along with this, the completion of the Rail Trail as has been proposed would provide for safe access to school for children. The money is there, if it is not appropriated at this time this will be delayed until next year and the cost will go significantly higher. Please do the responsible thing and appropriate the funds at the upcoming town council meeting.

Please include these comments in the record for the upcoming town council meeting.

Sincerely,

Adam Rosenfeld
130 Bailey Ct.
Zionsville

From: Michael Kalwat
To: Craig Melton; Amy Lacy; Jason Plunkett
Subject: Rail trail funding
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:34:15 AM

Dear Zionsville Town Councilors,

I'm writing to go on the record asking you to please release the funds for the completion of Rail Trail. It should be completed on schedule as planned and not have to wait another year.

Thank you!

Michael Kalwat
Zionsville district 3

From: Marcia Rosenfeld
To: Amy Lacy; Josh Garrett; Brad Burk; Jason Plunkett; Bryan Traylor; Craig Melton; Joe Culp; Alex Choi
Subject: Please release funds for Rail Trail
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 10:36:43 AM

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to ask you to **please** release the funds for the completion of Rail Trail. It is an eyesore currently, and impedes the safe use of the trail for adults but more importantly for students and we do not wish to pay more (nearly double!) for this already budgeted item if it is paused and then rebid next year. The town is asking for you to please get this done. Connectivity is very important to your constituents, and being able to move safely for our kids is so important. Please get this done!

Thanks,
Marcia Rosenfeld

From: Jamie Miller
To: Alex Choi; Amy Lacy; Brad Burk; Bryan Traylor; Craig Melton; Jason Plunkett; Joe Culp; Josh Garrett
Subject: Town council - request to approve funds to finish rail trail
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:46:07 AM

Hi, town council! Brad, thanks for stopping by the other day. Writing to encourage everyone to approve funding to complete the rail trail project. We miss having this in our family's options for walking, running and biking as well as an option for our sons xc runs! Looking forward to this important project getting completed.

Thank you for your service.

Thank you,
Jamie Miller
715 Mulberry St.

From: [Jeremy Wilmot](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Rail trail widening
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:47:28 AM

Good morning,

My name is Jeremy Wilmot and I have been a Zionsville resident since 2011. I'm a scientist at Corteva and have wanted to commute by bike for years, but found the roads to be unsafe. That all changed with the rail trail extension this year, so I bought a bike and have been loving the commute on the trail. I'm a big fan of the widening project, but the closure forces me to take side streets and make an unprotected crossing at Oak Street so I can get back on the trail at Pine. I would really like the project completed on time so I can go back to the much safer path along the trail. I have heard there is a council vote on Sept 5th to have funds that are already available released to finish the project on time. I hope that the council does not unnecessarily impede the trail completion so I can return to the much safer commute I was enjoying as was originally scheduled.

Thank you,

Dr. Jeremy Wilmot

From: Jennifer Weintraut
To: Amy Lacy; Josh Garrett; Brad Burk; Jason Plunkett; Bryan Traylor; Craig Melton; Joe Culp; Alex Choi
Subject: Please release funds for completion of Rail trail.
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:52:46 AM

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to ask you to please release the funds for the completion of Rail Trail. It is an eyesore currently, and impedes the safe use of the trail for adults but more importantly for students and we do not wish to pay more (nearly double!) for this already budgeted item if it is paused and then rebid next year. The town is asking for you to please get this done.

Connectivity is very important to your constituents, and being able to move safely for our kids is so important. Please get this done!

Thanks,

Jennifer Weintraut
8940 Shelburne Way

Amy Lacy

From: Rhonda Adams <smada2001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Amy Lacy
Subject: PLEASE Release the funds

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to ask you to please release the funds for the completion of Rail Trail. It is an eyesore currently, and impedes the safe use of the trail for adults but more importantly for students and we do not wish to pay more (nearly double!) for this already budgeted item if it is paused and then rebid next year. The town is asking for you to please get this done. Connectivity is very important to your constituents, and being able to move safely for our kids is so important. Please get this done!

Thanks,
Rhonda Adams

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From: [Anna Holden](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 1:13:28 PM

Hello,

I understand the board will be discussing completion of the rail trail at the next meeting, and I'd like to make a statement strongly in favor of releasing the funds necessary to complete it now rather than waiting until next year. It's unsafe and an eyesore as it is now. It's not a good look for Zionsville to leave this gem unusable (or not safely usable), and it only detracts from the community and hurts the citizens.

Thanks!
Anna Holden

From: [D Tucker](#)
To: [Amy Lacy](#)
Subject: Rail trail funding
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 3:31:04 PM

Dear Councilors,

Please release funds for paving the trail from Mulberry to Starkey Avenue.

The trail is a transportation artery, just as any road is, and is an important link for travel to and from our homes to the high school and middle school. Because the trail is closed, my children have been taking much more dangerous routes to and from the schools, crossing several driveway cuts and traffic-filled roads that they would not otherwise have to cross if the trail were open. For the safety of student and parent bike riders, please release the funds to complete the project.

This completely unnecessary delay in holding up the project is putting my children, me, and others at risk of vehicle collisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Danielle Tucker
Zionsville, In