Organizational Statement

The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure is responsible for the transportation of people and goods throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and for the management, design, improvement, and operation of the public right of way. The mission of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure is to provide the transportation mobility essential to the economic mobility of all Pittsburghers.

Letter of Intent

The Green Boulevard Phase 1 project is the first phase of implementation for the Allegheny River Green Boulevard. The project includes a shared-use pedestrian and bicycle path along the Allegheny Valley Railroad between 40th Street and 43rd Street. Design elements, including the paved trail, site furniture, and planting, reference recommendations from multiple past planning projects including the Allegheny River Green Boulevard (ARGB) Strategic Plan:

- Bike(+) Master Plan (City of Pittsburgh, 2020)
- Guide to Riverfront Development (Riverlife, 2014)
- Allegheny Riverfront Vision Plan (Riverlife, 2001)
- Strip District Riverfront Vision Plan (Riverlife, 2016)

The trail will be constructed primarily with asphalt paving. Trail entries at 40th Street and 43rd Street will be paved with permeable concrete unit pavers. Lighting, seating, and fencing will be installed along the project corridor, particularly at trail entry and exit points. A short modular block wall with fencing is required along portions of the railroad’s property line. It is intended that future portions of the Allegheny River Green Boulevard Trail, as they are built out in accordance with the Strategic Plan, will be designed with similar and consistent paving and furnishings to this project.

The Allegheny River Green Boulevard (ARGB) Strategic Plan was developed over several years through efforts of the City of Pittsburgh and Riverlife and published in 2013. The plan included in its study area areas of neighborhoods located along the south shore of the Allegheny River, from the Lower Strip District through and beyond Upper Lawrenceville. The study included ambitious recommendations for land use, transportation, open space, and riverfront access.

The Green Boulevard Phase 1 project was presented at the Lawrenceville Corporation’s Community Development Activities Meeting in June 2021. The project was additionally presented at the Lawrenceville Corporation’s Real Estate Committee meeting in July 2021 and November 2021.

The construction budget for Phase 1 is $500,000. 1% of the construction budget is allocated for public art. Due to the small geographic scope of Phase 1, the public art funding is being postponed and will be applied toward public art funding for future phases of the Green Boulevard in order to maximize the impact of public art investment. The City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works is coordinating this effort with the City of Pittsburgh’s Art Commission staff.
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1

Butler Street
40th Street
Willow Street
43rd Street

CONTEXT
Allegheny Valley Railroad (AVRR)

Three Rivers Heritage Trail
Bernard Dog Run

Allegheny River

Arsenal Park
Leslie Park
Lawrenceville Neighborhood

CONTEXT
CONTEXT
43RD STREET
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE PLAN

40th Street
43rd Street

Specialty paving
Specialty fencing
Bench
Bollard
Planting

Asphalt standard paving
Metal standard fencing
Lighting

TECH
MILL 41
(aerial outdated)

BAY 41

THE FOUNDRY
THE ICE HOUSE

Specialty paving
Specialty fencing
Bollards
Durahold wall

Asphalt standard paving
Durahold wall
Lighting

Specialty paving
Specialty fencing
Bench
Bollard
Planting

THE FOUNDRY

Specialty paving
Specialty fencing
Bench
Bollard
Planting

Asphalt standard paving
Metal standard fencing
Lighting

THE FOUNDRY
THE ICE HOUSE
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE FURNISHINGS | BENCH

SPECIALTY
Landscape Forms
Santa & Cole Urbidermis Line - Bancal Bench
88” with back
Black powder coated finish
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE FURNISHINGS | WALLS AND FENCING

STANDARD
Durahold wall

STANDARD
Omega “Elite Double Wire”
Black powder coated finish

SPECIALTY
Omega “OMEGA80”
Louvered orsogril style
Black powder coated finish
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE FURNISHINGS | LIGHTING

STANDARD
D-series area size 0
100’ on center
Black powder coated finish
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE FURNISHINGS | LITTER RECEPTACLE + BOLLARD

STANDARD
Victor Stanley
Ironsites Collection S-42 relay sensor with rain bonnet
Black powder coated finish

STANDARD
Traffic Guard
SINGLE POST [LPHDHB]
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
SITE FURNISHINGS | PAVING

STANDARD
Asphalt

SPECIALTY
Unilock Eco-prioria permeable paver
Granite color
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
VEGETATION | TREES

Kentucky Coffee Tree
*Gymnocladus dioicus*

Swamp White Oak
*Quercus bicolor*

Eastern red cedar ‘Emerald Sentinel’
*Juniperus virginiana*
GREEN BOULEVARD PHASE 1
VEGETATION

Staghorn sumac
*Rhus typhina*
December 30, 2021

City of Pittsburgh Art Commission  
Department of City Planning  
200 Ross Street, Fourth Floor

Dear Commission Members:

This City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) and Department of Public Works (DPW) are in strong support of the application to the City of Pittsburgh Art Commission for the Allegheny River Green Boulevard: 40th to 43rd Street project. The project is the first portion of the Allegheny River Green Boulevard, in planning and study phases since 2009, which aims to connect for multi-modal transportation the lower Strip District through and beyond Upper Lawrenceville.

The design process has referenced the below published plans, and DOMI and DPW have been collaborating to ensure that the desires of the varying plans are balanced with the need for ongoing maintenance.

- Allegheny River Green Boulevard Strategic Plan (City of Pittsburgh, Riverlife, 2013)  
- Bike(+) Master Plan (City of Pittsburgh, 2020)  
- Guide to Riverfront Development (Riverlife, 2014)  
- Allegheny Riverfront Vision Plan (Riverlife, 2001)  
- Strip District Riverfront Vision Plan (Riverlife, 2016)

The City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and Department of Public works fully support the proposed project/design and believe it will spur future development, both public and private, according to the above-referenced planning efforts.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Lucas  
Chris Hornstein
RE: Green Boulevard Commuter Path | Letter of Support

Dear Pittsburgh Art Commission Members:

As the catalyst and conduit for responsible and sustainable growth in the Lawrenceville community, Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) strives to make the riverfront a vital public space for all, serving as both a destination and a safe and accessible connector. Implementation of the Green Boulevard Plan has been central to achieving this vision for over a decade. I am thus pleased to be writing today on behalf of LC to express our full and continued support for the Green Boulevard Commuter Path stretching along the Allegheny Valley Railroad from 40th to 43rd Street.

The Green Boulevard was first envisioned in the 2011 Allegheny Riverfront Vision Plan and further developed in the 2013 Green Boulevard Strategic Plan. It is the result of multiple rounds of technical analyses, community engagement, and an ongoing partnership between LC, the City, Riverlife, and other stakeholders. As conversations and analyses continue into the present day, plans for the Green Boulevard have evolved to meet present day needs and challenges.

Through the community process and engagement with local developers, we have continually carved out space for the Green Boulevard, resulting in a clear path for the 40th to 43rd Street section of the commuter path. We believe that this section is an important demonstration of the Green Boulevard Plan, and that its design, construction, and maintenance plan will set the standards and expectations as we continue to engage adjacent developers to eventually expand the path through other neighborhoods. This current design has been reviewed by the Green Boulevard Advisory Committee, Lawrenceville Corporation’s Real Estate Committee, and by the general Lawrenceville community as part of community-wide meetings and has been met with enthusiastic support.

We appreciate the City’s commitment to advancing the Green Boulevard Plan and look forward to our continued partnership to see this and future phases through implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lauren Connelly
Executive Director
Lawrenceville Corporation
January 6, 2022

Andrew Moss, President
City of Pittsburgh Art Commission
200 Ross Street, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: Letter of support for Green Boulevard Commuter Path

Dear Pittsburgh Art Commission Members:

On behalf of Lawrenceville United (LU), please accept this letter of support for the implementation of the Green Boulevard Commuter Path stretching along the Allegheny Valley Railroad from 40th to 43rd Street. The mission of LU is to improve and protect quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents. We envision a welcoming, diverse, and empowered community that works together to ensure all residents have what they need to thrive. Our organization is comprised of nearly 800 members and steered by an all-volunteer Board of Directors made up entirely by current and recently displaced Lawrenceville residents.

The Green Boulevard has been a critical goal of the Lawrenceville community for many years, reflected in many of our neighborhood plans as well as our participation in City-wide planning efforts. Key to improving quality of life in our community is providing all residents with safe, affordable, accessible opportunities for mobility, and in keeping with the City of Pittsburgh’s Climate Action Plan, we are particularly interested in seeing infrastructure improvements that prioritize mode shifts away from personal vehicles. The Green Boulevard represents an important step forward in advancing bike and pedestrian infrastructure through our busy neighborhood. After so many years, we are pleased to see implementation of the first leg of the Green Boulevard Plan materialize and serve as a demonstration project for future connections.

We appreciate the City of Pittsburgh’s investment towards this first portion of the path and we thank the Art Commission for its consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Breingan
Executive Director
Lawrenceville United

cc: Michael E. Panzitta, City of Pittsburgh
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- E/E Scoping Field View - 20% to 25%
- Design Field View - 15% to 20%
- Final Design Field View - 10% to 15%
- P.S.&E. - 3% to 5%

**Legend:**

**Grand Total:** $430,812.68