

TOWN of BROADUS

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February 6, 2018

Powder River Heart Club
PO Box 200
Broadus, Montana 59317

To Whom This May Concern:

The Town of Broadus has reviewed the information provided about "Walk The Pathway To Health" and have discussed the pathway with members of the club. Mayor and Council agreed this would be a tremendous addition to our community and support you in your endeavors.

The Town of Broadus also agrees to provide the level of maintenance the public works department can handle. If you should need any further information to help with this project, please contact the Town Office at 436-2409.

Yours truly,

Milton L Amsden
Mayor



Pc:file

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February 8, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Broadus Public Schools I am writing this letter in support of the proposed walking trail. Our Physical Education classes promote life-long fitness including the benefits of walking. Our track team frequently utilizes the walking path that runs to the Powder River. A trail that is free of vehicle traffic would benefit our students and providing a safe place to exercise.

Our school district would utilize this new path and easily be able to incorporate its usage into our Physical Education curriculum. The benefits of the proposed trail would significantly impact the health of our students and community members.

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen, Superintendent
Broadus Public Schools



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Powder River County Extension
Broadus, Montana 59317

To Whom it May Concern,

The Powder River Medical Clinic in Broadus, Montana is very excited to support the Powder River Heart Club and Broadus Trail Project on their grant proposal for safe, accessible biking and walking paths for our community. We feel this will benefit all ages by having a dedicated biking and walking path.

As a medical provider, I am well aware of obesity as a chronic illness. I fully encourage my patients to stay physically fit and try to get 150 minutes of exercise weekly. It would greatly benefit Broadus to have a dedicated walking path for safety as a busy highway passes right through town.

We are proud to know that Powder River Extension office has always supported community development as well as healthy life styles for community members of all ages. Our clinic has worked with your office for over 10 years on community health projects. We have worked together to implement healthy snacks and milk in vending machines at the High School. We have seen great participation from community members in the arthritis exercise program as well as the Strong Women and Strong Hearts program.

Our clinic looks forward to collaborating with Powder River Extension office, Powder River Heart Club and Broadus Trail Project on their application seeking grant funds for a biking and walking path. It is my pleasure to see our community come together to promote exercise and healthy lifestyles.

Sincerely,

Jaci Phillips FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

POWDER RIVER COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

P.O. Box 629

Broadus, Montana 59317

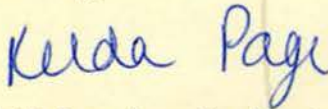
March 9, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the School Community Development Council, I am writing this letter in support of the proposed walking trail. Our group supports this plan because of the community wide use the trail would receive. Every person, young or old, could benefit from the use of the walking trail. Both the High School and Elementary will benefit in an improved, safer trail to use during physical education classes and sports activities.

We believe in this project so much that we are going to do a fundraiser through the Montana Community Foundation called MTgives on May 3rd. As a part of the MCF we have this opportunity to give back to our community through donations to a project we believe in.

Sincerely,



Kelda Page, Executive Director
School Community Development Council



Powder River Chamber of Commerce

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To Whom It May Concern,

Our organization is very much in favor of the Walking Path, we feel it would benefit anyone and everyone young and old alike. Having a walking path seems to encourage people to exercise more than if they have to just walk on the streets or down a highway; safety is such a major issue. It will benefit our entire town and the surrounding area, such as parents waiting for their children in sports, young mothers walking with small children, elderly people with walkers and canes and the list goes on.

Please consider the Strong Heart Study Group for this grant.

Thank you,

Pete Wenzel, Vice-President

Powder River County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

March 8th, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to put in a Strong Vote in NEED Of the Walking Path for Broadus, MT. Broadus is but a small town in SE MT, that strives to be that town you would want to visit on your way thru and stay for a while.

The walking path would provide a safe place to exercise, walk, jog, walk the dog, our youth and our elderly, also handicapped to enjoy a stroll thru a part of our town that is not highly traffic area. We do have HWY 212 that goes right thru town and it is a hazard to our children, when riding bikes, etc.

I can see so many people that would enjoy the benefits of this Walking Path. Everyone needs their share of getting out of the Box, and exploring nature. I envision strollers, bicyclers big and little, casual walkers, joggers, track teams, basketball teams, football teams, and our elderly enjoying this beautiful asset to Broadus.

I hope you will consider our small town, and we thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Justin and Charlee Kuhbacher
Beau 14, Paysen 11, Baylor 8, Jewel 4, and Denver 2 years of age.
Broadus Montana needs you to help us be Healthy strong!

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of an expanded walking/biking path in our community of Broadus. Depending on whether the path is paved or gravel it could be used for a multitude of activities including walking and running, biking, wheelchair recreation, rollerblading, skateboarding, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. My children and I enjoy family time which includes walks and bike rides. It is very difficult to find a route that does not involve crossing the highway. While I work very hard on street/road safety with my kids, it would be wonderful to have a route that keeps them safe from the highway. The path would offer a scenic and peaceful place for families to enjoy time together during holidays and other times. A path/green way would encourage travelers to stop and spend time in our community by providing a space for them to stretch their legs, walk their pets, and view the scenic beauty of Powder River Country. The more travelers stop and spend time in town, the more they are likely to spend and our community benefits greatly from visitor spending each year. A walking and biking path can help community members connect with one another, connecting community members that may not typically interact. A path/green way promotes a variety of physical activity and one that is inexpensive to pursue. Improved access to walking/biking trails can lead to improved participation by community members. Physical activity can help combat cognitive decline in elderly community members. There are truly many health benefits from physical activity. As a mental health provider, I know that exercise is one of the number one ways to improve mental well being. Having access to quality trails and paths could help community members experience improved physical and mental health. In winters with enough snow the trails may double as snow shoe or cross-country ski trails which would mean year round benefit! Please strongly consider supporting a grant to help our community build this path.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cody Portwine-Kinzer, LCSW

To whom it may concern,

As someone who searches for fun ways to exercise, a walkway in the town of Broadus would be amazing! Although I am currently attending college, I come home every summer and walk on the pathway that leads to the river quite often. I would love to see an extension to that path and believe it would be a great benefit to the community.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

-DrewAnne Gatlin

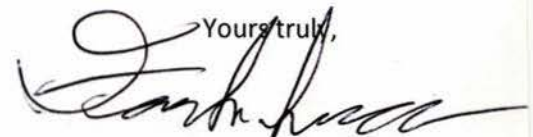
3-6-2016

To whom it may concern,

Imagine growing up in a small farm and ranch community, every day was work not just working at a job but working because you had to. When you needed the snow off the sidewalk you shoveled it. When you needed the garden worked you grabbed a shovel and went out and turned soil, when the phone would ring you had to walk across the house to answer it.

A lot of people in Powder River County grew up this way but times have changed and things have become easier. We have electric snow blowers that we don't even have to pull the rope to start. We have tillers that you can run with one hand and that full time burden the cell phone that is never far away. It makes for a change in our lifestyles. It leaves room and time for something new.

This trail is for that time. It's for the people that still love a little work getting out with the family or the always loyal k9 companion and enjoying the day without worrying if one of you will be struck by a car or slip and fall in the mud. A pathway that could bring generations together or just lead to a healthier community both physically and mentally, a pathway that is safe and enjoyable no longer sounds like work.

Yours truly,

Frankie Schoonover

Feb. 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a physical education teacher for over forty years at Broadus Elementary school. We use the existing paved trails from center of town to the river in our bike safety program. I'm also the head track Coach at the high school and my athletes use both paved trails to run on. We have used the area to be a pathway for cross-country in elementary physical education, sledding, and track practice, but it is really a rough trail. Exercise for all groups is important and will be enhanced with this development, thank you.

Sincerely,
Jerry Coulter, PE Teacher + Coach

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting an email supporting the efforts for a safe pedestrian walkway grant.

When Shilo and I lived in Casper, WY, there was a very long walking path near where we lived, along the North Platte River. I loved it. My college roommate and I would rollerblade, walk, run and just sit on the benches along the path and enjoy the nice weather. It was a great safe zone for people to ride a bike, take their kids out in strollers, family walks, and to take their dogs for a walk.

In today's society, technology tends to zap our motivation while we sit in front of a screen or a gaming device; especially our youth. Therefore, I think it would be a wonderful addition to the community and great incentive for people to get out and exercise.

Shilo and Karen Capp and family.

20 Capp Road

Powderville, MT 59345

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3-9-16

To whom it may concern,

We really need a walking/biking/jogging path in Broadus. Our county doesn't have much money to self-fund this endeavor.

However, I know my kids would benefit from a good path to learn to ride bikes. Fitness and safety are two important things that this path would bring our community. Please favorably consider the request to fund it.

Best Regards,

Lilly Oostedahl
& Family

March 3, 2016

To Whom This May Concern:

We are the Student Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group at Broadus High School. We work within our school and the community to promote awareness of making positive choices.

Being physically active is a positive choice. There is a small walking path already in place in our community, however we would like to see that expanded. Being physically active is an important part of a healthy lifestyle, which helps to decrease the risk of cardiovascular disease. In visiting with our Public Health Nurse, she explained that cardiovascular disease is one of the top three causes of death in our county.

An expanded walking/biking/running trail would give our community members the opportunity for a healthier lifestyle. Many community members, including school age currently utilize the path that is already in place, however many also walk along the roadways which can be unsafe. An expansion of the current path would also decrease the safety risk that some now face when trying to lengthen their time and distance of walking.

All ages in our community would benefit from the expansion, this is why we hope to help raise money for the new path. As a group SADD is will to invest both time and labor as well to see that the path is completed, because several of us plan to raise our families here after graduating from College.

We thank you for taking the time to consider our small but very wonderful community for this grant.

Sincerely

Lillian Cain
Sierra Lloyd
Payton ~~Gotfredson~~
Bailey Burley
Laura Harrington
Julia Juenson
Katie Forner
Brooke Belling
Sydney Schmidt
Heather RaPlant
Bailey Loun
Broadus High School SADD
Jesse Johnson
Isaac Christiansen
Garrett Greshin
Jarr Randall
Brian Hopkins
Dalton Powell
Leah Harrington
Erick McConnon
Callie Williams
Grace Harrington
Jessica Gotfredson
Kardi Collins
Jadyn Traub
Tiarra Twister
Sarah Earley
Taylor Dine
Madison Hansen
Lance Barber
Brooklyn Powell
Zuke Hargy

To Whom it may concern,

Building a walk/bike path is a great way to save lives and make people happy. Have you had a love one die, if we made a path over there people wouldn't have to drive on gravel roads.

Old people could go out there too if it is on the north side of town it is quieter so they could enjoy themselves with little noise, it would also improve their health.

Our town combines two highways so there is a lot of trucks. If a smaller child crossed the road the truck driver may not see it. This is a great opportunity we should take advantage of it.

Sincerely,

Marcus a fifth grade kid at BES

To whom it may concern,
I think having a
biking / walking trail would
be great.

First, it would provide
exercise. And citizens would
get out more. And it would
allow people to look at
the scenery.

Second, it would allow
kids in PE to run somewhere
other than the track. For
bike safety, kids could ride
there instead of in town.
It would be a great
place to have for school
activities.

Lastly, it would be a
great place for families. Families
could have have a afternoon
hike or picnic. Families could
enjoy the scenery and the
new pathway.

It would be great
to have a Biking, running
and, walking trail.

Sincerely,
Alex Pitman
a Broadus Elementary FTH grade
student

For Whd it My concern

I think it would be a great idea to have an extra Bike trail. It would Be a ~~LO~~ safer It's closer to the school and it's great exercise.

From a Fifth grade
Student - COLLIN

TO Whom it may concern,

I would like a new edition to our bike path. Because having a Bike path on the North side of town would be a safer way in stead of right beside the high way and busy roads.

It will be an amazing way to explore new places and surroundings that people don't see often, like Beautiful hills, and Birds and rabbit holes.

It will be fun to have around Broadus MT.

Sincerely,

Oliver Johnson 5th

To Whom it may concern,
Having a bike/walk trail on
the North side of town could
benefit many people in
these three ways.

The people of town could
get more exercise and get
healthy by using the bike/walk
path.

My second reason is it
could be fun for kids and adults
to have a walk on the path.

My third reason is in bike
safety kids could have two
options to travel.

Sincerely,

Gina Gustafson from

5th grade Elementary school

To whom it may concern,

I think it would be a good idea to extend the lake path to Powder River County's North side. It would be helpful for health and exercise purposes. It would also be really fun in like safety week to track me. I also know that a new path would enable kids in school to be able to enjoy more of recess than just the play ground. It would also enable the citizens of Broadus to move around town on foot more easily.

Sincerely,

Alexander
Edwards 5th grade
student,

To Whom it may concern,
This would be good for biking and to walk.
Usually, my mom and
I go for a walk and usually
we go on the side walk.

It would be awesome
if we could do this.
This would be alot better
then our one right now.
It would also be smoother
than this one. It would
be alot safer for all
of the people that go
on it.

Sincerely
Payden 5th grade

To whom it may concern,

Having a new bike and walking path on the North side of Town would be a huge benefit for the citizens of Broadus. Here is 3 reasons why I think we should.

First things first, people would be way safer walking around on the North side of town without having to be hit by a car or having bike wrecks in the road.

Secondly people wouldn't have to spend money on expensive gas or diesel.

Lastly people who go on it wouldn't have to look at buildings, poles, signs, cars, pavement, or houses. They would get to see cows, deer, antelope, hills, trees, bugs, and beautiful nature.

That's why I think a bike and walking path on the North side of town would be beneficial.

Sophie Irish, 5th grader of Broadus
Elementary School

To whom it may concern,

This bike path is a good idea for your community. It would help people stay fit. It would also be fun. You could go with your family and have some family time. If we did this it would be safe and it wouldn't waste as much gas either.

Sincerely,
Whitney Goffredson
Broadus Elementary School 5th grade.

Whitney
Goffredson

To Whom it may concern,

I think that having a walk/bike path on the north-side of town would be a great Idea. Here are multiple reasons why we should have a walk/bike pathway.

Firstly, It would save gas. Gas is very expensive in the modern days. People would save money, have fun, and get in shape.

My last reason is, If we got a new path my class and many other classes could use the path in P.E. class. It could take over the track and have less turns and it would be more fun! If it would go up to B-hill that would be way better, because my class (and I imagine other classes) love hiking in P.E. and in our home-lives.

Sincerely,

Sucinda Cain
(5th Grade student)

3/9/16

To whom it may concern,

The Bradford community wants to build a bike trail on the north side of town.

My first reason is that it will be safer for the community. There will not be any cars by the trail. People can also walk on the trail.

Also the community will get more exercise. Kids will get so much healthier if they walk. Kids will get out of the house and exercise.

Last we can use the trail for P.E. P.E. is very important for us. It is also good for our health.

Sincerely,
Zion

To Whom it may concern,

Having a new bike path on the north side of town would be a lot safer than the other bike path. These are some reasons why it would be safer. The trail wouldn't be very close to the highway so people wouldn't get hit. Also our other bike path has a lot of goat heads and goat heads make you get flat tires and then you crash. There are also a lot of weeds on the other bike trail and my bike chain gets caught on the weeds and falls off.

These are the reasons why I think our community should be able to create a new bike trail.

Sincerely,
Laurnyn Billing
5th Grader of Broadus
Elementary School.

To Whom it may concern,
A new walk/bike way would
be amazing on the north side of
Broadus.

This walk/bike way would be great
for exercise. It would also be
great for bike safety at school.
It would be very fun to have
this. You should really install
this.

Sincerely, Dillon Gee
(Fifth grade student)

To whom it may concern,

There are lots of good benefits to have a new trail at Powder River on the North side of town.

The other trail goes in the middle of town and by the road. Have you ever worried about the traffic, or if your walking a dog and it gets loose and goes on the road? If so this other trail is not by the road and if your dog gets loose its no big deal.

Another benefit is when the elementary kids have bike safety they would have another trail to ride on and look at the view! Its better for the whole community!

My last benefit is you could get a good exercise and hang out with friends. You could take a walk with your animals or have a picnic at the end of the trail.

Thats my three reasons we should have a trail on the North side of town.

Sincerely, fifth grader, Bradus Clementrey,
Rhianma Schroeder

To whom it may concern,

I think it would be a great idea to put a bike/walkpath on the north side of town.

- It would be safer.
- It would be good for exercise.
- It's closer to the school.

Sincerely,

Grayson Miller