



Russ Stark
Chief Resilience Officer
City of Saint Paul
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

March 23, 2024

Dear Mr. Stark:

The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance strongly supports the application by the coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service,” and commits to participate in the event EPA selects this application.

The Rice & Larpenteur community covers parts of three cities – Roseville, Maplewood, and Saint Paul, and includes some of the most diverse parts of the region. The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance works to realize the neighborhood Vision. We do so in partnership with our residents and a wide variety of stakeholders. Our Community-Based Advisory Board includes neighborhood residents, business owners, nonprofit leaders, development partners, philanthropic partners and government representatives from three cities and our county.

The proposal by Saint Paul and Minneapolis to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service” would support and advance our goals of “improved connectivity and accessibility” and “vibrant neighborhoods.”

Saint Paul and Minneapolis propose to build on their existing, successful carshare through four measures:

1. Add Evie Carshare vehicles to the current service area to meet growing demand.
2. Work with Community Based Organizations to identify an expanded Evie Carshare service area and support that new area with new Evie Carshare vehicles.
3. Add two-way electric carshare and public charging hubs on City property within the expanded service area
4. Add two-way electric carshare and public charging hubs at or near stations on high-frequency transit.

The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance is particularly supportive of Measures 2 and 4 and commits as a Community Based Organization to work with the Coalition of Minneapolis and Saint Paul to implement these measures.

Our main task will be to work with the Coalition to implement *Measure 2*, and to engage the residents and businesses in our area in that decision-making process in an informed and empowered way.

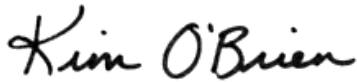
We will also work with the Coalition, and with Metro Transit, to implement *Measure 4*. The Rice & Larpenteur area will be served by two of Metro Transit's planned arterial Bus Rapid Transit lines, the G Line (running north-south on Robert St.) and the H Line (running east-west on Maryland). Locating EV carshare hubs near these lines would let residents reach a substantially larger set of important destinations. We will help the Coalition learn from our residents and locate carshare hubs in a way that best maximizes their usefulness.

In conclusion, we have seen residents of Saint Paul use the Evie Carshare system to meet transportation needs that they could not meet any other way. This Climate Pollution Reduction Grant would expand this proven, popular system to create a truly regional carshare system. Doing so would have, in the language of the CPRG Notice of Funding Opportunity, a "transformative impact" on our residents. We are pleased to be included in the proposal, and eager to help expand the system to serve the residents of more people, including those in the community around Rice & Larpenteur.

With this letter, the Rice & Larpenteur Alliance confirms that if the application is funded, we will participate as described in the proposal.

Sincerely,

Kim O'Brien, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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