

United States Senate

June 9, 2016

Mr. John Winkle
Attn: Ms. Mary Ann McNamara
Office of Program Delivery
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Room W38-302, Mail Stop 20
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Winkle:

I am writing on behalf of the Railroad Safety Infrastructure Improvements grant application submitted by the City of Shelby, Montana.

There have been six documented fatalities on Shelby's railroad tracks in the past 20 years. If improvements are not made, the City of Shelby believes this number could grow as train traffic increases. If successful, funding will be used by the City of Shelby to make improvements to help prevent pedestrian/train and vehicular/train collisions. The proposed project would provide for the installation of fencing, directional signage, and street widening to improve pedestrian safety. Quadrant gates would be installed at the at-grade crossing on Highway 2 to improve vehicular safety.

Public safety and infrastructure are essential components of the health and well-being of a growing community. I support the City of Shelby's grant application to ensure the safety of its citizens.

I trust you will give this grant proposal fair and thoughtful consideration. If I can answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator

cc: Sarah Feinberg, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration