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January 5, 2016

City of Pekin
Economic Development/Tourism Director
Leigh Ann Brown
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Pekin, IL 61554

Re: Pekin Park District Letter of Support for iTAP Grant Application

Dear Leigh Ann,

The Pekin Park District fully supports the City of Pekin's application to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Alternatives Program grant funding to engineer and design the extension of the Pekin Bike Trail. The Park District and City has had a good relationship with the existing trail from the Riverfront Park to Allentown Road. We plan to continue collaborating with the City by being involved with the planning and design of the trail's extension, as well as taking over maintenance and management once it is constructed.

Continuing the trail to Veterans Drive will only enhance the community's economy and quality of life further by providing future connectivity possibilities. The existing trail already provides and is utilized as an alternative mode of transportation, and will now offer this opportunity for even more businesses and residents.

Again, the Pekin Park District looks forward to continuing working with the City of Pekin on extending the Pekin Bike Trail.

Respectfully,

Cameron Bettin
Executive Director

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December 31, 2015

City of Pekin
Economic Development/Tourism Director
Leigh Ann Brown
111 S. Capitol Street
Pekin, IL 61554

Dear Leigh Ann Brown:

Pekin Insurance has been headquartered in Pekin, Illinois since 1921 and we currently have more than 700 employees working in the Pekin area. We actively encourage our employees to take advantage of the wonderful benefits offered by the city of Pekin, including the use of the multi-use trail provided by the city.

As both a strong supporter of the community and our employees, Pekin Insurance is committed to local projects that improve the quality of life for our community, customers and employees. The existing multi-use trail and proposed extension have far-reaching benefits to the community by promoting alternative, eco-friendly travel throughout the city, and encouraging healthy lifestyle opportunities.

The current trail allows both Pekin Insurance employees and residents the opportunity to walk or bicycle safely throughout town. Though the trail is accessible via Allentown Road, the extension would allow for easier and safer access both from our company and other areas of the city. We strongly support the proposed extension of the trail to Veterans Parkway along the current utility easement that the city of Pekin already has in place, and believe that this would be a great addition to our city.

Thank you,

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City of Pekin

Economic Development/Tourism Director

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Dear Leigh Ann;

The Avanti's Dome fully supports the City of Pekin's application to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for the Transportation Alternatives program grant funding to engineer and design the extension of the Pekin Bike Trail. Avanti's Dome hosts numerous tournaments and sporting events though out the year, as well as weddings and banquets. Our Sporting events alone bring in over 125,000 visitors to the Pekin area every year. We feel strongly that the Bike trail extension running along our property would greatly impact the Dome's ability to attract larger quality events and tournaments.

Access from our property to the adjoining businesses would also help our guests spend their retail dollars on the local Pekin businesses as well. We would be interested in starting a bike rental business to enhance the entire experience.

Again, we look forward to continuing working with the City of Pekin on extending the Pekin Bike Trail. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Nicol

Chief Operating Officer

Avanti's Restaurants/Avanti's Dome

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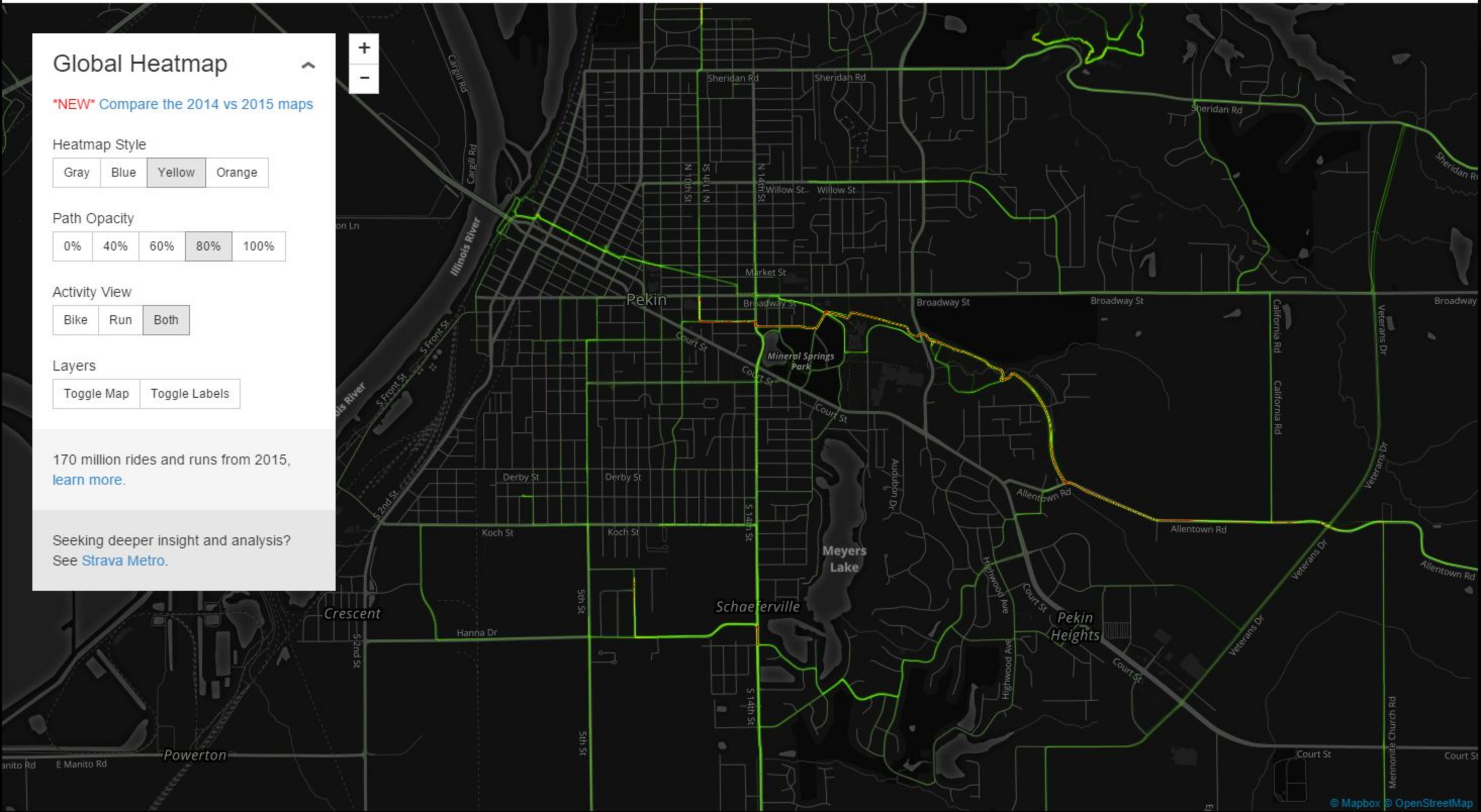
PROPOSED TRAIL EXTENSION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