

Bicycle and Shared-Use Path Design Assistance Program



FY 2008 Application Round 2

Due: January 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.



Eligible Projects and Programs

All projects designed within the MAG Design Assistance Program are using federal funds and therefore are required to be constructed. If a project is not constructed, the federal design funds must be paid back. Under Federal Highway Administration guidance, the jurisdiction needs to show demonstrable progress towards construction within five years of final design. The city or town manager or a designated representative of the jurisdiction is required to sign off on this application for federal design funding. If Federal funds are used to construct the project, jurisdictions must engage in the NEPA process prior to 30% design.

All projects submitted are required to satisfy the most recent eligibility requirements outlined under official Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Guidance under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The most recent Interim Program Guidance, to date, was released on October 31, 2006.

VII. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

D. Eligible Projects and Programs

1. Transportation Control Measures (TCMs)

- x. programs for secure bicycle storage facilities and other facilities, including bicycle lanes, for the convenience and protection of bicyclists, in both public and private areas.
- xv. programs for new construction and major reconstruction of paths, tracks, or areas solely for the use by pedestrian or other non-motorized means of transportation.

For additional information, or for questions, please contact:

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I, as official representative of _____, understand and agree that the _____ project will show demonstrable progress towards construction within five years upon completion of the full design. _____ (jurisdiction) accepts the responsibility to construct this project or return the federal design funding.

Name/Title

Date

PROJECT APPLICATION

Please provide the following information about the project. This portion of the application *should not exceed six (6) pages* exclusive of photos, maps, support letters and other exhibits. *Please submit 25 copies of each proposal.*

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

- Name of Applicant
- Organization/Jurisdiction
- Address (include City and Zip Code)
- Telephone and Fax Numbers
- Name and Title of Contact Person
- E-Mail Address of Contact Person
- Amount of Funding Requested

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Project Name
- Project Description (Example: This project is a bike lane/path/bridge on XXX street, extending XXX miles from XXX street to XXX street)
- Location (the names of the streets that form the project boundaries)
- Requested amount of Design Assistance funding
- Approximate Area (linear feet or total size of the project area)
- **Map** clearly showing the project area boundaries and surrounding land uses
- Aerial photos (if available)
- **Photographs** with captions of the study area showing the problems/issues

PROJECT NEED (30%)

- How will this project benefit people who choose to bike and those who need to bike?
- How will this project benefit the following populations: (1) low-income; (2) minority;(3) elderly; and (4) physically challenged?
- What is the median household income in the project area?
- Describe the benefits, for example health, physical activity, increased transit use, safety that will accrue from this project.

REPLICATION (15%)

- How could this project demonstrate the beneficial use of facilities for bicyclists in other locations in the MAG region?

LINKAGES (10%)

- Does this project add or complete a critical link in an existing bicycle network (local or regional)?

EXISTING PLANS (5%)

- Is this project included in adopted plans or policies?
- How does this project help to achieve existing plans?

SUPPORT and RESOURCES (20%)

- List the community partners that will be supporting the development and promotion of this project. Include city departments that will also be supporting the project.
- Does the jurisdiction have the following resources:
- Dedicated staff person to manage the project. Which city department will be responsible to provide information to the consultant?
- Base information (topo survey, aerial photography, ALTA survey in electronic/digital format, easement information, utility placement information).

COST AND FUNDING (20%)

- What is the approximate cost for plans, designs, and specifications for this project?
- Are there designated funds for construction of this project? If yes, what funding source has been identified?
- Are there funds for maintenance and who has the responsibility for maintenance?
- If funding has not been designated for construction of this project, what efforts have been made to identify funds that could be used for this project?

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (not included in six-page limitation):

- Property Owner Letter of Support (if required; see Background Information book for details)
- **Maps and photographs** illustrating the location and the need for the project.
