

FY 07 UWP PROPOSAL FORM

COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

State Fiscal Year (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007)

Project Title: Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning (Supplement)

Sponsoring Agency: CATS

Coordinating Agencies: Select and/or

Project Type Continued Study If continued, FY 06 UWP # 1100.08

Project Description (Responses are intended to be concise. You will be limited on the number of characters that you can input.)

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to comply with federal planning requirements (23 CFR Part 450) and certification emphasis areas that relate to safety and non-motorized planning. This funding supplement will cover the remaining staff time not included in the Core funding and will fund a consultant for the Year 2, Pedestrian Safety Initiative.

If the project relates to an emphasis area, please explain: Safety: This project will help make a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians. Context-sensitive solutions: project provides requested information to implementing agencies regarding existing and planned non-motorized facilities, and provides other information necessary for accommodation of non-motorized travel using our transportation system. Planning for Transit Systems Management/Operations to Increase Ridership: planning for improved non-motorized accommodations, particularly for pedestrians, is a transportation management strategy that facilitates higher transit ridership, since most transit trips require non-motorized travel for at least part of the trip. Limited non-motorized access has been identified as an important barrier to increasing travel by bus and rail.

Major tasks: With sufficient resources, the Plan Development Division will hold quarterly Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force meetings. The overall goal is to safely facilitate walking and bicycling in support of reducing VMT, supporting community and economic development, and supporting our transit system. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force provides guidance and agency support for the following initiatives: (1) Pedestrian Safety Initiative, as approved in the FY 2006 UWP, the RFP for which is now being issued by IDOT, which will (a) develop and institute a pedestrian safety review procedure for the preliminary engineering process; (b) implement a concentrated pedestrian safety enforcement, education, and engineering effort in competitively selected communities; and (c) promote and make available pre-packaged pedestrian safety programs region-wide; (2) providing non-motorized planning assistance (a) in support of highway projects' accommodation of bicycling and walking, (b) maintaining an inventory of existing and planned facilities as required by USDOT metropolitan planning regulations, (c) supporting local and

subregional plan development upon request, and (3) providing technical assistance to local and regional agencies (a) through bike and ped planning workshops such as the three 2005 workshops concerning intersection design and providing accessible routes for people with disabilities, (b) developing multi-media training resources, (c) supporting local and subregional project development, upon request; and (4) complete and begin implementation of Soles and Spokes Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for Chicago Area Transportation, a project delayed because of competing staff priorities (e.g., Regional Transportation Plan). Remaining tasks include the completion of the best practices guide, completion of policy proposals, and the compilation of documents for review and adoption.

The supplemental request includes consultant funds for the Year 2, Pedestrian Safety Initiative (completing this contract), and supplemental staff for on-going activities.

Previous efforts and inputs (studies or activities that support or contribute to the current effort, existing data or content created by others): Soles and Spokes Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for Chicago Area Transportation; 2030 Regional Transportation Plan; Palatine-Willow Corridor Study; Soles and Spokes Plan data, including the Bicycle Inventory System

Products and completion schedule:

Product	Product Type	Completion Date:
Ped Safety Initiative (continuing contract): Community Program, Preliminary Engineering Process, Development of Campaign	Outside Distribution	December 2007
Planning Assistance: Provide planning info to support project development X 30; Maintain inventory information of adopted plans, existing and committed projects X 20; Support local and subregional plan development X 10	Outside Distribution	June 2007
Provide Technical Assistance: Soles and Spokes Workshops X 3-4; developing multi-media technical X 2; support local and sub-regional project developmeent X 8;	Outside Distribution	December 2007
Complete Soles and Spokes Plan, including Best Practices Guide, Policy Proposals, Document Compilation, Review, and Approval	Outside Distribution	December 2006

Optional: Additional information on products can be placed here: There is currently a significant delay in staff response time to outside requests for technical assistance and planning information because of departures of staff. Staff is now unable to respond to some of these requests because of the needs of major capital projects. Staff would like to respond to all such requests in a timely way. Hiring staff (or consulting staff) to accomplish this work seems the best route to take to advance this goal.

The consulting contract for the Palatine Willow Corridor Study will conclude on June 30, 2006. Workshops throughout the corridor and in Chicago are scheduled for May, 2006.

Future activities or subsequent studies resulting from this project:

Financial Data

State FY 07 UWP Project Budget:

Amount Requested \$ 0



<u>Expense Breakdown for UWP Expenditures</u>	
\$ 0	Staff (including overhead)
\$ 150,000	Consultant or pass-through
\$	Other costs (specify purpose:)

Total Person Months (FY 07): 12

Optional: Information on additional funds or grants that will be used on this project:
