



## Activity #2: Safe Routes for Non-Drivers

The federal Transportation Enhancements (TA) program funds 10 different types of transportation-related activities. Through activity 2, Safe routes for non-drivers, communities develop projects that create or improve access for individuals who do not drive. These programs allow children, older adults and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs. This is a new activity under the 2012 MAP-21 transportation bill.

### Eligible Projects

Working within Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines, each state Department of Transportation (DOT) determines the eligibility of TA projects for funding. This is a new activity under the 2012 MAP-21 transportation bill. Communities should be creative in considering ways to improve the ability of non-drivers to access daily needs, such as schools, clinics, libraries, markets, and public transportation.

### Examples of Successful Projects

**Ninth Avenue Cycle Track New York City, New York.** A major reconstruction project on Ninth Avenue in New York City, New York used \$2 million in Transportation Enhancement funding to build separated bicycle lanes and to enhance the surrounding streetscape. The project funded the reconstruction of 9th avenue and included the installation of new sidewalks, narrowing of the roadbed, landscaping, and pedestrian refuges. The main change was the addition of a physically-separated bicycle path which is one of the first urban on-street parking and signal-protected bicycle facilities in the US. The project won the 2008 Best Program Award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers Transportation Planning Council.



**BEEP Program, Pennsylvania.** The Philadelphia School District used \$424,000 in funds for the Bicycle Education Enhancement Program (BEEP) at middle schools and high schools in the district. The BEEP program consisted of three components: (1) installing bike racks and distributing safety pamphlets, helmets and locks; (2) developing an integrated bicycle education curriculum as part of the existing physical education program; and (3) establishing a program of mini-grants for after-school bicycle clubs. Contact: Director of Health and Safety Administration, School District of Philadelphia, 215-875-3337

\*Please note: Educational programs are only eligible for projects relating to children in grades K-8.



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### Federal Guidance

Projects that use TA funds must qualify as one or more of the 10 designated activities and be related to surface transportation in order to meet basic federal eligibility requirements. FHWA TA Guidance defines non-driver to include children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. It also mentions connections to public transportation and access to daily needs for non-drivers.

Visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm> for a full copy of the FHWA TA Guidance.

### Project Funding

Most states require TA sponsors to provide at least 20 percent of project costs, also referred to as matching funds. In many states, the value of donated property, materials and services, the labor of state and local government employees, and the costs of preliminary engineering may count towards the matching requirement. Federal, non-DOT funds can often be used as matching funds. Check with your state TE manager whether these innovative financing options are available in your state. Additional funds for this activity may come from state health agencies or other state agencies, local governments, schools, businesses, foundations, service and nonprofit organizations or other federal sources.

Visit [www.ta-clearinghouse.info/funding\\_sources](http://www.ta-clearinghouse.info/funding_sources) for more suggestions on potential funding sources.

### Related Resources

- FHWA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped) or 202-366-0134
- The National Center for Bicycling and Walking: [www.bikewalk.org](http://www.bikewalk.org) or 202-463-6622
- Walk to School Week: [www.walktoschool-usa.org](http://www.walktoschool-usa.org)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Nutrition & Physical Activity: [www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/)

### To Get Started

Inquiries about the TA application process should be directed to the TA manager at your state DOT. Visit [www.ta-clearinghouse.info/contacts](http://www.ta-clearinghouse.info/contacts) for TA manager contact information.