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IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT
APPLICATION FOR A COUNTYWIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin has submitted a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for a countywide Safe Routes to School Project. One of the requirements of the grant award is that there is a resolution of support on file with the Department of Transportation from the sponsoring municipality.

To support the application for federal funding, Dane County has agreed to be the municipal applicant and the fiscal agent for the TAP grant. All of the funds for the program will be procured through the grant funds and private fundraising (to provide the 20% match).

The Dane County Safe Routes to School Program (DCSRTS) will continue the momentum created by the past several years of SRTS planning and projects in the Madison Metropolitan School District. This countywide effort will build upon and expand past successes into a greater geographical area, increasing the number and diversity of the beneficiaries and the safety of children walking and biking to school in the state's second largest county. Several schools within the county have existing SRTS plan but no capacity for implementation. This project will support the implementation of those plans. Increasing active transportation reduces congestion, improves health, improves safety and reduces transportation costs for all. With over 18 school districts with 180 schools and over 67,000 students, Dane County has great potential to increase the walking and biking rates of students.

This project will capitalize on the existing relationship between the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation and the Healthy Kids Collaborative of Dane County, the two organizations that will facilitate the project. The implementation approach is two pronged: Models Program schools will receive concentrated support for the implementation of existing plans or the creation of new plans, and all other interested schools will be supported with the development and facilitation of education and encouragement activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the application for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to fund a countywide Safe Routes to School Project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors will make this resolution of support available for filing with the U.S. Department of Transportation..