



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 014-20

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: January 23, 2014

FUNDING REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GUIDE PRINTING AND SAFETY CLASSES

WHEREAS, the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians in the Commonwealth of Virginia is of the utmost concern to elected officials and those who promote non-motorized transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 bicycle and pedestrian accidents made up 14 percent of the Commonwealth's traffic fatalities, an increase of 3 percent from 2009, and pedestrian injuries and fatalities are high in proportion to the number of pedestrian trips; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted previous resolutions to accept funding from VDOT to develop bicycle pedestrian safety guides in 2005, and to update the guide, develop an affiliated website, and underwrite training for teens and adults in Spanish and English in 2011; and

WHEREAS, NVRC has and successfully collaborated with over 60 safety programs statewide, to publish and distribute over 150,000 copies (in English and Spanish) of the pocket guide "Sharing the Road in Virginia, what bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists need to know" and 170,000 copies of the fast facts bicycle and pedestrian safety bookmarks, helping to educate the most vulnerable populations in safe bicycling and walking practices, particularly as they relate to their interaction with the Commonwealth's roadways; and

WHEREAS, NVRC has developed the website www.sharevaroads.org and has initiated an RFP for regional training classes in Spanish and English;

WHEREAS, staff from NVRC, local jurisdictions, and state agencies including the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Department of Transportation, as technical experts in bike and pedestrian safety, recommend the effectiveness of continued website maintenance and training and outreach programs similar to those created by Arlington County's confident cycling program; and

WHEREAS, under MAP 21 transportation enhancement grant funding opportunity is no longer available, but Department of Motor Vehicles offers Federal Highway Safety grant funds to continue regional outreach activities supporting bicycle and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff proposes applying for a \$38,000 grant, which requires a 20 percent match, to continue website maintenance, update pocket guide and fact sheet, and to continue classes for teens and adults in Spanish and English; and

WHEREAS, \$1,000 from member governments and \$6,600 from NVRC will cover the requirement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to submit a grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to fund the revised bicycle and pedestrian pocket guide and fact sheet, to maintain the website, oversee community classes for teens and adults, and continue to publish the guides for statewide distribution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contracts with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles should the proposal be accepted for funding.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on January 23, 2014.



G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer