



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This proposal would reallocate \$2,500 in Traffic Engineering's 2015 operating budget from 1100-45101-5321 to 1100-45880-54815. No additional appropriation is required.

Title

Authorizing the Traffic Engineering Division to reallocate funding to provide a one-time grant to fund a neighborhood bicycle repair initiative and allow City staff to solicit funds for this purpose.

Body

WHEREAS, last summer, a successful community bicycle repair program was held monthly in the Darbo-Worthington area; and

WHEREAS, City staff who run bicyclist safety programs in the schools and neighborhoods has identified other neighborhoods in the city that could benefit from this type of program; and

WHEREAS, volunteers willing and able to repair bicycles in some of these neighborhoods have been identified, as well as community organizations willing to coordinate the program; and

WHEREAS, Dream Bikes, a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that refurbishes used bicycles, has offered to sell bicycle parts at cost for the purposes of this initiative; and

WHEREAS, City staff would like to reallocate \$2,500 for seed money to purchase bicycle parts from Dream Bikes in order to encourage this initiative and promote bicyclist safety in the identified neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, City staff will work to identify a non-profit organization to oversee and fiscally administer this initiative on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the City of Madison's Platinum Bicycling Committee Report recommendation to encourage regular bike programs/workshops at neighborhood centers and nonprofit organizations, as well as with other city goals to promote bicycling as a safe, healthy and environmentally friendly activity for both transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would promote social equity by providing safe, working bicycles to children who might not otherwise have access to the resources to maintain their bicycles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the reallocation of \$2,500 for the purchase of parts to support the neighborhood bicycle repair initiative.