State Seeks Grant Applicants For Community Projects to Improve Bicycling, Walking

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OLYMPIA, Wash. - Funding is available to make local roads, streets and highways safer and more accessible for everyone, regardless of age or ability. The Washington State Department of Transportation is calling for projects that increase safety, encourage a healthier lifestyle, and create more desirable, livable communities.Projects that make our roadways complete have been proven to reduce fatalities and injuries, and improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. The projects funded through these grants will also help communities stimulate economic growth, increase opportunities to walk and bike, and improve transportation connections. - Kathleen Davis, WSDOT Highways and Local Programs directorCities, counties, tribal nations, transit agencies and others are encouraged to apply for grant funding. Successful projects will improve roadways for all users, including pedestrians and bicyclists, and may include crossing improvements, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus pull-outs, curb cuts, ramps and shared-use paths.

A webinar on the application process and review criteria is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. Register online at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/454934657.Deadline for submitting grant applications to WSDOT is June 30. Applications may be submitted online at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/funding.htm.A prioritized list of projects will be submitted by Dec. 15 to the Governor’s Office. Final decisions on projects and grant awards will be made by the Legislature as part of the 2013-15 biennial transportation budget process. Award announcements are expected by June 2013.