Leveraging Outside Resources: Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program

The communities involved with the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program have been able to leverage outside resources toward funding projects and programs that support bicycling and walking. In addition to funding, pilot communities have also received donations of staff support, volunteer support, legal services, and easements toward the completion of their projects. To date, over $58 million of outside funds have been committed to NTPP projects.

Non-NTPP Funding Leveraged by Project Type (as of December 2010)

Outside sources of support include:
- Businesses and non-profit organizations
- Local impact fees and ballot supported taxes
- Federal transportation funds – CMAQ, Transportation Enhancements, STP, etc.
- City governments
- Universities

Projects include:
- Bike lanes, sidewalks, and off-road paths
- Bicycle repair center and bicycling incentive program
- Bike sharing
- Walking and bicycling educational programming
- Bike racks and shelters

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Section 1807 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users established the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) in August 2005. Over the span of four years (2007-2010), the legislation authorizes $25 million for each of the NTPP’s four pilot communities to construct and invest in nonmotorized transportation infrastructure and programs. The purpose of the NTPP is “to demonstrate the extent to which bicycling and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load, and represent a major portion of the transportation solution, within selected communities.”