

Exception Authorization to Encumber Funds on a Contract with Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin for Bicycle and Walking Safety Programs

The Administration is requesting authorization to encumber funds for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 on the contract with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin in furtherance of a grant obtained from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Contract coordinator and staff will teach MPS children at MPS sites how to walk and bike safely within the school community. The coordinator will schedule and teach biking and walking units entitled “Walking Wisdom” and “Bike Driver’s Ed”, which includes both in-class and outdoor components and rides.

The contractor will also coordinate the repair and maintenance of a fleet of used bikes through the Valid Bike Shop Program, currently located inside North Division High School. This will supply the Safe Routes To School program with inventory for on-bike skills teaching. The High School Active Transportation Academy program will also be included in this scope of work. The MPS SRTS ATA will support high school students with training modules and mentorship in learning various aspects of alternative transportation. Students at MPS High Schools will participate in training, become peer mentors, and train fellow students in bike safety, leading rides, map routes, host events, and learn about infrastructure that supports safer alternative transportation.

Due to high population density, mixed use zoning, and schools embedded in neighborhoods, Milwaukee has a good environment for increased walking and biking. The current program has already reached over 15,000 students and has shown a 17% increase in safety knowledge. We have also already seen an increase in walking and biking by as much as 22% in some neighborhoods.

We have had the Safe Routes to School Program since 2004. MPS has been able to implement this program through the “Transportation Alternatives Program” from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Current grant funding has been secured through Fiscal Year 2026. The grant that MPS submitted in October is for Fiscal Years 27 and 28. Therefore, the Administration requests authorization for funds for Year 1 which will run from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and Year 2 which will run from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028. The total cost of the contract in Year 1 will not exceed \$303,650. The total cost of the contract in Year 2 will not exceed \$303,650.

Budget Code (Year 1):

CSV-0-S-SA6-OW-ECTS - (Contracted Services)\$242,920

HPE-O-I-LAM-DW-ECTS - (Contracted Services) \$60,730
 Budget Code (Year 2):
 CSV-0-S-SA4-OW-ECTS (Contracted Services) \$242,920
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Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 Proposed0%
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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS /12-mo contract