

RG103: Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside

The RG41 “Spot Improvement for Bicycle and Pedestrian Access” program was established in 1997 and the RG103 “Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Set-Aside” was established in 2007. In the previous TIP update, RG103 and RG41 were combined to form RG103. This set-aside is the mechanism for funding projects that improve or maintain the Region’s bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Why the Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside is Needed

Gaps in the transportation system, like stretches of roadway with no safe space to walk or destinations that lack secure bicycle parking, are obstacles to providing safe, non-motorized access to those who cannot or choose not to own or drive a car. Despite increases in CDTC’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside, formerly known as the “Spot Improvement” program, the need to maintain and connect to the non-motorized transportation system is greater than the amount of funding available.

New Visions 2040 reaffirms CDTC’s commitment to investing in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. New Visions Investment principle 5 is:

“Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation – Bicycle and pedestrian travel is vital to the region’s public health, transportation, and the economy. Encouraging bicycle and pedestrian travel is a socially, economically, and environmentally responsible and healthy approach to improving the performance of our transportation system. Possible bicycle/pedestrian related improvements will be considered from the perspective of developing a system – not just based on whether a particular facility is currently used. That system of sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails will encourage safe bicycle and pedestrian use and will increase accessibility.”

While there have been no wholesale increases in transportation funding, and all transportation infrastructure, especially roads and bridges, continues to deteriorate, it has always been CDTC’s philosophy to make incremental progress in improving and expanding the bicycle and pedestrian transportation system.

Eligible Projects

The following is a sample list of projects. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather illustrate the major types of actions a project could include. See the attached list of previously funded projects under RG41 and RG103.

- Purchase and installation of bicycle parking (ex. bike racks, lockers, etc.)
- Connections to existing multi-use paths/trails
- Improvements or repairs to existing multi-use paths/trail (ex. kiosks, signage, gates, etc.)
- Replacement or construction of sidewalks
- Replacement or installation of pavement markings that enhance bicycle and/or pedestrian safety and/or accessibility
- Shoulder widening on roadways to provide space for bicyclists and/or pedestrians
- Intersection improvements for bicyclists and/or pedestrians

Ineligible Projects

Generally, any project that does not specifically benefit bicyclists and/or pedestrians, are not eligible for funding under RG103. Also, CDTA shall not apply for funding under RG103.

Funding

CDTC staff recommends the following funding for RG103, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Set-Aside, in the 2016-21 TIP.

| TIP # | Project Description | 1st Year 2016-17 (\$M) | 2nd Year 2017-18 (\$M) | 3rd Year 2018-19 (\$M) | 4th Year 2019-20 (\$M) | 5th Year 2020-21 (\$M) | Total Funding (\$M) |
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| RG103 | Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Set-Aside | 0.750 | 0.750 | 0.750 | 0.750 | 0.750 | 3.750 |