BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN REGIONAL/SUB-REGIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT

General Instructions:

This Excel form is to be used to request federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding available through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for Bicycle Projects to be included in the FY2014-FY 2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Funding is available for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016, 2016 and 2017.

This application form includes:
- Part A - Contact and Project Description,
- Part B - Segment Description and Proposed Improvements,
- Part C - Total Project Budget and Schedule,
- Part D - Checklist and Signature Page, and Transmittal Instructions and Schedule.

Each part is a separate tab of this excel file. Please complete Parts A - D. Alternative application forms are available upon request.

Deadlines and Transmittal Instructions:

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mailto:tkennedy@azmag.gov
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All information is required, unless noted by the word - Optional.

**PART A - CONTACT AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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**Project Description**

6. Please provide the Project Title. School Resource Officer Training Program

7. Please provide a general description of the project (Please no more then 200 characters)

This three-phase project will develop an online and in-person training program to educate School Resource Officers (SROs) on bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques and protocols for youth.

8. Please attach a map showing the service area. Please attach map with transmittal

OPTIONAL

GIS Submittal Instructions

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN REGIONAL/SUB-REGIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT from Valley Metro/RPTA for 'School Resource Officer Training Program'
PART B - BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN REGIONAL/SUB-REGIONAL: EDUCATION PROJECT

This part of the form identifies the current characteristics and proposed improvements for each project.

Section 1 - General Project Description

1. Please describe the work to be performed on the project. What are the objectives of the project?

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   Phase 1: Research and Develop SRQ Trainings and Curriculum

   1) Identify bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics related to youth within a 3-5 mile radius of Phoenix schools that have a designated SRQ on their campus.
   2) Identify the number of SRQs serving schools in the city of Phoenix.
   3) Develop the online and in-person training curriculum for SRQs.
   4) Develop bicycle and pedestrian safety lessons and activities for SRQs to teach to students in classrooms.
   5) Develop evaluation assessments for SRQs and students.

   Phase 2: Coordinate and Conduct SRQ Trainings

   1) Schedule trainings at multiple locations.
   2) Select SRQs in the city of Phoenix to participate in the trainings.
   3) Conduct SRQ trainings.
   4) SRQ officers implement curriculum to students.

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   1) Assess and evaluate SRQ trainings.
   2) Assess and evaluate students' knowledge of curriculum.
   3) Compare bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics surrounding Phoenix schools where SRQ officers were trained with program.
   4) Modify needs based on evaluations and assessments.
   5) Identify SRQs in other partnering jurisdictions.
   6) Repeat Phases 1, 2, and 3 to expand trainings to other cities in MAG region.

   Phase I Objectives:

   1) Spring 2015: Compile bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics for selected schools.
   2) August 2015: Create SRQ contact list for all schools in Phoenix.
   3) July 2015: Develop one online training and one in-person training curriculum.
   4) July 2015: Develop, print, and distribute student bicycle and pedestrian lesson and activities.

   Phase II Objectives:

   1) January 2016: 65% of SRQs attend and participate in the bicycle and pedestrian safety training.
   2) May 2016 - 100% of trained SRQs will implement 15-12 hours of the curriculum in 65% of students in their schools.

   Phase III Objectives:

   1) December 2016: Assess and compile 100% of the evaluations from the SRQ trainings.
   2) December 2016: Assess and compile 100% of the evaluations from the students.
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   4) June 2017: Phase 1 of the project will start in the partnering city.

2. Is this a one-time/unique opportunity?

   Briefly describe: This education program can be expanded in future years to extend education to other SRQs throughout other partnering jurisdictions in the MAG region to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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   MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines:
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   AASHTO Guide for Bicycle Facilities:
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   MAG Complete Streets Guide:
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   Other:
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Section 2 - Detailed Project Description

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7. Describe how this project may impact schools.

- Identify schools (elementary, middle, and high schools, colleges, and universities) this project may benefit:
  - Currently, there are 53-54 SROs serving schools throughout the city of Phoenix for the 2012-2013 school year. These SROs are separated into four squads based on the location of their schools. SROs are often assigned more than one school in one district. The majority of SROs are grant funded through the Arizona Department of Education and are required to work with schools identified in their grant. SROs currently work with elementary, middle, and high schools in the city of Phoenix. Educating SROs on bicycle and pedestrian safety will target a large demographic of students all throughout the city of Phoenix. This education will improve the safety on students in these campuses and neighborhoods.

8. Describe the demographics of the target audience.

- Target Audience 1: SROs in the city of Phoenix. The SROs demographics as defined by National Association of School Resource Officers (NARSO) includes any career law enforcement officer, sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations to a) address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around elementary or secondary school; b) develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students; c) educate likely school-aged victims in crime prevention and safety; d) develop or expand community justice for students; e) assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime and increase safety around the school; and f) assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and recommend procedural changes.

- Target Audience 2: Student populations: specific to the city of Phoenix SROs schools.
  - Students may include those in Title 1 elementary and secondary (K-12) schools that are of low socio-economic status in the city of Phoenix and who live in lower socio-economic communities around the target school. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the demographics of students in Title 1 schools can vary and the majority of Title 1 funding is provided to elementary schools (67%) in 2002. Demographics of students within these schools can vary between white, non-Hispanic, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native, and other. Research proves that demographics of student academic standards, in schools with higher poverty, are much less than lower poverty schools. Further demographics can be researched in Phase 1 of this project to assess the demographics of the students in the specific schools Phoenix SRO's will be working with.

9. Describe the specific message for each target audience. What is the call to action?

- The overall specific message for each target audience is increasing bicycle and pedestrian safety in students through education and awareness. The call to action of this project is to increase bicycling and pedestrian safety behaviors in students by utilizing the powerful and positive influences of SRO's throughout schools and school districts in the city of Phoenix.

10. Describe how the message will be communicated to each target audience.

- Safety is the key message of this project. Safety will be communicated using various techniques. This project will aim to communicate the key message of safety to SROs through training. The majority of SROs are not familiar with or have not been trained on bicycle and pedestrian laws, protocols, and safety techniques, especially related to youth. This training will provide SROs with the confidence to teach and educate students in their schools about bicycle and pedestrian safety. This project will communicate the key message of safety to students using the authority and positive influence of the SROs. The SROs will be responsible to coordinate and implement the safety lessons and activities with the students at their schools. Students will participate in visual, hands-on, and real life examples using various techniques around the school and communities. These may include practicing using crosswalks, stop signs, walking signals, and identifying traffic lights, traffic signage, bike paths, and potential dangers.

11. Will the program include events and maps?

- This program will include events and maps as appropriate. The Valley Metro Safe Routes to School program (SR2S) currently hosts two main events throughout the school year that will complement and work with trained SROs to assist with hosting safety events for students at their schools. These events include an International Walk to School Day/Walk Month event and a Spring Bike Rodeo event. The Valley Metro SR2S program will also assist SROs in other bicycle pedestrian safety events as needed. Maps will be created in Phase I of the project to show the locations of the bicycle and pedestrian safety crashes and unintentional injuries within a 3-5 mile radius of schools (2010-2012 data) in the city of Phoenix. These maps will be updated in Phase III of the project to compare and contrast results of the program. Additional maps will be provided to teach SROs the safest routes for students to be traveling to-and-from school. Valley Metro will partner with the city of Phoenix to have these maps created to provide to SROs.
12. What are the materials/items to be developed?  
   The three major materials that will need to developed to make this project successful are:  
   1) Online bicycle and pedestrian SRO training and training  
   2) In-person instructor training book and resource guide (lessons, all materials, and assessments)  
   3) SRO bicycle and pedestrian lessons and activities to teach to students (curriculum)

13. If this is a way-finding/educational project, describe the type of signs and message  
   N/A

14. How will this program promote biking and walking to transit (the last mile)?  
   This program will increase safety for students walking to-and-from school. SROs will be responsible for educating students on safer bicycling and pedestrian behaviors to encourage more students to walk and bicycle to school. Some students at middle and secondary schools currently take public transit to get to-and-from school. Increasing their knowledge will help them to feel safer and more secure when taking public transportation.

15. What are the measures of success?  
   Success will be measured in two different phases of the project.
   - Phase II of the project, SROs will be evaluated on the materials they received throughout the training course via test and survey assessments.
     - Increased SROs’ knowledge of bicycle and pedestrian laws, neighborhood safety protocols, and bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques for youth.
   - Phase III of the project, measures of success will be evaluated based on the assessment of the students taught by SROs.
     - Increased knowledge of students on bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques taught by SROs in school.
     - Decreased bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics over a two year time period after full implementation of the project.
   Each of the measurements will assess the knowledge and awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety, by both the SROs and the students. The assessments of bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics will also help to determine if there was a decrease in unintentional injuries in youth, related to bicycle and pedestrian crashes within the 3-5 mile radius of the school.
### Part C - Total Project Schedule and Budget Including All Segments

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NOTE: PLEASE SEE "ATTACHMENT C" FOR A MORE DETAILED BUDGET.
As the jurisdiction’s manager/administrator or designated representative, I certify that this application is accurate and complete and that the project will be included in the sponsoring MAG member agency’s local CIP/TP if the project is selected for federal funding.

Signature: [Signature]

Name: Dawn M. Coomer

Title: FM Manager

Date: 9-18-2012

WILL FILL OUT AFTER QUESTIONS APPROVED.

Checklist - OPTIONAL

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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN REGIONAL/SUB-REGIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT from Valley Metro/RPTA for 'School Resource Officer Training Program'
ATTACHMENT PART A

Brief Project Description: 200 character maximum

This three-phase project will develop an online and in-person training program that will educate School Resource Officers (SROs) on bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques and protocols for youth.
ATTACHMENT PART B

Section I: Brief Project Description

1. Please describe the work to be performed on the project. What are the objectives of the project?

Briefly describe: There is no current training program to teach SROs bicycle and pedestrian laws, neighborhood safety protocols, and bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques to implement to students on their campuses.

SROs enforce the safety of students on school campuses. SROs have three major roles in schools: law enforcement officer; law-related counselor; and law related education teacher. SROs work closely with parents, students, faculty, and other members of neighboring communities to help keep school campuses and neighborhoods safe. The majorities of SROs are grant funded and are responsible for fulfilling grant requirements enforced by the Arizona Department of Education. SROs are required to spend 180 hours teaching and educating their students about law enforcement and safety.

This is a three-phase project to be completed over three years. The three phases are described below.

Phase 1: Research and Develop SRO Trainings and Curriculum

1) Identify bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics related to youth within a 3-5 mile radius of city of Phoenix schools that have a designated SRO on their campus. 2) Identify the number of SROs serving schools in the city of Phoenix. 3) Develop the online and in-person training curriculum for SROs. 4) Develop bicycle and pedestrian safety lessons and activities for SROs to teach to students in classrooms. 5) Develop evaluation assessments for SROs and students.

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1) Schedule trainings at multiple locations. 2) Select SROs in the city of Phoenix to participate in the trainings. 3) Conduct SRO trainings. 4) SRO officers implement curriculum to students.

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Phase II Objectives:

1) January 2016- 85% of SRO’s attend and participate in the bicycle and pedestrian safety trainings.
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1) December 2016-Assess and compile 100% of the evaluations from the SRO trainings.
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Section II: Detailed Project Description

6. Please describe how the project will address (bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, persons with disabilities, lower socio-economic communities, and seniors.)

Bicycle Safety: This project is a bicycle safety project. This project will train SROs in various areas of bicycle safety, bicycle laws, traffic signals and signage, and proper bicycling techniques for youths. With this educational training, SROs will then be able to educate students on these three core areas of bicycling safety, with hopes of increasing students’ safety behaviors as bicyclists.

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Students may include those in Title 1 elementary and secondary (K-12) schools that are of low socio-economic status in the city of Phoenix and who live in lower socio-economic communities around the target school. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the demographics of students in Title 1 schools can vary and the majority of Title 1 funding is provided to elementary schools (67% in 2002). Demographics of students within these schools can vary between white, non-Hispanic, African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native, and other. Research proves that demographics of student academic standards, in schools with higher poverty, are much less than lower poverty schools.

Further demographics of student populations, can be researched in Phase I of this project to assess the demographics of the students in the specific schools Phoenix SRO’s will be working with.

9. Describe the specific message for each target audience. What is the call to action?

The overall specific message for each target audience is increasing bicycle and pedestrian safety in students through education and awareness. The call to action of this project is to increase bicycling and pedestrian safety behaviors in students by utilizing the powerful and positive influences of SRO’s throughout schools and school districts in the city of Phoenix.

10. Describe how the message will be communicated to each target audience.

Safety is the key message of this project. Safety will be communicated using various techniques. This project will aim to communicate the key message of safety to SROs through training. The majorities of SROs are not familiar with or have not been trained on bicycle and pedestrian laws, protocols, and safety techniques, especially related to youth. This training will provide SROs with the confidence to teach and educate students’ in their schools about bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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11. Will the program include events and maps?

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The three major materials that will need to developed to make this project successful are:

1) Online bicycle and pedestrian SRO training and training book (lessons, all materials, and assessments)
2) In-person instructor training book and resource guide (lessons, all materials, and assessments)
3) SRO bicycle and pedestrian lessons and activities to teach to students (curriculum)

13. If this is a way-finding/educational project, describe the type of signs and message.

N/A

14. How will this program promote walking and biking to transit (the last mile)?

This program will increase safety for students walking to-and-from school. SROs will be responsible for educating students on safer bicycling and pedestrian behaviors to encourage more students to walk and bicycle to school. Some students at middle and secondary schools currently take public transit to get to-and-from school. Increasing their knowledge will help them to feel safer and more secure when taking public transportation.

15. What are the measures of success?

Success will be measured in two different phases of the project.

Phase II of the project, SROs will be evaluated on the materials they received throughout the training course via test and survey assessments.

1) Increased SROs’ knowledge of bicycle and pedestrian laws, neighborhood safety protocols, and bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques for youth.

Phase III of the project, measures of success will be evaluated based on the assessment of the students taught by SROs.

1) Increased knowledge of students on bicycle and pedestrian safety techniques taught by SROs in school.
2) Decreased bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics over a two year time period after full implementation of the project.

Each of the measurements will assess the knowledge and awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety, by both the SROs and the students. The assessments of bicycle and pedestrian crash data and statistics will also help to determine if there was a decrease in unintentional injuries in youth, related to bicycle and pedestrian crashes within the 3-5 mile radius of the school.
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