

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) The 2005 Transportation Act

SEC. 1807. <<NOTE: Missouri. California. Minnesota. Wisconsin. 23 USC 217 note.>> NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.--The Secretary shall establish and carry out a nonmotorized transportation pilot program to construct, in the following 4 communities selected by the Secretary, a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities, including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian and bicycle trails, that connect directly with transit stations, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and other community activity centers:

- (1) Columbia, Missouri.
- (2) Marin County, California.
- (3) Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.
- (4) Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

(b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program shall be 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.

(c) Grants.--In carrying out the program, the Secretary may make a grant of \$6,250,000 per fiscal year for each of the communities set forth in subsection (a) to State, local, and regional agencies that the Secretary determines are suitably equipped and organized to carry out the objectives and requirements of this section. An agency that receives a grant under this section may suballocate grant funds to a nonprofit organization to carry out the program under this section.

(d) Statistical Information.--In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall develop statistical information on changes in motor vehicle, nonmotorized transportation, and public transportation usage in communities participating in the program and assess how such changes decrease congestion and energy usage, increase the frequency of bicycling and walking, and promote better health and a cleaner environment.

(e) Reports.--The Secretary shall submit to Congress an interim report not later than September 30, 2007, and a final report not later than September 30, 2010, on the results of the program.

(f) Funding.--

(1) Authorization of appropriations.--There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

(2) Contract authority.--Funds authorized to be appropriated by this section shall be available for obligation in the same manner and to the same extent as if the funds were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; except that the Federal share of the cost of the project shall be 100 percent, and the funds shall remain available until expended and shall not be transferable.

(g) Treatment of Projects.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, projects assisted under this subsection shall be treated as projects on a Federal-aid system under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.