



Letter of Intent (LOI) County Active Transportation Network Improvement Program

County Active Transportation Network Improvement Program (CATNIP) funding grants assist communities with implementing bikeway improvements. There are no strict limits on the amount of funding applied for, but typical grants range from \$20,000 to \$150,000. Grant funds may be used for construction of bikeway improvements within street rights-of-way. Trails or pathways within their own rights-of-way are not eligible. However, intersection improvements where trails cross street rights-of-way ARE eligible. Design activities are also eligible as long as the design is expected to result in eventual construction of actual facilities. Grants cannot be used for solely planning purposes such as city bicycle master plans.

Preference may be given to projects that demonstrate they will provide the following types of benefits:

- Ability to serve important destinations (e.g. shopping, schools, jobs)
- Ability to close gaps in the existing bicycle network
- Ability to provide high-comfort bicycle access to a broad range of people
- Ability to demonstrate timely delivery of the project (preferably completion in 2017)
- Willingness to commit other funds (non-CATNIP) to the project

A project sponsor must be a municipal entity with jurisdictional authority over the proposed project location. Sponsors must fill out the information requested below in order for the County to evaluate the LOI and return a recommendation to the sponsor about whether or not to submit a full application later. Full applications will be due near the beginning of the 2017 calendar year. More information about exact timelines for the full application will be provided in the future. **LOIs are due by November 23, 2016 and must be emailed to trjensen@slco.org.** They should be signed by the Mayor of the sponsoring agency.

Project Name: _____

Road/Corridor: _____

Begin Location: _____

End Location: _____

Estimated Total Proj. Cost: \$ _____

CATNIP Funds Requested: \$ _____

Project Contact: _____
(Name, Phone #, Email Address)

Brief Project Description:
[Empty box for project description]

Mayor Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mayor Signature: _____