

QUADCO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
 Application for SFY12/13 UPWP Transportation Planning Project Funding

**Due: 3:00 p.m. March 18, 2011 - To Be AT LEAD AGENCY (not postmarked)**

Applications can be submitted by single signed hard copy by mail, OR signed copy (signature in colored ink) scanned in PDF format and submitted by email to: [dpohle@co.grant.wa.us](mailto:dpohle@co.grant.wa.us)

Applications must be Signed by Appropriate Agency Representatives  
**(NO Faxed Copies shall be accepted)**

Agency Name: City of Davenport

Project Name: Community Path/Trail System Plan

Road/Street Name: N/A

Location Map Included  Yes  No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT INCLUDING WORK ITEMS ANTICIPATED AND TIMELINES FOR COMPLETION.

The City of Davenport intends to create a Community Path/Trail System Plan to identify routes that can be added or improved to provide better linkage between public facilities. This multimodal transportation system plan is intended to allow the City of Davenport and primary stakeholders including the Lincoln County Hospital and Davenport School District the opportunity to collaborate on how to best provide safe and easily accessible bike and pedestrian paths and/or trails within the community.

Tasks that will be assigned in creating the Community Path/Trail System Plan include:

- Inventory of existing pedestrian facilities, existing and future public facilities
- Conceptual layout and design of primary and secondary multimodal paths and/or trails, including potential phasing of projects
- Hold a public meeting to gain community input and support for the project
- Determining right-of-way and possible land acquisition needs including preliminary surveying
- Identify possible funding sources for engineering design and construction of paths and/or trails

If funding is awarded, the City of Davenport anticipates completing the Community Path/Trail System Plan within 6 months of award. The final document will be used in applying for further grant funding per recommendations of the plan.

**Total Project Cost:** \$ 16,500

## **BENEFITS TO REGIONAL SYSTEM**

### Transportation System Operation and Safety

#### 1. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT IN THE SOUND, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE OPERATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?

Adding or improving multimodal trails and/or paths will provide several benefits to the community. The benefit in creating a plan for the Community Path/Trail System is that the major stakeholders, including the City, County, the hospital, the school district, and most importantly the citizens, will be able to review and decide upon the most practical and efficient layout and design alternatives that are cohesive and meet the current and future needs of the community. Planning, designing, and constructing primary and secondary designated paths and/or trails including signage and pavement markings will increase the safety of path/trail users by making routes more recognizable to motorists. Extra safety measures may be considered along Morgan Street (State Highway 2) to protect path/trail users to prevent collisions and fatalities, as was the case on February 28 of this year when a pedestrian was killed while walking along Morgan Street.

The increase in public safety by implementing the Community Path/Trail System plan will lend itself to greater usage by the community. Connecting the public and recreational facilities as well as the businesses along Morgan Street with designated paths/trails will encourage both local residents and tourists to explore the City on foot rather than drive, thereby decreasing local traffic while increasing capacity for regional through traffic. The plan will also incorporate potential phasing of the Community Path/Trail System to accommodate different future funding scenarios.

### Supporting Livable Communities

#### 2. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE REGION'S MAJOR SOURCES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

Davenport serves as the county seat for Lincoln County and is home to several major county services including the district court, health department, public works, sheriff, and main county offices. The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are also located on the west end of the City of Davenport. The three largest employers within the City of Davenport are the County, the hospital, and the school district. Developing designated primary and secondary paths and/or trails in which users can walk or bike between these public facilities provides a more efficient means of transportation while also providing health and economic benefits to the community.

Morgan Street (also known as State Highway 2) is where many of the local businesses and city events are located. Annual events that draw people to the city include Pioneer Days the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July, Lincoln County Fair the last weekend in August, and Hometown Christmas the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. It is expected that one of the primary paths/trails will be located along Morgan Street. The other main spur of primary path/trail that is anticipate will run from the track/baseball/football field located on the south end of 7<sup>th</sup> Street north to Ross Street where it will head east to the county and hospital facilities. A secondary path/trail will loop around the new sports complex, which is intended to be a major destination for the City. The east side of the new sports complex along State Highway 25 is slated for future commercial development. An

additional secondary path is proposed to link yet another mode of transportation, Davenport's Municipal Airport, to the multimodal system. This will provide an important connection between the airport users and businesses, recreational facilities, and community events that Davenport has to offer, which in turn may increase airport patronage due to the easy access of services and recreational opportunities.

Planning for multimodal use also encourages greater recreational use of the trails and/or paths. Including the city park facility, the sports facilities located near the schools, and the sports complex that is currently under construction. The Community Path/Trail System plan would provide connectivity and promote more use among the recreational facilities. A secondary path/trail that has been proposed would include a loop around the new sports facilities and routes along Cottonwood creek.

#### Enhanced Mobility

### 3. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT INCREASED TRAVEL OPTIONS, EASY CONNECTIONS, AND/OR REDUCE DELAYS FOR PEOPLE AND GOODS?

Providing easily accessible routes to and from public facilities allows more users to walk or bike for routine trips including those to work and school. Eliminating short one-way trips to and from the public facilities within the City by providing trails and/paths would reduce the volume of local traffic allowing for easier travel through the City along Morgan Street (State Highway 2) which serves as a regional through fare. This would also result in more available on-street parking for businesses by encouraging locals to walk or bike instead of drive.

Public facilities that will be considered with this plan include, but are not limited to, the Lincoln County Hospital, Davenport Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools, the sports complex, Davenport Water Park, City Hall, the city library, Davenport Municipal Airport, Lincoln County Historical Museum and Visitor Center, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, and various City parks and Cottonwood Creek.

#### Investment Value, Local Support, Multi-jurisdictional Coordination, & Partnerships

### 4. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY DEMONSTRATE A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER TO ACHIEVE A VIABLE SOLUTION TO A POTENTIAL OR RECOGNIZED PROBLEM? (ATTACH LETTERS OF LOCAL SUPPORT, COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING BETWEEN JURISDICTIONS AND PARTNERS, AND HOW THE STUDY COSTS WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN. LIST SOURCES OF ALL FUNDS THAT WILL BE USED, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PARTNERSHIPS).

Creating a plan for the Community Path/Trails System will build the foundation of an infrastructure that will promote a healthy community and economy. A conceptual layout and design will be prepared to provide an efficient system for people to connect locally between public services, recreational facilities, local business, and during community events. The City of Davenport has invested its resources in planning for and providing opportunities that bring healthy growth to the community like the water park, skate park, and new sports complex while leveraging these project together to provide more attractive funding opportunities. A Community Path/Trails System Plan will support and enhance the past, present and future City of Davenport and Lincoln County as a whole.



