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Quick Guide to Macomb County's Non-Motorized Program

Background

In Macomb County, each city, village, and township is responsible for the construction and maintenance of non-motorized pathways under their jurisdiction, whether it be through developers, property owners, or their local departments.

The Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR) does not receive dedicated funding to construct or maintain sidewalks or non-motorized pathways. Based on state law (Public Act 51 and Public Act 246), the agency is only permitted to use a small percentage of gas and weight tax dollars on these pathways. Public Act 51 dollars are to be used primarily for road construction and maintenance.

Rising Costs of Infrastructure

Based on the current situation, funding is not adequate to meet all transportation infrastructure needs throughout Macomb County, including resources for non-motorized pathways. Although funding is limited, MCDR actively works to identify available resources and is committed to helping local municipalities invest in and enhance their local infrastructure.

Goal of the Non-Motorized Program

In an effort to provide assistance to local communities for non-motorized pathways, MCDR developed the Non-Motorized Program. The program is intended to align and administer the planning, development, operation, and maintenance of non-motorized facilities within Macomb County's right of way (ROW). The MCDR Non-Motorized Program is an application-based cost sharing program that allows local communities to increase local matching funds when applying for state or federal funding opportunities.

Eligibility and Funding

All municipalities within Macomb County are eligible to apply for the MCDR match funding program to aid in the development of non-motorized projects. The Non-Motorized Program has a fixed annual budget of \$1.5 million to match in equal share with local community funds to compete for state and federal funding opportunities. The maximum match from MCDR is limited to \$300,000 per project. Should any project(s) exceed this amount, the city, village, or township would be required to cover any additional costs above the program match.

MCDR funding may only be used for direct construction costs. All other project costs such as planning, engineering, and inspection are not eligible for MCDR funding. Projects submitted for program consideration will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis against an established set of criteria and must meet application requirements.

Application Process

For additional information and program details, please find the attached MCDR Non-Motorized Policy Guide and application. We look forward to working with you to enhance and strengthen your community's non-motorized transportation network.