

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Institute (Proposed)

The proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Institute's primary purpose is to enhance policies, programs, and projects that promote pedestrian and bicycle travel through research, education, and outreach. It will be housed at PSU's Center for Transportation Studies.

Key Programs

Research: Local and Regional

- Work with local jurisdictions to identify improvements and evaluate their effectiveness in achieving goals for pedestrian and bicycle travel.
- Evaluate bicycle and pedestrian policies and programs, such as land use policies, education programs, Safe Routes to School, and enforcement efforts, and distribute the research results to academic audiences and working professionals.

Partnerships

- Develop partnerships with government agencies, school districts, advocacy groups, other academic and research organizations, other state universities, and professional organizations to conduct research and distribute information that will support innovative pedestrian and bicycle design and policy.

Information Dissemination/Clearinghouse

- Distribute research findings and publications on pedestrian and bicycle travel via print, web, and electronic media, as well as conferences or trainings sponsored by partner organizations.

Teaching/Community Service

- Offer courses on bicycle and pedestrian transportation design, policy development, and programming to undergraduate and graduate students in various disciplines.
- Develop courses to involve students in projects that apply their classroom knowledge to hands-on community projects.

Continuing Education

- Develop continuing education courses in partnership with professional licensing groups to provide current and relevant information on pedestrian and bicycle transportation design and policy.

Community Education

- Partner with local and regional advocacy groups to develop and offer community education and training courses on technical and design issues, policy, safety, and promotions.

Curriculum Development

- Incorporate research and field studies into the curriculum of planning and engineering students at Portland State University.

Scholarships and Student Awards

- Provide scholarships, dissertation grants, and awards for student projects and papers, in order to encourage students to focus on pedestrian and bicycle transportation as a study focus and career option.

Partners

- Center for Transportation Studies at Portland State University, in partnership with the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology
- Business community leaders, including the Bike Gallery and Alta Planning + Design
- Community groups, such as the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Willamette Pedestrian Coalition
- Government agencies, including the City of Portland Office of Transportation

Costs and Funding Opportunities

- Estimated start-up costs of \$250,000, including one full-time director, start-up funds for continuing education programs, general outreach efforts, student fellowships and research grants, and some start-up research
- Potential research and education funding from the Center for Transportation Studies
- Match funding possibilities from our partners

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