OP 21: Support for Sustainable Transportation

2 points available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions that support active transportation and commuting alternatives for its students and employees. Encouraging more sustainable modes of transportation and offering programs to reduce commuting helps decrease local air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

B. Criteria

Part 1
The institution demonstrates its support for active (i.e. non-motorized) transportation on campus in one or more of the following ways:

Option A: Institution:
- Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters. The storage, shower facilities and lockers are co-located in at least one building/location that is accessible to all commuters.
- Provides short-term bicycle parking (e.g. racks) within 50 ft (15 m) of all occupied, non-residential buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available within 330 ft (100 m) of all residence halls (if applicable).
- Has a “complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy (or adheres to a local community policy) and/or has a continuous network of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths and lanes that connects all occupied buildings and at least one inter-modal transportation node (i.e. transit stop or station). And/or
- Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program

Option B: Institution is certified as a Bicycle Friendly University (at any level) by the League of American Bicyclists (U.S.) or under a similar third party certification for non-motorized transportation.
Part 2
Institution has implemented one or more of the following strategies to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation and reduce the impact of student and employee commuting. The institution:

- Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters. The transit passes may be offered by the institution itself, through the larger university system of which the institution is a part, or through a regional program provided by a government agency.
- Offers a guaranteed return trip (GRT) program to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
- Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
- Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
- Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 electric vehicle recharging stations that are accessible to student and employee commuters
- Offers a telecommuting program for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Offers a condensed work week option for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
- Other strategies

C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions.

D. Scoring
Each part is scored independently.

Part 1
Institutions earn the maximum of 0.5 points for meeting all four of the criteria listed in Option A or for meeting the criteria in Option B. Partial points are available for uncertified institutions based on number of criteria met in Option A. For example, an institution that meets 2 of the criteria would earn 0.25 points (half of the points available for Part 1).

Part 2
Institutions earn 0.25 points for each initiative described above. Institutions with six or more of the initiatives listed earn the maximum of 1.5 points available for Part 2.
E. Reporting Fields

Required

☐ An indication of whether the institution encourages more sustainable modes of transportation and reduces the impact of commuting in the following ways:
  o Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters
  o Provides short-term bicycle parking within 50 ft (15 m) of all occupied, non-residential buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available within 330 ft (100 m) of all residence halls (if applicable)
  o Has a “complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy (or adheres to a local community policy) and/or has a continuous network of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths and lanes that connects all occupied buildings and at least one inter-modal transportation node (i.e. transit stop or station)
  o Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program
  o Is certified as a Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists (U.S.) or under a similar third party certification covering non-motorized transportation
  o Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters
  o Offers a guaranteed return trip program to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
  o Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
  o Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
  o Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 electric vehicle recharging stations that are accessible to student and employee commuters
  o Offers a telecommuting program for employees as a matter of policy or as standard practice
  o Offers a condensed work week option for employees as a matter of policy or as standard practice
  o Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
  o Other strategies (please specify)

☐ An affirmation that the submitted information is accurate to the best of a responsible party’s knowledge and contact information for the responsible party. The responsible party should be a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public.
Conditional
Required for each type of program or initiative that the institution is reporting:
- A brief description of the program or initiative

Required if the institution is certified as a Bicycle Friendly University or under a similar third party certification covering non-motorized transportation:
- A brief description of the certification, including date certified and level

Optional
- The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainable transportation program(s) is available
- Notes about the submission

F. Measurement

Timeframe
Report on current programs, practices and plans.

Sampling and Data Standards
Not applicable