Dear Illinois Student Senators,

As part of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s commitment to sustainability, health, and safety of our campus and student body, Facilities & Services invested over $16,600 toward upgrading bicycle pathway infrastructure last fiscal year. These funds were used to paint over 3 miles of existing bicycle paths and add appropriate traffic signage where needed. To continue these improvements, we are requesting $6,000 from the Illinois Student Senate (ISS) to paint an additional 1.2 miles of existing dedicated bicycle paths during Spring 2014. The new paint on these paths will mark them as bicycle-only designated paths and will raise the visibility and safety of bicyclists. The enclosed map shows the paths that need to be painted, as well as those that have already been painted in the last year.

This request is one of many efforts that Facilities & Services is currently pursuing to increase the bicycle-friendliness of our campus. We have submitted grant requests to the Student Sustainability Committee and the State of Illinois for reconstruction of on- and off-street bicycle infrastructure and bike parking, and we are working steadily to improve bicycle-related programs, policies, and educational resources on campus.

With your approval, this funding will support the University’s ongoing efforts to promote and encourage bicycling as an active mode of transportation. These efforts also include the Campus Bicycle Shop and annual bicycle encouragement and safety events, such as C-U Bike to Work Day and Public Safety Day. ISS has contributed to these events in previous years, and we appreciate your support in strengthening these programs. As we have done in the past, we will gladly work with you to find appropriate ways to recognize ISS for contributions toward bicycle infrastructure and programs.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Stacey DeLorenzo, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator for Facilities and Services, at 217-300-1750.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Campus Bicycle Coordinator