

# The Bike Project

of Urbana-Champaign 

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To the members of the Student Sustainability Committee:

The Bike Project of Urbana-Champaign thanks you for your previous support of the Campus Bicycle Shop. We write today to indicate our support for the funding application submitted by Facilities & Services for the 2013-2014 school year. Since the Campus Bicycle Shop opened in 2010, the partnership between the University and The Bike Project has grown stronger each year. The shop itself has developed into a solid cornerstone of the biking community on campus. With your previous support, the Campus Bicycle Shop has already reached thousands of students, teaching them about bicycle repair and maintenance, encouraging bicycle ridership on campus, and promoting sustainable lifestyles.

For the coming year, we are committed to funding \$13,383 or one-third of the Shop Manager's salary. We will continue to maintain the inventory of tools, parts, and supplies available for use at the Campus Bicycle Shop. With this grant application, we are excited to see the University contributing \$25,000 toward the Shop Manager's salary, as well as commit to identifying a more permanent source of future funding for the Campus Bicycle Shop so that it can sustain operations without relying on SSC funds. The requested SSC funds for next year will help lead to this transition, and we will continue to work closely with the University to make the financial sustainability of the Campus Bicycle Shop a reality. We are very excited about the potential growth SSC's support will enable next year, as the Campus Bicycle Shop continues to increase its educational outreach efforts to students across campus.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the University; maintaining a well run, dynamic Campus Bicycle Shop to meet the needs of current and future cyclists on campus. This collaboration also provides many opportunities to develop, improve, and expand the bicycling resources available to students in future years.

If you haven't visited the shop before, we encourage you to stop by and see what a difference you are making for students by fostering a culture of sustainable transportation on campus. Please feel free to contact us at [thebikeproject.steering@gmail.com](mailto:thebikeproject.steering@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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