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Caltrans Awards \$48.5 Million for Safe Routes to School to Increase Safety and Health

INLAND EMPIRE – Caltrans today awarded \$48.5 million of state Safe Routes to School Program funds for 139 projects to increase safety and help reduce injuries and fatalities among children in grades K-12 who walk and bicycle to school.

“Safety is Caltrans’ number one priority,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “We are committed to providing the highest safety possible for our children as they travel to and from school in California.”

Among the state-funded projects are new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other safety improvements. Caltrans chose each project based upon need, effectiveness, and how quickly it could be delivered. By improving safety, more kids are encouraged to walk and bicycle to school, resulting in healthier children while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle congestion.

More than \$7 million of the funds were awarded to critical safety projects in rural counties. In addition, 82 projects totaling \$28 million will create jobs and benefit at least one low-income school within each project.

Some of the notable local projects that received funding include:

Apple Valley/Rancho Verde Elementary School (ES): Construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, curb ramps and driveway approaches, and install signs (\$492,000).

Coachella/Valle del Sol ES, Cesar Chavez ES, Bobby Duke Middle School (MS), Valley View ES, Coral Mountain Academy: Construct raised crosswalks, sidewalks, curb ramps, and bulb-outs; install crosswalks, safety lighting, bike lanes, signs and markings; safety education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation program (\$497,800).

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Eastvale/Eastvale ES, River Heights Intermediate School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (HS): Construct sidewalks (\$166,900).

Fontana/Palmetto ES: Install traffic signals, safety education and encouragement program (\$309,000).

Highland/Warm Springs ES, Curtis MS: Construct sidewalks and curb ramps; install crosswalks and bike racks; safety education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation program (\$500,000).

Highland/Cole ES, Cypress ES: Construct sidewalks and curb ramps; install in-pavement crosswalk lighting and bike racks; safety education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation program (\$499,100).

Moreno Valley/Chaparral Hills ES, Badger Springs MS: Construct sidewalks, curb and gutter; install speed feedback signs and safety lighting (\$463,100).

Rancho Cucamonga/Los Amigos ES, Rancho Cucamonga MS: Construct sidewalks (\$338,900).

Rancho Cucamonga/Grapeland ES, Etiwanda Intermediate School: Construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, and curb ramps; install flashing beacons (\$313,700).

Rialto/Charlotte N. Werner ES, Rialto MS: Construct sidewalks; install crosswalk and pedestrian countdown heads (\$495,900).

Riverside/Jefferson ES, Ramona HS, Madison ES: Install traffic signals and crosswalks, including a signalized mid-block crosswalk; construct curb ramps; remove crosswalk; relocate traffic signal (\$377,000).

Riverside County/Good Hope ES: Widen roadway; construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, curb ramps, minor drainage; install flashing beacons, signs, and pavement markings (\$827,400).

Riverside County/Lakeside HS: Widen roadway; construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, curb ramps, minor drainage; install signs and pavement markings (\$683,000).

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San Bernardino County/Pacific HS, Fairfax ES: Install in-pavement crosswalk lighting and paint curb; construct curb ramps; upgrade crosswalks (\$407,900).

Wildomar/Wildomar ES, David Brown MS: Construct sidewalks (\$402,400).

Yucaipa/Dunlap ES, Yucaipa HS: Construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, and curb ramps; install bike lanes and signs (\$448,000).

Yucca Valley/ Yucca Valley HS, Yucca Valley ES, Onaga ES, La Contenta Junior HS: Construct sidewalks, curb and gutter, and curb ramps; install speed feedback signs (\$447,000).

To date, the state and federal Safe Routes to School programs have awarded \$472 million for safety projects around California's schools.

To view the entire list of SRTS projects that received funding:

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/documents/FINALApproved%20SR2S%20Cycle%2010%20SProjects%20List.pdf

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