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CALTRANS AWARDS \$66 MILLION to 'SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS'

Los Angeles: Last week, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded \$66 million to cities, counties, and regional agencies for 139 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects to improve safety for students in grades K-8 who walk and bicycle to and from school.

"By improving safety, more children are encouraged to walk and bike to school, ultimately resulting in healthier lifestyles and less traffic congestion," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The funding was provided by the federal SRTS program. Since its inception in 2005, Caltrans has awarded \$156 million for 356 SRTS projects. Caltrans District 7 awarded \$16.6 million to 20 local agencies in the city and county of Los Angeles and to two in Ventura County. Some of the notable projects include:

- \$1 million each to the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Glendale to construct pedestrian islands, sidewalks, bike lanes and upgrade traffic signals, signs and striping.
- \$972,000 was awarded to the Berendo Middle School in Los Angeles to construct roundabouts, crosswalks, pedestrian crossing warning devices, and to add striping and bike racks on 11th Street between Harvard Boulevard to Vermont Avenue.
- In Los Angeles, an additional \$1.2 million was awarded to Esperanza Elementary, Liechty Middle, Union Avenue Elementary, and Menlo Avenue Elementary schools for various infrastructure improvements for cycling and pedestrian safety.
- Over \$1.2 million was awarded to various schools in Pico Rivera, to install traffic signals, flashing beacons, pedestrian crosswalks, curb and gutter improvements, and towards safety education tools and programs.
- \$925,000 was awarded to the City of Palmdale's Mesquite Elementary School to install traffic signals and bike lanes, upgrade crosswalks, signs, pavement markings and curbs.
- In Ventura County, \$425,000 was allocated to the Rio Del Valle Middle School for traffic signals, crosswalks and bike lanes; and \$621,000 to the Anacapa Middle School for similar improvements on College Drive at Telegraph Road in San Buenaventura.
- \$3.4 million is allocated to multiple schools in Azusa, Bell Gardens, Glendale, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pico Rivera and other LA County cities to be used towards safety education and enforcement, bike skills, and helmet fittings for students.

Throughout the year, Caltrans works closely with a diverse group of state, local, and regional stakeholders representing transportation, health, education, law enforcement, and bicycle/pedestrian advocates.

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