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2014 Award of Merit for Transportation Planning

Irvine – On May 21, 2014 the Caltrans District 12 Community Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) grant project for the City of Buena Park won the 2014 won the Award of Merit for Transportation Planning for the Orange County Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). This award honors efforts to increase transportation choices for all populations, reducing dependence on private automobiles and helping to ease congestion and reducing climate change impacts.

This project came in under budget and is already being implemented into improvements on SR-39/Beach Boulevard.

The purpose of the Buena Park Multi-Modal Mobility Plan is to provide guidance to create a safer multi-modal network within the City’s Entertainment Zone (SR-39) and connectivity to commercial, retail, and neighborhood streets. Funded through a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant, the Beach Boulevard Mobility Action Plan aims to improve the walkability, safety, and aesthetics of Beach Boulevard by promoting separated vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The focus of the plan is the creation of a “livable community” through multi-modal choices: a place where residents and visitors share a safe, convenient, and healthy alternative for getting through and around the area. The Project was awarded with funding in the Fall of 2011, started in February 2012, and was finalized in February 2014.

The grant submittal, approval and contract management were all handled by the Caltrans District 12 Community Planning branch staff.

Even though this particular planning effort won an award, all of our grant awards represent careful review and selection by Caltrans planners to achieve transportation and land use planning projects that support livable and sustainable community concepts and encourage community involvement and partnership.

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