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City to Receive Federal Safe Routes to School Program Funding

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton has been approved to receive \$1.15 million to fund two projects under the federal Safe Routes to School Program, a program to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school. Projects funded are those that remove barriers, such as infrastructure improvements, and educational programs for children, parents and the community that provide safety information and promote a healthier lifestyle.

This is the third round of funding for this federal program, which is administered through California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and implemented through the City of Stockton Public Works Department. The program provides 100 percent reimbursement and does not require matching funds from the City.

The City is already a participant in the program, having received funding for educational programs and activities at ten elementary schools throughout Stockton. Activities have included school and family events, such as "Walk to School Day" and "Bicycle Rodeos."

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The most recent round of funding provides \$686,900 to design and construct improvements including curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the north side of Alpine Avenue just west of the school site, a raised curb median, a left-turn lane for westbound motorists turning onto El Pinal Drive, a lighted crosswalk, and radar feedback signs for each direction of travel. The balance of the funding, \$463,000, will be used for programs at sixteen elementary schools, city-wide, in all four public school districts. Schools were selected based on Safe Routes to School Committee member recommendations and using data about pedestrian and bicycle accidents near the school site.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School, please contact Jodi Almassy, Public Works Department at (209) 937-8299.

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