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### **Mayor Libby Schaaf Announces Plan to Crowdfund \$50 Million Federal Transportation Grant**

OAKLAND - Today Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf announced that she is inviting Oakland residents to "crowdfund" the development of a visionary transit proposal in response to a \$50M U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) "Smart City Challenge" grant application.

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"The U.S. Department of Transportation released a grant notice with very ambitious goals, and a lot of money, but a very short timeline," said Mayor Libby Schaaf. "By using an open-source process, I hope to tap the incredible brilliance and creativity of our whole community. Providing a responsive, trustworthy government is one of my top priorities as Mayor – and crowdsourcing is a great way to ensure transparency and authentic community engagement so that our application represents our best collective vision for Oakland's transportation future."

The "[Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge](#)" will provide one U.S. city up to \$40 million to create an integrated first-of-its-kind, use of data and technology to shape how people and goods move. Plus, the winning city will receive up to \$10 million from Vulcan Philanthropy to support infrastructure for electric vehicles, and retrofitting all public buses with advanced collision avoidance technology.

The public is invited to begin this process by visiting [www.smartoakland.net](http://www.smartoakland.net). The application is due February 4.

Mayor Schaaf looks forward to reviewing ambitious proposal from Oaklanders and leaders in the transportation and technology sectors that focus on Oakland's core values of equity, resilience, and vibrant sustainable infrastructure. The best proposals will also align with and build on the strength of Oakland's existing transportation and technology assets.

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