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## Serving Our Community

### Public Works Week 2011

**Oakland, CA** – Oakland Public Works Agency joins thousands of other cities this week in honor of the 51<sup>st</sup> annual celebration of **National Public Works Week** in America. Public Works Week is a special opportunity to educate and inform the public about the essential role public works plays in the maintenance and stewardship of the City, contributing to the quality of community life. The purpose of the week is to bring attention to the work of public works and to honor employees who care for the infrastructure day in and day out. This public outreach campaign also strives to increase public understanding about the importance of a well-maintained infrastructure for public health and safety.

**Service to the public is our sole reason for existence. Oakland Public Works plans, builds and maintains Oakland's physical and environmental infrastructure for the residents, businesses and visitors of the City, making it a sustainable and desirable place to live, work, invest and visit** is the mission of Oakland Public Works. We are proud to be the second city, the third government entity in California and one of only thirty-five in North America to receive prestigious recognition as a nationally accredited public works organization as awarded by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Throughout the week of May 16-20, crews and equipment will present short educational programs and work demonstrations at middle schools across the City in an effort to bring awareness to students and teachers on what it takes to keep our City operating, including: street sweeping, litter and graffiti removal, traffic signals and markings, street lights and storm drains, parks, potholes, sidewalks, recycling, bicycle lanes, trees and more! Displays of selected projects are also on view for the public at City Hall and 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. An official resolution acknowledging the dedication of Public Works staff will be approved by Oakland City Council on Tuesday evening at City Hall.

The 2011 National Public Works Week theme "Public Works: Serving You and Your Community" provides an opportunity for residents, visitors and businesses to be aware of the day-to-day effort that is required to keep Oakland at its best.

For more information on Oakland Public Works, please visit our recently updated website at [www.oaklandpw.com](http://www.oaklandpw.com).

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