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Photo/Video Opportunity

Week Two of Annual Pothole Blitz Concentrates on Central Oakland

Oakland, CA — Oakland Public Works is heading into week two of its annual Pothole Blitz. The second week-long blitz will begin on May 3rd in Central Oakland, weather permitting, and will continue during the week of May 10th in North and West Oakland. An estimated 479 potholes have already been patched in East Oakland during the first week, despite some rainy days, by the eight Street and Sidewalk Maintenance crews. The overall goal is to fix more than 1,000 potholes during the three-week blitz by doubling up the number of staff assigned to the much needed work.

As the annual blitz launched last week, Mayor Ron Dellums said: "During these tough economic times, the City of Oakland is doing its best to fill our potholes. I have always been encouraged by the success of this hands-on campaign to address this major quality of life issue in Oakland. While we've filled thousands of potholes as a result of the great work of our Public Works Agency, I am confident that we will continue to address this issue, and be strategic in our efforts to make this city a better place to work and live."

Oakland City Council Member Jean Quan said, "Potholes are among the top items our office hears about, especially after the winter's heavy rains. It's a big issue throughout our district, but it is a special problem near the Hayward fault. I'm never sure if the potholes are due to underground streams and more water in the ground as a result of the rains, or if it's the shifting of the earth near the fault, but PWA's pothole blitz in Central Oakland is a welcome sign of spring!"

On Monday, May 3, 2010 a photo/video opportunity will be available on Tiffin Street in central Oakland to view the newest addition to the City Fleet, a two-person, fully self-contained patcher vehicle and to see crews at work.

What: Pothole Blitz Photo/Video Opportunity – Interviews Available
When: Monday, May 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Where: 2127 Tiffin Street at Fruitvale Avenue
Photo/Video Opportunity: City Council Member District 4 Jean Quan, Public Works Assistant Director Bruce Saunders, and Street Maintenance crews with the new vehicle in action

The public is encouraged to "Report a Problem" using the online form at www.OaklandPW.com or to notify the Public Works Call Center at (510) 615-5566 of pothole locations. The public's assistance in slowing down when they see crews working on the roadways is also greatly appreciated.

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