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Photo/Video Opportunity

Week Three of the Pothole Blitz Comes to West & North Oakland

Oakland, CA — Oakland Public Works is heading into week three of its spring Pothole Blitz on Monday, May 10th in West and North Oakland. More than 787 potholes were patched already in East Oakland during the first week by the Street and Sidewalk crews dispatched in the blitz strategy. An additional 429 potholes have been fixed so far during the second week in Central Oakland, and the overall goal to fix 1,000 potholes has been surpassed, with still another week to go. Because of the success of this much needed project, Public Works has extended the blitz for yet one more week to take care of 729 other existing pothole maintenance requests received by the Public Works Call Center.

“Whether you are a pedestrian, ride a bicycle or drive a car, potholes can be treacherous to humans and hard on your vehicle. This pothole blitz is a vital safety AND maintenance project,” said Oakland City Council Member Nancy Nadel.

On Monday, May 10, 2010 a photo/video opportunity will be available on 14th Street in West 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 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Where: 801 14th Street near West Street, between Brush and Market
Photo/Video Opportunity: City Council Member District Nadel, Public Works Assistant Director Bruce Saunders, and Street Maintenance crews with the new vehicle in action

Anytime, all year round, whether a pothole blitz is in progress or not, 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 potholes that need repair. The public’s assistance in slowing down when they see crews working on the roadways is also greatly appreciated.

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