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Photo/Video Opportunity

Crews Head into Third Week of Pothole Blitz

Oakland, CA – Public Works crews and their equipment have been steadily making progress across Oakland from west to east during the annual Pothole Blitz, with more than 1,560 potholes filled so far. The blitz continues during the week of May 9th in East Oakland, with the goal of more than 2,000 filled by the end of the fourth week.

Potholes represent the early stages of pavement deterioration and lack of surface protection against moisture. As rain works its way under the surface to the sub-base of a street, cracks start developing and gradually grow larger and larger. With traffic pounding over the surface, the pavement begins to separate, leading to creation of potholes.

Oakland streets are seriously in need of major repairs and repaving, but filling potholes can help both the safety of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, as well as helping to prolong the life of the streets. Crews are using hot asphalt in a concentrated effort to preserve City streets.

"Residents are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the pothole blitz crews. The work of these crews will significantly improve the roads of East Oakland," said Vice Mayor Desley Brooks, City Councilmember, District 6.

What: Pothole Blitz Photo/Video Opportunity – Interviews Available

When: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: 66th Avenue between San Leandro and Coliseum

Who: Oakland Public Works Agency

Photo/Video Opportunity: City Councilmembers Desley Brooks and Ignacio De La Fuente, and Public Works Assistant Director David Ferguson

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.

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