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Public Works Kicks Off Annual Blitz on Potholes Extended Eight-week Effort Seeks to Fill 3,500 Potholes

Oakland, CA – To keep the City of Oakland’s vehicular and pedestrian traffic safe, Oakland Public Works will conduct a **Pothole Blitz** again this year. This year’s Blitz will take place starting today, April 30, 2012, through June 22nd extending the effort by four weeks longer than last year. Each week, the Blitz will re-locate to another district in the City, starting on Broadway near Manila and Taft Avenues.

Last year, the Streets & Sidewalks Division of the Department of Infrastructure & Maintenance filled 3,230 potholes citywide during the Blitz. Crews expect to repair more than 3,500 this year. The focus will be on traffic corridors, schools, hospitals, high traffic pedestrian areas and problem streets. Where necessary and feasible, their repairs will focus on long-lasting solutions to recurring potholes instead of short-term patches.

Potholes are a never ending battle because repairing them is just a band aid fix to our City's old streets. Oakland’s finances are so limited that roadways that should be repaved every 30 years are now scheduled to be repaved every 80 years. “That means that once in your lifetime, your street will get paved,” explained Public Works Director Vitaly B. Troyan, P.E.

Director Troyan said, “We’re asking everyone to become involved and call our Hotline at (510) 615-5566 to report your least favorite pothole.”

You can also use any one of several alternate methods to **Report a Problem**: Use the online form at www.OaklandPW.com. Use the new mobile app **SeeClickFix**. Email pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com to report your favorite pothole.

Your assistance in slowing down when crews are working in the roadways is greatly appreciated.

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