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Oakland Awarded \$6.1 Million in State Funding for Transportation Projects

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland was awarded \$6.1 million today by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to implement two key projects in the first round of the State’s new Active Transportation Program (ATP), a program designed to encourage non-motorized transportation. In their action today, the CTC awarded a total of \$221 million to 145 projects across the state.

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The amount of \$2.48 million was awarded to the International Boulevard Pedestrian Lighting and Sidewalk Repair project. The project will repair sidewalks and provide pedestrian-scale lighting along the length of International Boulevard. These improvements complement the roadway and center median improvements of AC Transit’s Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, running from Uptown Oakland to San Leandro. The grant was won through a collaborative effort among the City of Oakland’s Public Works and Economic & Workforce Development departments, with key support from AC Transit and the transportation advocacy group, TransForm. The project draws on the best practices of creating complete streets and transit-oriented development programs nationwide.

Another \$3.58 million was awarded to the Laurel Access to Mills, Maxwell Park and Seminary (LAMMPS) Project to construct a separated bicycle and pedestrian path along Macarthur Boulevard from High Street to Seminary Avenue, connecting neighborhoods throughout the corridor. This exciting project will make walking and bicycling easier and safer options for the large number of students from local public schools and Mills College, as well as employees and residents who commute along this route. The City’s grant application was based on the 2010 LAMMPS Community Based Transportation Plan, which was the result of extensive public participation and planning. The project brings together best practices in implementing “complete streets,” the term given to efforts that rebalance public street use to become safe and comfortable for all people.

“I am delighted to see these projects becoming fully funded after years of effort from my office, dedicated City staffers and our neighborhood community members,” Oakland Mayor Jean Quan said. “The LAMMPS project goes all the way back to my days on the City Council. We’re working to create safer space for walkers and cyclists to use. Meanwhile we are moving forward with a major effort to revitalize International Boulevard and support our incredible merchant community. My thanks to all who collaborated with us to make this happen.”

“The City is grateful to the CTC for their commitment to safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclists in Oakland,” said Public Works Director Brooke A. Levin.

For more information on these projects and other transportation programs in the City of Oakland, please visit www.oaklandpw.com.

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