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Oakland's Active Transportation Projects Win \$9.1 Million in Grants

Oakland, CA –The Oakland Public Works Department recently won two grants totaling over \$9.1 million dollars from the State of California's Active Transportation Program (ATP). These projects will improve walking and bicycling connections for Oakland residents and visitors.

The **19th Street BART to Lake Merritt Urban Greenway Project** was awarded \$4.6 million by the California Transportation Commission on October 22. This project will give pedestrians and bicyclists renewed priority along 20th Street in the heart of Uptown, calm auto traffic on the 1950's-era streets, and firmly connect BART and AC Transit lines to the City's crown jewel, Lake Merritt. Altogether, this project will complement the City's \$198 million dollar Measure DD investment in enhancing Lake Merritt as a city-wide attraction.

The **Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project** was awarded \$4.5 million on October 28 by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The project, located along the key blocks between 20th Street and 41st Street near the MacArthur BART Station, will make Telegraph Avenue safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. In addition to being the City's busiest bike corridor, Telegraph Avenue is also a major transit corridor connecting to Berkeley. The project will install cycle tracks, and add and improve the safety of pedestrian crossings and transit boarding islands to enhance the street. Upon completion, this will be the longest "complete street" in Oakland.

"We are honored and excited to receive these grants that will enable us to create vibrant, safe and inviting streets to serve some of our busiest areas," said Mayor Libby Schaaf. "With Bus Rapid Transit and thousands of employees coming to the Uptown area each day, it's vital that we provide a great walking and biking experience from Broadway to Lake Merritt. Additionally, the Telegraph project near MacArthur BART is going to really open peoples' eyes to the possibilities of better streets, while improving the overall safety and comfort for pedestrians, bikes and buses."

"Oaklanders love to walk and bike! These grant dollars will be used to transform our Uptown streets into places that celebrate our desire for less polluting and more social ways of getting around," stated City Council President and District 3 Representative Lynette Gibson McElhaney.

Both of these projects will be awarded funds for design and construction. Engineering design will begin in 2016, with construction likely to begin in 2018. For more information about Oakland Public Works, please visit the Projects listing on www.oaklandpw.com.

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