

**CITY OF OAKLAND  
AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Deborah A. Edgerly  
FROM: Public Works Agency  
DATE: July 13, 2004

RE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOURTH CYCLE STATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,045 FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOL LOCATIONS**

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**SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate state funds from the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) Fourth Cycle in the amount of \$441,045.

The SR2S funds will be used for the design and construction of pedestrian safety improvements at seven intersections located along suggested routes to three elementary schools, one elementary and middle school, and one high school throughout the City. The improvements include installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard/40th Avenue and new sidewalk "bulb-outs" at the intersections of: 1) East 12<sup>th</sup> Street/37<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 2) Foothill Boulevard/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 3) Foothill Boulevard/10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 4) High Street/Courtland Avenue; 5) Market Street/Brockhurst Street; and 6) Market Street/33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Attachment A shows the schools corresponding to each improvement. The SR2S funds will also be used for the production and distribution of multi-lingual educational brochures for public outreach.

This project is consistent with the following City Council Budget Priorities:

**Make Oakland a Safe City** by improving the perception of safety.

**Improve Oakland Neighborhoods** by improving traffic, bike, and pedestrian safety.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

Approval of this resolution will accept and appropriate \$441,045 for the SR2S Fourth Cycle project. These funds will be placed in the California Department of Transportation Fund (2140) Project G254110.

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the required local match is available in Fund 2162, Project G181810. These funds were allocated from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) through Resolution No. 77748, approved on April 15, 2003.

The required allocations for Contract Compliance and Public Art will be set-aside in the appropriate accounts upon approval of this resolution.

Implementation of these infrastructure improvements will increase annual maintenance costs by \$3,500. These costs will be brought forward to the City Council during the FY 2005-07 budget development process for consideration.

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## **BACKGROUND**

As part of the passage of Assembly Bill 1475, the SR2S Program was established in 1999 to provide for design and construction of pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements along routes to schools. Senate Bill 10 was enacted in 2001 to extend the program until January 1, 2005. For Cycle Four, Fiscal Year 2003-2004, the City of Oakland was awarded \$441,045. The program reimburses a maximum amount of \$450,000 for any single project. The local agency must provide a minimum local match of 10 percent of the total cost of the project.

Over the last several years, the City of Oakland, in conjunction with school officials, neighborhood organizations, and diverse groups, has been addressing and mitigating pedestrian and bicyclist safety issues at various school locations on a citywide basis. With federal funds in the amount of \$459,000 obtained from the 1999-2000 SR2S Program (First Cycle) and \$449,523 obtained from 2001-2002 SR2S Program (Second Cycle), the City installed new traffic signals, in-pavement crosswalk flashers, sidewalk bulb-outs, and pedestrian signal heads. The City continues to pursue education and enforcement resources in addition to engineering solutions to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

In May 2003, the Public Works Agency's Transportation Services Division (TSD) submitted the application for the SR2S Program Fourth Cycle. Caltrans awarded the City an amount of \$441,045 in federal funds, which became available on November 24, 2003. Acceptance and appropriation of the funds will allow TSD to establish a new project and commence with design.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The primary goal of this project is to improve pedestrian access and safety for students walking to and from schools. The schools and locations were selected from a list of twelve schools that experienced the most pedestrian-related accidents within one-quarter mile from campus.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of the following improvements:

1. A new traffic signal at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard/40th Avenue;
2. New sidewalk bulb-outs at the intersections of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street/37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Foothill Boulevard/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Foothill Boulevard/10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, High Street/Courtland Avenue, Market Street/Brockhurst Street, and Market Street/33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** None.

**Environmental:** The proposed new traffic signal will reduce congestion and pollution by improving traffic circulation.

**Social Equity:** The proposed improvements will provide greater accessibility and safety to pedestrians. Senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and students will greatly benefit from these improvements.

**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

The improvements will comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and improve access for students, and senior and disabled citizens by installing curb ramps and audible pedestrian signal heads.

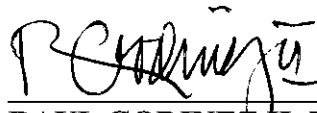
**RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to accept and appropriate funds from the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) Fourth Cycle in the amount of \$441,045. The project will improve pedestrian access and safety throughout the City.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Public Works Agency

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Transportation Services Manager

Prepared by:  
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Transportation Engineer

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:



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**OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL-CYCLE FOUR**

**Proposed Traffic Signal**

School Name	School Address	Location of Improvement
Jefferson Elementary	2035 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Foothill Blvd./ 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Proposed Sidewalk Improvements-Bulb Outs**

School Name	School Address	Location of Improvement
Ascend (Elementary/Middle)	3709 East 12 <sup>th</sup> St.	East 12 <sup>th</sup> St./ 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave,
Franklin Elementary	915 Foothill Blvd.	Foothill Blvd./ 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Foothill Blvd./ 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Fremont High School	4610 Foothill Blvd.	High St./ Courtland Ave.
Hoover Elementary	890 Brockhurst St.	Market St./ Brockhurst St. Market St./ 33 <sup>rd</sup> St.

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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_



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**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for disbursing federal funds from the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program Fourth Cycle for construction projects that improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along routes to schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor/Council goals include improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland applied for and was awarded SR2S Fourth Cycle funds in the amount of \$441,045; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will provide a local match in the amount of \$100,000 from Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds (Resolution No. 77748, approved on April 15, 2003); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate the Safe Routes to School Program Fourth Cycle funds in the amount of \$441,045; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator, or her designee, is authorized, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to execute and submit all documents, payment requests, and related actions, as well as to appropriate any additional grant funds received for the completion of this project.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CEDA FLOYD  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California

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