

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Oakland Police Department  
DATE: February 23, 2010

RE: **Informational Report On The Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Grant**

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**SUMMARY**

As requested, staff has prepared an informational report on the Bicycle Car Safety Grant program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This is an informational report only; there is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2009, the Oakland Police Department was awarded a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for bicycle, pedestrian safety, and child restraint seat safety. The grant totaled **\$491,305.00**. The grant encompasses the Bicycle Safety Program, which includes helmet distributions, the Pedestrian Safety Program, which includes school and community trainings, and the Child Passenger Restraint program, which includes both training and distributions. These programs are supervised and the grant is managed by Stacey Perry of the OPD Traffic Safety Unit.

Additional funding was received this year for ten Crossing Guards. Crossing Guards are an integral part of OPD's Traffic Safety Unit and any successful pedestrian safety program for schools. The total amount awarded for the crossing guards was **\$173,550.00**, which includes funding for benefits associated with hiring of personnel (i.e. equipment, SDI payroll payments) etc.

This funding requires that filled positions include middle school and senior housing posts. In selecting those posts, we attempted to place personnel where both objectives may be accomplished or where an elementary school could also be assisted. The placements have been at:

- Frick Middle School
- Roosevelt Middle School

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- Brockhurst and San Pablo (2 senior facilities)
- Bret Harte Middle School
- 73<sup>rd</sup> and Krause
- 69<sup>th</sup> and E14th (Lockwood and Havenscourt campuses)
- 54<sup>th</sup> and MLK Way (with possible movement to 61<sup>st</sup> and MLK Way for Sojourner Truth Housing and Sankofa Middle School)
- 55<sup>th</sup> and Market
- 17<sup>th</sup> and Brush Street (middle school campus nearby)

Pending placements will be at: Manzanita School, Fruitvale and E18th (unsignalized crosswalk, a current vacancy of the Traffic Safety Unit), Westlake Middle School, and Acorn Woodland, as well as other current vacant posts. Grant funded positions have been filled; however, hiring has been continuous because of current vacancies.

The TSU has also supplemented posts with Safety Patrol, a program that has existed in Oakland for 83 years. This program involves training student volunteers to provide safe crossing for their classmates. This program also provides training for all coordinators and adult volunteers, who provide the supervision at the school sites that have this program.

#### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** There are no specific economic opportunities contained in this report.

***Environmental:*** By increasing pedestrian safety and bicycle safety, residents would be encouraged to use their vehicles less, thus decreasing fuel emissions.

***Social Equity:*** The program will improve the quality of life for residents, making the streets safer for bicyclist and pedestrians.

#### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

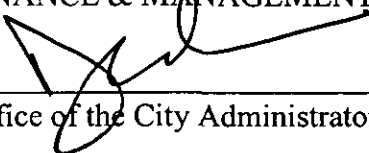
The program covers areas that include businesses and residences for senior citizens and the disabled and has assisted in making those areas safer.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends the acceptance of this informational report.

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