

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: September 19, 2006

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RE: Supplemental Report On A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Oakland To Accept And Appropriate Caltrans' Safe Routes To School Sixth Cycle Grant In The Amount Of Three Hundred And Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$384,912.00) For Pedestrian Safety Improvements At Various School Locations Citywide

SUMMARY

At the September 12, 2006 Public Works Committee meeting, the Committee requested a supplemental report for additional information regarding the selection of schools for the subject Safe Routes to School Cycle 6 grant application. Specifically, the Committee is seeking answers to the following questions:

- 1) Why were certain schools on an existing priority list that was used as the primary source in the selection process not included in this application; and
- 2) Why did this application include schools that were not listed in the existing priority list, and how were they selected.

BACKGROUND

The referenced priority list of schools came from the City's Pedestrian Master Plan. It shows ten schools in the City with the highest number of accidents involving pedestrians under age eighteen within a quarter mile from campus. Table 1, attached, lists these schools and the improvements that have been identified by City staff to improve pedestrian safety around them. All of the listed improvements, either pending or completed, are or have been funded by various sources including Safe Routes to School grants, the Public Works Agency operating budget, and other City agencies.

KEY ISSUES

Question #1

Why were certain schools on the existing priority list that was used as the primary source in the selection process not included in this application?

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Response

The identified improvements for all the schools on the priority list have already been funded. See Table 1.

Question #2

Why did this application include schools that were not listed in the existing priority list, and how were they selected?

Response

Since the priority list was exhausted, additional improvements for schools outside of the list were added to the application to maximize the funding opportunity. The Transportation Services Division collaborated with the Police Department, the Oakland Pedestrian Safety Project staff (Community and Economic Development Agency), and the Safe Walk to School Program staff (Department of Human Services) to identify locations and develop improvements based on their collective experience with pedestrian safety needs at the City's schools and direct feed back from school officials.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council accept this Supplemental Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED
TO THE CITY COUNCIL:



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**TABLE 1
PROJECTS IDENTIFIED
FOR SCHOOLS IN THE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

Rank¹	School	Council District	Project Location	Project Description
1	Garfield Elementary School	2	Foothill/22nd Ave	Bulb-outs
		2	Foothill/22nd and 23rd	Ped Heads
2	Hawthorne Elementary School	5	Fruitvale/E. 16th	Bulb-outs
		5	Fruitvale/E. 18th	In-pavement Lights
3	Highland Elementary School	7	In Development ²	In Development ²
4	Fremont High School	5	Foothill/High	Ped Heads
		5	High/Courtland	Bulb-outs
5	Markham Elementary School	6	73rd Ave/Krause	Bulb-outs
6	E. Morris Cox Elementary School	7	98th Ave/Sunnyside	Adult Crossing Guard
7	Dewey High School (Ascend)	5	E. 12th/37th Ave	Bulb-outs
8	Hoover Elementary School	3	Market/Brockhurst	Bulb-outs
		3	Market/33rd	Bulb-outs
9	Frick Jr High School	6	Foothill/62nd Ave	All-way Stop Signs
		6	62nd Ave	Speed Bumps
10	Franklin Elementary School	2	Foothill/9th Ave	Bulb-outs
		2	Foothill/10th Ave	Bulb-outs
10	Charles Whitton Elementary School	5	Fruitvale/E. 18th	In-pavement Lights
10	Elmhurst Middle School	2	98th Ave/Cherry	In-pavement Lights

¹ The Pedestrian Master Plan ranks these schools as the ten schools with the most accidents involving pedestrians under 18 within a quarter mile from campus.

² Effective engineering improvements have not yet been identified.