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CALTRANS DISTRICT 9 ANNOUNCES OVER \$1 MILLION AWARDED FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

District 9 Director Tom Hallenbeck is pleased to announce the award of over \$1 million for Safe Routes to School Projects that will improve safety for children in grades K-12 who walk and bicycle to school.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes was awarded \$539 thousand for the construction of the Library/Cerro Coso College Student Housing Connector Bicycle Path. It was also awarded \$450 thousand for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes on Sierra Nevada Road from Laurel Mountain Road to Chaparral Road.

The City of Ridgecrest received an award of \$90,750 for the construction of sidewalks at the following locations:

- east side of Guam Avenue between West Upjohn Avenue and West Bowman Road
- north side of West Flores Avenue between North Downs Street and Sierra View Street
- south side of East Upjohn Avenue between Appaloosa Street and South Gateway Boulevard

California was the first state to legislate its own Safe Routes to School Program with dedicated funding from the Highway User's Tax Account Transportation Tax Fund. It was established in 1999 and provides funding for new crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalks, bicycle paths, traffic signals, flashing beacons, signs, striping, and pedestrian countdown signals. To date, the state has awarded \$268 million for Safe Routes to School Projects.

To view the entire list of projects, visit:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/documents/SR2S_Cycle_9_2010-11.pdf

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