



# Press Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans Awards \$48.5 Million for Safe Routes to School to Increase Safety and Health**

**BISHOP** – Caltrans today awarded \$48.5 million of state Safe Routes to School Program funds for 139 projects to increase safety and help reduce injuries and fatalities among children in grades K-12 who walk and bicycle to school.

“Safety is Caltrans’ number one priority,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “We are committed to providing the highest safety possible for our children as they travel to and from school in California.”

Among the state-funded projects are new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other safety improvements. Caltrans chose each project based upon need, effectiveness, and how quickly it could be delivered. By improving safety, more kids are encouraged to walk and bicycle to school, resulting in healthier children while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle congestion.

More than \$7 million of the funds were awarded to critical safety projects in rural counties. In addition, 82 projects totaling \$28 million will create jobs and benefit at least one low-income school within each project.

Some of the notable local projects that received funding include:

- California City - \$373,500 to install crosswalks and construct a multi-use path on Poppy Blvd, between Rusche Blvd, and North Loop Blvd.; North Loop Blvd. between California City Blvd. and Hacienda Blvd..
- City of Mammoth Lakes- \$450,000 to install sidewalks on Sierra Park Rd./ Meridian Blvd. and Old Mammoth Rd./ Sierra Nevada Rd. and to construct a multi-use path between Mammoth Elementary School and Mammoth Middle School.
- City of Tehachapi - \$405,000 to construct sidewalks, curb ramps and install crosswalks on Curry St. between Spruce St. and Sunrise Way at Pinon St.

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To date, the state and federal Safe Routes to School programs have awarded \$472 million for safety projects around California's schools.

To view the entire list of SRTS projects that received funding:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/documents/FINALApproved%20SR2S%20Cycle%2010%20SProjects%20List.pdf>

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