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Safe routes to school money awarded

City receives \$450,000 grant to make walking and biking to and from north Sacramento schools safer

A \$450,000 grant from Caltrans is being awarded to the City to help make three schools in north Sacramento safer for students walking to and from school. Traffic signals, crosswalks and curb ramps for locations near Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy, Harmon Johnson Elementary School and Noralto Elementary School will be paid for with the grant money and local matching dollars. The total project cost is expected to be \$672,000.

Caltrans announced that the City's share is part of \$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.

"This is great news for the schools, the children, and their parents, who have expressed concerns for safety in this area," said Councilmember Sandy Sheedy.

The project will likely be constructed during the summer break of 2014 or earlier if all goes as planned. A more definitive schedule will be known when the Public Works Department has had an opportunity to further assess all project components.

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This summer construction is slated to start to improve walking and bicycling conditions for another north Sacramento elementary school through a separate Caltrans Safe Routes to School Grant. On or about July 13, work to add new curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the Robla Elementary School frontage to Marysville Boulevard, as well as provide two pedestrian crossings of Rio Linda Boulevard will get underway. The crossings will be located at the intersections of Santa Ana Avenue and Pinedale Avenue. Public Works engineering staff expect the work in front of the school to be finished by the first day of school in mid August.

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