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San Diego Police Department Awarded Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department is the recipient of a \$240,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that will prioritize the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

“Our roads are increasingly riskier for people who walk or ride their bike,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “The goal of this funding is to reverse the growing trend of bicyclist and pedestrian-involved crashes by educating the public on safe road behaviors.”

Grant funds will pay for a comprehensive safety program that will teach valuable skills for all types of road users:

- Participate in “Open Streets” events promoting alternate transportation options.
- Bicycle skills and training courses that educate youth on safe riding behaviors.
- Helmet fitting inspections and distribution of helmets to those in need.
- Community and school education presentations on best bike/walking practices.
- Incorporating bicycle safety skills into regular community bike rides.
- Pop-up events that promote the importance of visibility on roads with safety equipment such as reflective armbands/leg bands and bicycle headlights/taillights.

“This funding allows us to work with local community organizations to help reduce bicyclist and pedestrian crashes in San Diego and is a critical component in our commitment to the Vision Zero safety initiative,” San Diego Police Department Sergeant Gregory Minter said.

The grant program will run through September 2022.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

