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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 received a \$240,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that will fund activities emphasizing the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

“Bicyclists and pedestrians help us reduce emissions from transportation and are part of the City’s Climate Action Plan,” Sergeant Gregory Minter said. “This grant will help us in our shared responsibility to keep these groups safe on our streets.”

“Every bicyclist and pedestrian should feel safe on the road,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Education is one of many important tools that collectively work to make sure everyone, regardless of how they travel, reaches their destination safely.”

Grant funds will support a variety of activities focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety:

- Participate in “Open Streets” events encouraging biking and walking.
- Bicycle 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.
- Community bike rides that encourage and teach riders safe riding skills.
- Walking field trips with older residents and pedestrian safety education to those who are experiencing homelessness.
- Pop-up events that promote the importance of visibility on roads with safety equipment such as reflective armbands/leg bands and bicycle headlights/taillights.

The grant program will run through September 2023. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



