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Contra Costa Transportation Authority Receives \$1.6 Million Grant to Improve Road Safety and Prevent Roadway Deaths and Serious Injuries

Walnut Creek, Calif. Nov. 25, 2024 — The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) has been awarded \$1.6 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. This funding will support safety enhancements for bicyclists and pedestrians through multi-jurisdiction corridor planning, speed reduction, and safe system demonstration projects. This is an initiative designed to enhance road safety and reduce serious injuries and fatalities across key high-risk areas, with a special focus on underserved communities.

The awarded funds will enable CCTA and grant partner cities—Richmond, San Pablo, Martinez, Pinole, San Ramon, and Orinda—to implement safety corridor plans, conduct speed reduction and traffic-calming studies, and develop materials and method safety improvements to address critical traffic risks.

“We are honored to receive this grant, which allows CCTA to continue making strides towards safer, more equitable streets throughout Contra Costa County,” **said CCTA Chair Newell Arnerich**. “We are committed to maximizing its impact by focusing on critical safety improvements for our residents, and everyone who visits Contra Costa County. This effort represents a key step forward in our Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries.”

"As the countywide health department, Contra Costa Health (CCH) applauds CCTA for their Safe Streets and Roads for All award," **said Dr. Ori Tzvieli, County Health Officer for Contra Costa County**. "This project will prevent fatal and severe injuries in vulnerable communities, particularly among bicyclists and pedestrians. CCH looks forward to the project outcomes of enhanced mobility, health, and quality-of-life across the communities the project will touch."

The initiative will emphasize a data-driven approach to identify high-risk areas and prioritize improvements. CCTA and its partners will use community engagement and technical studies to develop actionable plans that reduce traffic-related injuries and promote safer travel for all.

“This grant represents a significant step forward in our mission to create a safer, more accessible transportation network for everyone in Contra Costa County,” **said Tim Haile, Executive Director of CCTA.** “By using data to analyze high-risk areas and underserved communities, we can make impactful changes that not only save lives but also enhance the quality of life for all residents. We are proud to lead this collaborative effort and remain committed to achieving our Vision Zero goals.”

For more information, please visit CCTA's [Countywide Vision Zero page](#).

About CCTA:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is dedicated to delivering transportation infrastructure projects and managing transportation programs in Contra Costa County, working closely with local jurisdictions to enhance mobility, safety, and sustainability.

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