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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM EXPANSION

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton will present the Safe Routes to School Program at Kennedy Elementary School, 630 West Ponce de Leon in Stockton, Wednesday, October 28, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m. Safety experts will give a presentation which will include an introduction to the program and demonstrations of pedestrian and bicycle safety. Students will roleplay safe bicycle and pedestrian practices and behaviors and be visited by a giant stop sign to promote walking and bicycling to school safely. Families who live in the area and have students attending Kennedy Elementary are encouraged to attend and participate.

The Safe Routes to School Program is a nationwide initiative designed to make bicycling and walking to school a safer, more appealing, and healthier alternative for all students, kindergarten through eighth grade. The City of Stockton Safe Routes to School Pilot Program Expansion encourages children to engage in a healthier lifestyle, while keeping them safe when walking or biking to school, through the application of the Five E's: education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation and engineering.

The City of Stockton, in cooperation with local school districts, is implementing a Safe Routes to School Program focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety, including

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promotional activities to encourage walking and biking as a safe and healthy choice. The Program will help reinforce good traffic safety skills for children, remind adults to drive safely in school zones, help create and maintain safe places for children to walk and ride, and encourage families to walk and ride to school whenever possible.

Program sessions and activities will be scheduled at the participating schools:

- Lincoln Unified School District: Brookside Elementary School and Claudia Landeen Elementary School
- Lodi Unified School District: Parklane Elementary School, Podesta Ranch Elementary School and Wagner-Holt Elementary School
- Manteca Unified School District: Great Valley Elementary School and August Knodt Elementary
- Stockton Unified School District: George W. Bush Elementary School, Cleveland Elementary School, Commodore Stockton Skills School, Kennedy Elementary School, Madison Elementary School, Montezuma Elementary School, Nightingale Charter School, Valentine Peyton Elementary School and San Joaquin Elementary School

This program is made possible through a federally funded Safe Routes to School grant and administered by the City of Stockton Public Works Department. For additional information about the program, please contact Monique Raqueno, Project Manager, Public Works Department, City of Stockton (209) 937-8613.

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