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Public Works News Release

Grove Street Sidewalks Funded

The City of Bishop recently learned its funding application for the Grove Street Sidewalks project was approved by Caltrans. The Grove Street Sidewalks project will construct and reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of Grove Street between Home Street and Main Street. The purpose of the project is to provide a safer route to school for children that walk to school. It is hoped the project can be constructed in about 2 years. When complete, the project should promote walking to school and resulting student health.

The funding application for the Grove Street Sidewalks project enjoyed wide support. This support was crucial to the project being one of the few selected this year by Caltrans for Safe Routes to School funding. Support for the project included letters from the Bishop Elementary School District Parent Teachers Association, Bishop Union Elementary School District, First Five Inyo County, Bishop Joint Union High School District, the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools George Lozito, Bishop Police Department, the Mayor of the City of Bishop, the California Highway Patrol, Inyo County Sherriff, State Senator Roy Ashburn. Sincere thanks to all those that provided letters of support to this important project.

Further approvals are needed from Caltrans before environmental and engineering work can start on the project. Those approvals are expected by 1 July 2008. Once those approvals are received, a consultant can be hired to do the environmental and engineering work. A series of public meetings are planned starting this summer or fall and continuing through construction, expected about 2 years from now.

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