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**Milpitas to Receive $2.9 Million Federal Grant to Enhance Pedestrian Safety Near Schools and Improve School Route Network**

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The City of Milpitas is pleased to announce that it has been awarded $2.9 million in federal grant funding to enhance pedestrian safety at intersections near local schools and reduce crashes along the City's school route network. The U.S. Department of Transportation will provide funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, a key component of President Biden's bipartisan infrastructure bill.

The City of Milpitas submitted its grant application in May 2024 and will receive the full amount requested for project design and implementation. This comprehensive initiative aims to make school zones safer for students, parents, and community members.

"This grant is a great win for the Milpitas community," said City Manager Ned Thomas. "It will allow us to make targeted improvements that directly address safety concerns at intersections near our schools, ultimately creating safer neighborhoods for students and residents alike."

The SS4A Grant Program supports local, regional, and tribal initiatives focused on making intersections safer and preventing roadway fatalities. Milpitas' grant application centered on the "Safe Routes to School" program for 13 public schools in the City, with a focus on enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety within school zones. The project will prioritize intersections with known safety issues and proactively address other locations along the city's entire school route network.

**Key Components of the Project Include:**

- **Intersection Improvements:** Targeted upgrades to intersections near schools, enhancing visibility, signage, and pedestrian crossings to reduce crashes.
- **Safe Routes to School:** Expansion of safety measures for 13 public schools, aiming to create safer walking and biking routes for students.

- **Comprehensive Safety Measures:** Addressing both known and potential safety concerns along the entire school route network to prevent future incidents.

In addition to the SS4A grant, the City's Public Works Department has submitted applications for additional funding through the statewide and regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant programs. These applications, focused on improving Safe Routes to School within disadvantaged communities, seek $3.8 million from the statewide grant and $4.3 million from the regional grant.

"We are committed to securing the necessary resources to make our City's streets safer for everyone," said Public Works Director Christian Di Renzo. "This is just the beginning, and we look forward to further opportunities to enhance our Safe Routes to School program."

Local awards for the ATP grant programs will be announced in December, and the City is hopeful that additional grant dollars will be awarded to address community needs.

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About the City of Milpitas Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas is a flourishing community with a very diverse and inclusive resident population of over 80,000. Often referred to as the Crossroads of Silicon Valley, the City is situated between major thoroughfares in the Bay Area and considered a highly desirable location for world-class technology companies seeking to build a central base of operations. With the addition of the new Milpitas Transit Center offering BART, light rail, and bus service and multiple new mixed-use development projects, along with a host of new City Plans and Programs in support of an inspiring and sustainable future, the City is at the forefront of building the next generation economy. For more information, visit: www.milpitas.gov