

## Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants

### Kids Walk and Bike to School

- **Grant Amount:** \$241,600
- **Grant Recipient:** City of Chula Vista
- **County:** San Diego

**Project Area** – The project area is the ¼ mile “buffer zone” surrounding each of the City of Chula Vista’s elementary schools. The City of Chula Vista is located 12 miles south of downtown San Diego and 5 miles north of the international border with Mexico.

**Project Focus** – Existing and planned transportation facilities in the City of Chula Vista vary drastically in condition and sufficiency, and with the rapid expansion of the city a prioritization of city pedestrian, bicycle and traffic circulation improvements is needed. The infrastructure in the older pre-smart growth neighborhoods will not support the city’s estimated growth, which is projected to reach 280,000 by 2030. Currently missing sidewalks, and curbs and gutters are estimated at \$132 million, which is far in excess of available resources to provide these fixes.

**Project Goals** – To establish a long-term plan for prioritizing and funding the entire integrated network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities improvements. The city has embarked on a major comprehensive initiative to inventory, asses, and master plan the city’s missing and inadequate infrastructure. The planning project will be accomplished in two phases. Phase I provides a baseline GIS-based assessment of the current state of the city’s pedestrian transportation infrastructure and

preliminary cost estimates from the perspective of elementary schools. Phase II marks the beginning of community engagement in the transportation planning process.

**Community Outreach** – A series of community workshops were held with the South Bay Partnership, Northwest Civic Association, the Third Avenue Village Association (TAVA), the Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association, the Environmental Health Coalition, Crossroads, local schools and school districts, and other interested groups and residents.

**Project Outcome** – Public meeting materials including PowerPoint presentations were produced, and the final report was produced and available for other jurisdictions interested in using this work as a basis for similar services. The next stage of the development process will use the final report as a City Council-adopted master planning tool to implement the transportation improvements, school zone by school zone, according to community priorities.

