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More than \$200,000 in funding allocated for community-driven safety projects in Southern California

LOS ANGELES – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) allocated more than \$200,000 in funding to nonprofit and community-based organizations for 28 traffic and coronavirus-related safety projects in the six-county region.

The Local Community Engagement and Safety Mini-Grants program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This year's program expands the concept of traffic safety and street-level community resiliency to include efforts to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Awardees span a wide range of creative and impactful projects that center on the mobility and transportation needs of those most impacted by COVID-19, including a storytelling radio series focusing on transit, virtual workshops for youth, free bike match and repair for essential workers and families, and co-creation of community resilience and safety resources.

"We're pleased to be able to expand the scope of this year's grants to recognize the unprecedented impact the pandemic has had on cities and neighborhoods in Southern California. These projects are wonderful examples of the bold work that's being done by community-based organizations in ensuring the safety and accessibility of active transportation during this critical time," said Rex Richardson, SCAG President and a Long Beach City Councilmember.

Programs that will receive funding:

- **Active SGV** – *SGV Bike Repair and Ride and El Monte Safe and Healthy Streets*
- **ACT-LA** – *Capacity building on transportation safety strategies*
- **Bike Ventura** – *Va por la avenida en bici*
- **BREATHE CA** – *Take 2 Wheels to Work*
- **Central City Neighborhood Partners** – *Community First Pedestrian Safety During COVID-19*
- **City Fabrick** – *Adapting the mobility and public realm for future community health*
- **Community Intelligence** – *The COVID-19 Pandemic and Walking, Biking, Going to the Park and Using LA Metro*
- **Costa Mesa Alliance for Better Streets (CMABS)** – *Local business recovery through active mobility*
- **Day One** – *Active Pomona and Project Wheelie: Free Bike Match and Repair*
- **Echo Park Film Center** – *Watch Your Step! A Community Transit Safety Project / Al Pasito: Un Proyecto Comunitario Sobre el Transito*

- **Future Roots Inc. (dba dublab)** – *Point C Project*
- **L.A. Neighborhood Initiative** – *Safer on the Streets: San Pedro*
- **LA County Bicycle Coalition** – *Bikes for essential workers and families*
- **Las Fotos Project** – *Our Streets: Healing & Protecting Our Community Through Mobility Justice*
- **Latino Health Access** – *Safe Where You Are Transportation and Health Project* and *Placentia PATHS for Community*
- **Los Angeles Walks** – *SMS Texting + Chat Apps Safe Street Organizing Webinars*
- **Move LA** – *Engaging South LA residents on transportation issues and providing internet access*
- **Pacoima Beautiful** – *Northeast Valley Transportation Resiliency Plan*
- **People for Mobility Justice/Community Partners** – *Biking in the Time of COVID*
- **Public Matters** – *University Park Slow Jams*
- **Rose Park Neighborhood Association** – *Street Safe Pedestrian EcoSystem*
- **TRUST South LA** – *Leveraging emergency meal distribution services with education/engagement related to social distancing protocols for transit, biking and walking*
- **Untokening** – *Transformative Talks: COVID-19 and Community Resilience*
- **Walk 'n Rollers** – *Safe Travels: Bike Safety Videos for Kids*
- **Yolanda Davis-Overstreet Consulting** – *Co-creating pedestrian and COVID safety practices in communities of color*

“The creative thinking behind many of these programs will serve as models for our region even after the pandemic subsides, as we continue to build on the very-real connection between transportation and public health,” said Kome Ajise, SCAG’s Executive Director. “We look forward to monitoring the success of these initiatives and expect to share results with communities throughout the SCAG region.”

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