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GRANT FUNDS APPROVED FOR VENTURA BOULEVARD SIDEWALKS AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council of the City of Oxnard and the Office of County Supervisor John C. Zaragoza are proud to announce that \$2.4 M in Federal funds have been approved by the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to construct sidewalks, street and landscaping improvements and other safety improvements on Ventura Boulevard in Nyeland Acres. City of Oxnard staff prepared and submitted the grant requests.

Oxnard Mayor Tom Holden notes, "We are pleased that the City submitted a request and VCTC approved these funds which will improve the safety and mobility, while beautifying the area". Supervisor Zaragoza commented, "With no sidewalk on Ventura Boulevard, children and families walk in the street, and then wait for their school bus as cars zoom by. I am very concerned about their safety. A sidewalk on Ventura Boulevard will be a huge safety improvement for these children and their families".

Nyeland Acres resident and Rio School Board member Mike Barber, agrees. "I am very pleased to see that the funding for this safety project has been approved. I really appreciate the support of Supervisor Zaragoza and the City of

Oxnard is actively pursuing funding for this project. It will be a wonderful safety improvement, and the planned landscaping upgrades will also improve the appearance of our neighborhood”.

The City of Oxnard has completed preliminary plans and cost estimates for the project, and work will soon begin to prepare a set of engineering drawings and specifications. Under this tentative schedule, construction of the sidewalk and other improvements could start in late 2011, according to Oxnard City Engineer Lou Balderrama.

For more information on the Ventura Boulevard Safety Improvement Project, please contact Supervisor Zaragoza at (805) 654- 2613 or Mr. Rob Roshanian, Acting Public Works Director of the City of Oxnard at (805) 385-7900.

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