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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Huntington Beach Police Department Awarded \$42,800 Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs**

The Huntington Beach Police Department is the recipient of a \$42,800 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that will prioritize the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

“Our roads are increasingly riskier for people who walk or ride their bike,” said OTS Director, Barbara Rooney. “The goal of this funding is to reverse the growing trend of bicyclist and pedestrian-involved crashes by educating the public on safe road behaviors.”

Grant funds will pay for a comprehensive safety program that will run through September 2022 and teach valuable skills for all road users:

- Walking Field Trips that educate youth and older adults on safe walking habits.
- “Open Streets” events promoting alternate transportation options.
- Bicycle skills and training courses that educate youth on safe riding behaviors.
- Helmet fitting inspections and distribution of helmets to those in need.
- Community and school education presentations on best bike/walking practices.
- Incorporating bicycle safety skills into regular community bike rides.
- Partnerships with health care providers and senior centers promoting pedestrian safety measures among older people and those who are experiencing homelessness.
- Pop-up events that promote the importance of visibility on roads with safety equipment such as reflective armbands/leg bands and bicycle headlights/taillights.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

