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PRESS RELEASE

City Awarded Competitive Grant to Fund a City-Wide Bicycle Master Plan

Downey, CA, September 23, 2013: The City of Downey has been awarded a 2013-14 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the development of a City-wide Bicycle Master Plan. The grant awarded to the City is in the amount of \$225,000 and will help fund a comprehensive study that will produce a City-wide Bicycle Master Plan for Downey.

The City-Wide Bicycle Master Plan will assist in creating the foundation for bicycle friendly roads and bikeways, which will serve commuter and recreational riders. The plan will serve as the official policy document to guide the development and maintenance of bicycle friendly roads and bikeways in the City. Additionally, the Bike Master Plan will help encourage more people to bike for transportation and to provide an attractive and healthy transportation option, helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

“This is great news for our City and our residents. We are happy and excited to have received this grant that will help fund a much needed, and awaited master bike plan in our community,” said Mayor Mario A. Guerra. “This project is part of our Healthy Downey initiative, which is aimed at encouraging wellness, healthy and active lifestyles. The new master bike plan will make sure we look at all the important elements that will be safe, effective and sustainable. This was also one of our stated goals in our 2013 City Council Priorities. I am proud to say that we are working hard and being proactive in making sure we have a vision for our future.”

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