



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 30, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with California Highway Patrol

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an agreement with the California Highway Patrol to provide traffic enforcement support as part of the Placer County Safe Routes to School Program from October 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,561.40, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to execute the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign amendments not to exceed \$2,056, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2018, the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and Placer County Public Health Division developed a partnership to address safety and walkability along the Highway 49 corridor. Highway 49 is known for being a high trafficked area with minimal sidewalks, cars driving at high speeds, and an unfortunate number of fatalities. In the last 11 years, there have been a total of 43 collisions between vehicles and bicyclists/pedestrians along Highway 49. There were 13 bicyclist collisions, and there were 30 pedestrian collisions with 23 injuries and 7 fatalities. Despite this unsafe environment, many residents walk and bike along the corridor as it is their only means of transportation to reach local schools, shopping, jobs, and/or bus stops.

Through this partnership with PCTPA, Public Health was awarded \$733,000 to implement a Safe Routes to School Program and help create a safer corridor along Highway 49. Safe Routes to School is a national program to increase the number of children who bike or walk to school in a safe manner. There are many barriers that prevent students from walking or biking to school, such as lack of infrastructure, unsafe neighborhoods, traffic congestion, among others, and these barriers can be addressed through a Safe Routes to School initiative. The current funding supports six eligible schools along the Highway 49 corridor, and has the ability to positively impact over 3000 students.

A major component of a successful Safe Routes to School Program is promoting safe walking and bicycling through consistent enforcement of laws. This enforcement will be carried out by the California Highway Patrol and the Auburn Police Department. The California Highway Patrol will be responsible for working with the two schools, which fall within the California Highway Patrol Auburn area (Auburn Elementary and Rock Creek Elementary), to provide focused enforcement in the school zones for distracted driving, failure to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, speeding and various other vehicle code violations in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School program. The California Highway Patrol is skilled in conducting safety assessments, evaluating safety issues, and developing/executing enforcement plans. This collaborative effort between Public Health and the California Highway Patrol is one of many joint efforts to positively impact the health and safety of our local community members.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This agreement is 100% funded through the Safe Routes to School contract with the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

The Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.