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Edmonds Receives \$494,000 for Sidewalks near Madrona Elementary

(Edmonds – WA) The City of Edmonds has been notified by Washington State Department of Transportation that we have been selected to receive a **Safe Routes to School** grant of \$494,000 to support its **Madrona Elementary Walkway project**. Construction of this sidewalk will improve safety and convenience for both school children and other pedestrians walking or biking to and from Madrona elementary.

These funds will be used to design and construct approximately 600 feet of curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the south side of 236th St. SW connecting Madrona Elementary School to SR-104. The project will also include ADA accessible curb ramps on all street corners within the project limits, as well as the addition of stormwater drainage facilities and marked bicycle sharrows on both sides of the street. The project will include an education program, where children attending Madrona Elementary will be taught different bicycle riding safety tips using both in-class instruction and a bicycle “rodeo”. The design of the project is scheduled to begin this summer and construction is planned for summer, 2014.

This sidewalk construction grant is in addition to \$1.43 million in walkway/sidewalk grants received by the City within the last four months. Commenting on this string of new grants for sidewalks Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling said “We greatly appreciate the non-motorized program partnership we have with the State of Washington Department of Transportation and the Washington State Legislature. With their help and with an aggressive approach to grant writing by the City we have been able to attract nearly \$2 million for projects that significantly improve the quality and safety of our sidewalk system in Edmonds.”

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