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GLENDALE RECEIVES NEW FUNDING FOR SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM

Glendale, Ariz. — Many Glendale students will soon experience a safer route to school, thanks to Safe Routes to School funding being awarded to Glendale’s Transportation Department for the first time. Two projects will help children walk or bike to school in a better environment.

The first project includes a sidewalk completion on Myrtle Avenue from 63rd Avenue to 66th Drive. Once this sidewalk is completed, students and parents will have a safe place to walk. The second project includes two school zone flasher systems and speed radar sign systems, which will be installed northbound and southbound on 67th Avenue at Missouri. This system helps remind drivers to slow down and reduce speed during school hours. This particular system has been proven to be an effective tool to combat speeding. In fact, in a national survey of police officers, traffic engineers, and corporate safety officials, radar speed displays were identified as the single-most effective traffic calming solution around schools, playgrounds, and neighborhood streets. (IMSA Journal November-December 2008)

The Safe Routes application was coordinated through a joint partnership between the city and Glendale Elementary School District. Both these projects will be entirely funded by federal dollars.

“Both of these projects will greatly increase the safety of walking and biking to and from school and enhance the ability for children to access schools,” said Jamsheed Mehta, executive director of Transportation Services. “We are thrilled to get this funding as the selection process was highly competitive and we competed against projects from all over the state.”

For more information on these and other transportation projects, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transportation.

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