

# Caltrans grant to improve Valley school routes

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A Caltrans grant will pay for street work aiming at a safer route to several Valley schools, the agency announced this week.

The work -- including crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalks, bicycle paths and more -- around 106 California schools is funded by a \$48.5 million Caltrans grant from its Safe Routes to School program, which began in 1999.

In Fresno, street work will be done in the vicinity of Williams, King, Easterby and McKinley elementary schools, Kings Canyon and Carver middle schools and Edison High School.

Work will also be done near:

Raisin City Elementary School in Fresno County.

La Vina and Madison schools in Madera County.

Putnam Avenue Elementary in Porterville.

General Grant High School in Reedley.

Cottonwood Creek, Hernandez, Royal Oaks and Linwood elementary schools, La Joya Middle School and El Diamante High School in Visalia.

Pixley Elementary School in Tulare County.

Gardenside Elementary School in Kings County.