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UC Berkeley Sends Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Experts to 22 California Communities in 2012

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has renewed funding for the Traffic Safety Evaluation and Pedestrian Safety Assessment programs, two popular roadway-safety services administered by the Technology Transfer Program (Tech Transfer) at the University of California, Berkeley. Both services help local agencies identify and implement solutions that will lead to improved safety for all users of California's roads by providing free on-site and follow-up technical assistance, and by fostering collaboration between local engineering, public works, and police departments.

Since its inception in 1999, the OTS-funded Traffic Safety Evaluation program has sent engineering and enforcement evaluators to visit 194 California cities and counties to evaluate conditions such as traffic control, operations, and enforcement, and make recommendations on how to improve traffic safety and incorporate best practices. Safety experts will visit an additional 10 communities in 2012.

The Pedestrian Safety Assessment program was launched in February of 2008 as a companion program more narrowly focused on helping to make communities more walkable. This award-winning program and its technical guide have been recognized as best practices at the local, regional and national levels, including by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the American Planning Association. The program has served 47 communities to date, and will serve 12 more in 2012.

Tech Transfer, a division of the UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies, provides professional training, workshops, conferences, technical assistance and information resources in the transportation-related areas of planning and policy, traffic engineering, project development, infrastructure design and maintenance, safety and the environment.

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