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UC Berkeley, Tech Transfer to send Safety Experts to 12 California Communities

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has renewed funding for the popular roadway-safety service administered by UC Berkeley's Technology Transfer Program (Tech Transfer), which will serve 12 communities in the 2016-2017 fiscal year under the Complete Streets Safety Assessments (CSSA) program. CSSA is a comprehensive, flexible and tailored program to meet local agency safety needs with particular focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety in focused marketing efforts.

Since 1999, Tech Transfer's Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA) program has sent engineering and enforcement evaluators to visit more than 200 California cities and counties to evaluate traffic control, operations and enforcement, and to make suggestions for improving traffic safety and incorporating best practices.

The Pedestrian Safety Assessment (PSA) program was launched in February of 2008 as a companion program focused on making communities more walkable. This award-winning program and its technical guide (updated in 2013) 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 more than 80 California communities to date.

Tech Transfer launched a Bicycle Safety Assessment (BSA) program in 2013, and developed a new BSA technical guidebook. Tech Transfer also began serving small or rural communities with Rural Safety Assessments (RSA) as a complement to the urban/suburban focus of the TSA program. Tech Transfer also developed a new TSA technical guidebook.

CSSA replaces the Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA), Rural Safety Assessment (RSA), Pedestrian Safety Assessment (PSA), and Bicycle Safety Assessment (BSA) programs by combining key components for a comprehensive approach.

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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