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Supervisor Rubio Gets Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks for Pioneer Drive School

Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio is pleased to announce that the Kern Council of Government (KernCOG) approved a Caltrans Transportation Enhancement Activities funding application by Rubio tonight that will finally give Pioneer Drive Elementary School much needed curbs, gutters and sidewalks around the majority of the perimeter of the school. The school is located at 4404 Pioneer Drive in East Bakersfield. This project will fund the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the east side of Shalimar Drive between Pioneer Drive and Lexington Street and on the south side of Lexington Street between Shalimar Drive and Jane Avenue adjacent to the school.

Also, over 50 students submitted letters with the application in support of getting these improvements at their school. These young students will be able to see that their individual efforts have played a major part in getting this project approved.

Supervisor Rubio notes, "Being a pedestrian-only school in that no buses go to Pioneer Drive Elementary, it is vital that students at this school are able to walk safely to and from school. Once this project is completed, parents will finally be able to rest assured that their children will no longer have to walk on busy streets or on flooded paths on their way to school."

The Supervisor would also like to thank the Kern County Roads Department staff (particularly Craig Pope and Pat Ebel) for their help in compiling and submitting the completed application to KernCOG. Supervisor Rubio looks forward to working with Pioneer Drive School Principal Nancy Olcott as this project comes to fruition.