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Public Works Agency Kicks Off Its Second Pothole Blitz of the Year!

Oakland, CA — The City of Oakland is stepping up its efforts to keep the City traffic safe and respond to pothole complaints. The Public Works Agency crews will kick off its second Pothole Blitz this week and which continues through next week. An additional three weeks of Blitz's are planned through June. In order to make a tangible impact, Public Works crews are focusing in a different geographical service area for each Blitz.

"I am encouraged by the success of this hands-on campaign to address a major quality of life issue in our City," said Mayor Dellums. "Through this effort, I am confident we will continue to confront the issue of potholes, further limiting the damage to our roads, our neighborhoods and our vehicles."

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., a photo/video opportunity will be available at 12th Street and Jackson. Work will then continue through next week throughout Zone 1 which generally includes the area of Oakland, West of Lakeside Drive/Harrison Street to the Berkeley city limit. Crews will repair an estimated 1,300 potholes.

"The winter rains created potholes in streets all over the City. The Pothole Blitz will make for a much safer ride for bicyclists and a smoother ride for other vehicles," said Councilmember Patricia Kernighan, District 2.

"This is an innovative strategy to focus our limited resources to alleviate a large problem," said Public Works Agency Director, Raul Godinez II. "But it's a problem that will continue to grow until we can secure capital funding to resurface our streets more often."

What: Pothole Blitz Photo/Video Opportunity – Interviews Available Upon Request
Who: Public Works Agency Crews
When: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Intersection of Jackson and 12th Streets