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Grant Helps Riverside Turn Old Tires Into New Roads

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – A grant helps Riverside divert used tires from community landfills and puts them to work on our City's residential and secondary streets.

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery "CalRecycle" awarded the Public Works Department a Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) Grant for the City to use "RAC" as an eco-friendly and cost effective alternative to traditional road paving.

Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge said, "By using old tires for road paving Riverside is helping to conserve valuable landfill space and demonstrating an innovative reuse of materials in construction". RAC lasts up to 50 percent longer than conventional asphalt and only costs 10 to 20 percent more. According to Siobhan Foster, Public Works Director, "Riverside residents enjoy quieter roadways because RAC reduces road noise by as much as 85 percent."

The grant reimbursed the City \$5.00 per ton of RAC used on approved projects up to a maximum of \$236,000. One hundred percent of California waste tires are used in the rubber portion of the projects. There are currently eight projects receiving grant funding:

- Central Avenue from Victoria to Arlington
- Hole Avenue from La Sierra to Magnolia
- Van Buren Avenue from Jackson to Santa Ana River
- Tyler Street from SR 91 to Magnolia
- Several Casa Blanca neighborhood roads (44 streets)
- Iowa from Marlborough to Palmyrita and Columbia from Iowa to Northgate
- Minor Streets Rehabilitation 08/09 (58 streets)
- Colorado from Van Buren to Jackson

The eight projects used 61,892 tons of rubberized asphalt concrete, diverting approximately 144,400 waste tires from landfills.

CalRecycle promotes a zero waste California in partnership with local government, industry, and the public. This means managing the estimated 76 million tons of waste generated each year by reducing waste whenever possible, promoting the management of all materials to their highest and best use, and protecting public health and safety and the environment. The California Integrated Waste Management Board urges all to participate in these efforts through the "Zero Waste: You Make It Happen!" program.

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