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## City awarded \$3.1M for School Street Multi-Use Pathway Project

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From left: Council members Susan Candell and Teresa Gerringer, Gloria Dias, Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, Vice Mayor Gina Dawson, LafSD board members Katy Foreman and Merideth Meade, and Council Member Wei-Tai Kwok Photo courtesy City of Lafayette

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier presented a check for \$3.1 million on May 2 to Lafayette Vice Mayor Gina Dawson for the School Street Multi-Use Pathway Project. This Safe Routes to School project for the city of Lafayette will result in construction of a Class I multi-use pathway on School Street, from Moraga Road to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail.

"These improvements will not only provide a safe and comfortable path for students to walk or cycle to both Stanley Middle School and Lafayette Elementary School, but also a safe, direct and protected walking/biking connection between Downtown Lafayette and the numerous neighborhoods to the south of the project site with access to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail and the existing Class I pathway on First Street," said city spokesperson Suzanne Iarla.

A "Class 1 Multi-use Facility" is a paved shared-use or multi-use path for people walking and biking that is physically separated from vehicular traffic.

The planning and design phases for the project and other related safety improvements around Stanley Middle School are expected to kick off this fall. The process will include engaging with the neighborhood, schools and community members.

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