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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Government Supports Improved Traffic Light Services in Osh City

On October 12, the U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will present a \$155,971 grant to the Osh Mayor's office to improve traffic light service in Osh. Denise Rollins, USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau, will participate in the grant signing ceremony as part of her official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Damage from ethnic conflict in June 2010 and outdated technology have rendered traffic light services ineffective within the majority of the city's intersections. This has impeded the city's recovery efforts by reducing pedestrian safety and driver security during peak hours of traffic movement. In response, USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives will administer the U.S. Government grant funds to rehabilitate traffic lights at 20 intersections in the Kurmanjan-Datka, Dostuk, Ak-Bura, Suleiman-Too, Manas-Ata, and Alymbek-Datka neighborhoods of Osh City. The municipal government will commit approximately \$196,000 to install traffic lights and procure compatible pedestrian crosswalk signals for each rehabilitated intersection.



This is one of many projects supported by the American people through USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI). Launched in Kyrgyz Republic in May 2010, OTI's program aims to mitigate conflict and improve governance at national and local levels.

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