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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES \$325.8 MILLION FOR STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$325.8 million to 142 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. Fifty one biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive \$27 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

“Caltrans is building transportation improvements that will benefit the state for decades to come,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only are we working to preserve our previous investments in the state highway system, but we are investing in projects that will expand the availability of alternative, more sustainable ways of getting from point A to point B.”

Active transportation projects funded include:

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Riverside County – Avenida Rambla Sidewalk Safety Improvements. The project will construct approximately 3,200 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, signage, and pavement markings on Avenida Rambla from Camino Campesino to the south property line of Bubbling Springs Elementary School, the west side of Avenida Rambla from Camino Aventura to Camino Campesino, and the north side of Camino Campesino from Avenida Rambla to Bubbling Wells Road (\$68,000).

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Riverside County – Clark Street Sidewalk and Intersection Safety Improvements. The project will construct approximately 2,000 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, signage, and pavement markings on the east side of Clark Street from Rider Street/Old Elsinore Road to approximately 200 feet north of Cajalco Road (\$200,000).

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Riverside County – Grapefruit Boulevard/4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Safety Improvements. The project will construct approximately 3,500 linear feet of asphalt concrete walkway and 250 linear feet of concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and traffic signal improvements on the west side of Grapefruit Boulevard (State Route 111) from 4th Street to approximately 0.7 mile southeast (\$143,000).

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Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Riverside County - Troth Street Safe Routes to Schools Improvements. The project will construct approximately 4,000 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, school turnout, and pavement markings on the east side of Troth Street from 58th Street to 54th Street and on both sides of Troth Street from 58th Street to Jurupa Road (\$125,000).

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Riverside County - Pyrite Street Safe Routes to Schools Improvements. The project will construct approximately 5,000 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, school turnout, and pavement markings on Pyrite Street from Galena Street to Mission Boulevard (\$133,000).

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) City of Ontario - Safe Routes to School Active Transportation at Four Elementary Schools (BonView, Corona, Euclid and Vineyard). The project will construct approximately 5,000 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, and pavement widening on the north side of Philadelphia Street from Bon View Avenue to Cucamonga Avenue, on Bon View Avenue from Cedar Street to Francis Street, on Phillips Street west of Euclid, on Mandalay Street from Princeton Street to 5th Street, and on Amador Avenue from 6th Street to Sycamore Street.

The newly allocated funding also includes \$132 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 54 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, safety improvements, pavement repair and rehabilitation and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

“Caltrans is embracing a ‘fix it first’ strategy by focusing on preventative maintenance to our existing transportation infrastructure,” continued Director Dougherty. “We are striving to give California’s taxpayers the most bang for their buck because every \$1 spent on preventative pavement maintenance translates into a savings of \$6 to \$14 that would have been spent on expensive pavement repairs.”

The allocations also include \$8.4 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$158.4 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:

Caltrans (Riverside County) – Near Murrieta, approximately 0.5 mile north of Keller Road. Outcome/Outputs: Construct a Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) System to relieve traffic congestion (\$614,000).

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Caltrans (San Bernardino County) – In Nipton, at the Mountain Pass Maintenance Station. Outcome/Outputs: Replace emulsion tank, construct a new wash rack canopy, fence the entire yard and pave portions of the yard to improve security, operational efficiency and storm water compliance (\$644,000).

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) – US-395: Interim Widening. In Hesperia, Victorville and Adelanto. Widen US 395, from SR 18 to Chamberlaine Way, from two lanes to four lanes and construct left-turn channelization at various intersections (\$5,550,000).

For more information about all the projects that received allocations, please click on the link below.

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