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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

San Bernardino – The state's vast transportation system received a major infusion of cash today, as the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$878 million in funding to 114 projects that will support job growth, alleviate traffic delays, and repair aging roads and bridges.

"The benefits these projects bring are a huge boon to our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "This investment in our transportation system creates jobs and improves the quality of life for all Californians."

The allocations include \$476 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

"This billion-dollar investment helps preserve California's great infrastructure of the past and put thousands of Californians to work building something new," said Brian Kelly, Acting Secretary of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. "These investments in preservation and innovation are absolutely critical to California's economy: In 2010, traffic congestion caused 95 million hours of delay, wasting fuel and squandering productive, economic activity."

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

City of Riverside/Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) – Construct a four lane grade separation for railroad lines at Riverside Avenue (\$12.1 million – Prop 1B/TCIF funds).

San Bernardino County – This project will provide a multipurpose facility that will protect California's transportation infrastructure and promote interstate commerce. It will construct a commercial vehicle facility on I-15 near Wheaton Springs (Joint Point of Entry (JPOE) at Nevada State Line). Eventually a facility will be constructed to house the new Agriculture Inspection Station once funding is approved (\$36.8 million – Prop 1B/SHOPP funds).

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City of Highland/San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) – In the City of Highland, on Greenspot Road between Santa Paula Street and the City Limits south of the Santa Margarita River. Construct new bridge across Santa Ana River, realign 0.45 mile of Greenspot Road with bike lanes and turn lanes, rehabilitate existing Greenspot Road and historical bridge for trail use (\$1 million – Prop 1B/local funds).

City of Moreno Valley/Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) – Cactus Avenue third lane widening in the city of Moreno Valley, from Interstate 215 east bound off ramp to 1,000 feet east of Veterans Way (\$560,000 – Prop 1B/local funds).

City of Montclair/San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) – Monte Vista Avenue widening in the city of Montclair, between 10900-11000 blocks along Monte Vista Avenue (Mission Boulevard to Howard Street). Widen from 3-lanes to 4-lanes and construct concrete asphalt pavement, new sewer laterals, curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lighting, traffic stripping and relocation of utilities (\$180,000 – Prop 1B/local funds).

City of Palm Desert/Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) – I-10/Monterey Avenue interchange ramp modifications in the city of Palm Desert. Reconstruct I-10/Monterey Avenue interchange (\$2.8 million – Prop 1B/local funds).

Caltrans District 8 – State Route 62 near Desert Hot Springs, from Route 10 to Indian Avenue - overlay 25.6 lane miles of pavement, widen 12 lane miles of inside shoulder, overlay bridge decks with polyester concrete, reconstruct metal beam guardrail, and make drainage improvements. Project will improve safety and ride quality (\$15.3 million – SHOPP funds).

Caltrans District 8 – Interstate 40 in Needles, at Roadrunner Wash Bridges - seismic retrofit to maintain the structural integrity of two bridges by installing slab bridge seat extenders at the hinges on both eastbound and westbound structures (\$418,000 – SHOPP funds).

Caltrans District 8 – State Route 95 in Needles from Safari Drive to I-40 - construct sidewalks, curbs, ramps and retaining walls to comply with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards. (\$477,000 – SHOPP funds).

For information about all projects that received allocations today please see the attached file.

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