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### **MORE THAN HALF A BILLION DOLLARS TARGETED TO UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE JOB GROWTH**

*New state budget also increases transportation funding by \$351 million*

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$510 million to 83 transportation projects that will put people to work improving the state’s highways, bridges, and public transit. One of the highlights of the meeting was the CTC revising its funding estimate upward for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for the 2014-15 fiscal year from \$2.2 billion to approximately \$2.4 billion. The revision was in response to the new state budget, which provides \$351 million in new transportation funding through the early repayment of loans made to the General Fund.

The new funding includes \$210 million for the SHOPP, which pays for transportation safety projects, pavement repair and preservation work, and upgrades bridges; \$27 million for Caltrans maintenance projects; \$100 million for city and county transportation; \$9 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects under California’s new Active Transportation Program; and \$5 million to mitigate environmental effects of proposed transportation improvements.

The \$510 million in CTC funding allocations include nearly \$163 million for “fix it first” projects that will repair bumpy pavement, preserve roads that are in good condition from deteriorating and upgrade bridges to make them safer and stronger. Most of California’s highways are more than a half-century old, and they carry nearly half of the nation’s container freight – heavy loads that pound our highways more than any other state.

“To get the most bang for the buck for taxpayers, Caltrans targets dollars where they are most effective - pavement preservation,” Dougherty said. “Every \$1 spent on preventive pavement maintenance saves Californians \$11 that would have been spent on expensive pavement repairs.”

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The allocations also include \$104 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

Here are some significant projects that will help preserve and maintain California's existing infrastructure assets:

**Lake Elsinore Sign Project** – Install overhead and road signs and construct and deceleration lane to relieve traffic congestion and improve traffic movement on Interstate 15 in the City of Lake Elsinore (\$500,000).

**Caltrans (Riverside)** – SR 74: Replace bridge to restore load capacity near Mountain Center at Hurkey Creek Bridge (\$2.43 million).

**Caltrans (San Bernardino)** – I-10: Replace random damaged slabs on mainline and connectors and grind all lanes to extend pavement service life and improve ride quality. Also, overlay ramps with rubberized asphalt in and near Montclair, Upland, Ontario, Fontana, Rialto, Colton, San Bernardino, Loma Linda, and Redlands, from Los Angeles County line to Route 38 (\$47 million).

**Caltrans (San Bernardino)** – SR 18: Improve safety and reduce the number and severity of collisions by installing centerline ground-in rumble near Running Springs, from Route 138 to Green Valley Lake Road (\$311,000).

**Caltrans (Riverside)** – SR 60: Improve safety and reduce the number and severity of collisions by installing traffic signals, realigning and widening the northbound left-turn lane, and constructing curb ramps in Jurupa Valley, at the westbound entrance ramp and Mission Boulevard (\$1.2 million).

**Caltrans (San Bernardino)** – SR 60: Rehabilitate 38 lane miles to extend pavement service life and improve ride quality by replacing broken concrete pavement slabs; also grind and overlay existing shoulders and ramps, upgrade guard rail and dikes in and near Chino and Ontario, from the Los Angeles County line to Euclid Avenue (Route 83); also in Riverside County in Jurupa Valley, from Country Village Road to 0.6 mile west of Valley Way (\$9.65 million).





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**Caltrans (San Bernardino)** – SR 210: This project increases safety by grinding select inside lane locations to improve surface water run-off and reduce the number and severity of wet weather collisions in Upland, from 0.2 mile west of Mountain Avenue to Mountain Avenue (\$145,000).

**San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)** – SR 58: Widen to 4-Lane in Hinkley, from Valley View Drive to Agate (\$137 million).

**San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)** – I-15: C. V. Kane SRRA Interpretive Displays near the city of Barstow, at the C. V. Kane Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA). Install interpretive displays (\$60,000).

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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