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CTC APPROVES \$814 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

SAN BERNARDINO – Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$814 million to 135 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. This includes 34 biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state that will receive \$12.1 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California, whether you choose to travel via car, bike or transit," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The newly allocated funding also includes \$732.7 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 72 "fix-it first" projects that will maintain and preserve the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

The allocations also include:

- \$2.1 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$19 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.
- \$52.7 million for Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects that will relieve congestion, connect transportation systems and provide for better goods movement.
- The remaining \$14.4 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations were (**Caltrans District 8 projects**):

Riv 15 - \$22,063,000 - In and near Corona, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta, and Temecula, from San Diego County Line to 0.2 mile north of Route 91. Install 128 Transportation Management System (TMS) field elements to improve the distribution of real time traffic information and the safety of the traveling public.

Riv Various - \$2,933,000 - In Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, on various routes. Replace 24 field weather systems and highway advisor radio elements. Also upgrade the software to improve distribution of real time traffic information and help crews respond to changing road conditions.

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SBd 15 - \$10,166,000 - Near Barstow, at Clyde V. Kane Safety Roadside Rest Area. Restoration of Roadside Rest Area to meet the needs of increased capacity and current standards. Construct two comfort station buildings, reconstruct, expand and modernize existing facilities.

SBd 40 - \$20,985,000- In and near Barstow, from Route 15/40 interchange to 1.4 miles east of Fort Cady Road Overcrossing. Regrade median to a flatter cross slope to reduce the number and severity of cross centerline collisions.

SBd – 210 - \$3,400,000 - In San Bernardino County, at various locations. Install 8 Transportation Management System (TMS) field elements to improve the distribution of real time traffic information and the safety of the traveling public.

San Bernardino Associated Governments - \$2,113,000 - Construct grade separation at Union Pacific Railroad tracks (TCIF Project 120).

Riverside County Dept. of Public Health - \$500,000 - Implementation of a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program in the Eastside and University neighborhoods of Riverside County, including a chaperone program comprised of community volunteers who encourage active transportation in a safe environment.

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

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