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\$401 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO REVITALIZE CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND PURCHASE PASSENGER RAIL CARS

San Bernardino/Riverside Counties – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$401 million in new funding to 39 projects that will help strengthen the state's economy by creating jobs and providing congestion relief for travelers statewide.

“The benefits these projects bring to California are a huge boon to the economy today,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, “and the investment in our transportation system will continue to serve travelers for generations to come.”

Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, will supply \$327 million in funds to 10 projects, including \$42 million toward the purchase of 42 new passenger rail cars. They will be put into service on all three state-supported Amtrak California routes – the Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin and Pacific Surfliner. This supplements \$168 million from other sources, including \$68 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

To date, the state has allocated more than \$11 billion in Proposition 1B funds for transportation purposes statewide.

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

Auto Center Drive Separation – In Corona, on Auto Center Drive south of Railroad Street. Reconstruct Auto Center Drive (4-lanes) with a grade separation over existing BNSF tracks. The \$16 million project with oversight from the City of Corona and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) will replace the highway/railroad at-grade crossing with a grade separation (overhead) and will improve freight goods movement along the ACE SB-SUB Line through improved rail-line reliability, enhance goods movement via truck transport, eliminate vehicular delays thus reducing vehicular emissions and improve public safety through improved emergency response times.





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

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