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First Round of SB 1-Funded Grants Awarded

SANTA ANA—Caltrans announced that the first planning grants funded through the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) have been awarded to local agencies to support their efforts to plan more sustainable communities, reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases and adapt for the effects of climate change. During this week's California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, nearly \$32 million in grants were awarded. In total, SB 1 will provide more than \$270 million in planning grants for local communities over the next decade.

"These grants will provide much needed funding to support the efforts to improve transportation in local communities and plan for a future impacted by climate change," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "In addition to the many projects already accelerated thanks to SB 1, this is just one more example of how we're committed to rebuilding California."

Among the grants awarded were nearly \$25 million in Sustainable Community grants to 43 local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects. These planning grants will provide funding to support regional sustainable community strategies and ultimately achieve the state's greenhouse gas reductions targets of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050 respectively. SB 1 provides \$25 million annually to this grant program which is awarded both competitively and by formula to eligible projects. Among projects awarded funding is the Garden Grove Active Downtown Plan in Orange County which seeks to create a vibrant, walkable Downtown, increasing mobility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Additionally, \$7 million in Adaptation Planning grants were awarded to 21 projects throughout California. These grants will help local and regional agencies conduct adaptation planning in a way to ensure transportation assets are resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. SB 1 will provide a total of \$20 million over three years for this grant program.

A complete list of the 43 Sustainable Community grant projects can be found at:

http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/2017Agenda/2017-12/Yellows/Tab_22_4.11_Attachment.pdf

A complete list of the projects receiving Adaptation Planning grants can be found at:

http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/2017Agenda/2017-12/Yellows/Tab_22_4.11_Attachment2.pdf





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Caltrans received 127 applications seeking more than \$34 million in grant funds for the Sustainable Communities competitive grant program and 30 applications seeking \$10.5 million in grants funds for the Adaptation Planning grant program.

More information on Caltrans' SB 1 funded planning grants can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

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