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\$244 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The California Transportation Commission has allocated \$244 million in new funding to 71 projects that will improve highways, bridges and passenger rail and help develop more active transportation options. These allocations included \$18.5 million from the Active Transportation Program that will go toward 29 bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the state.

“Investing in our infrastructure benefits Californians for generations to come and these projects will improve mobility and expand choices for all users of the transportation system, whether they choose to travel by car, take transit or ride a bicycle,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The newly allocated funding includes \$87.4 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 18 projects that will preserve and protect the state highway system. These capital improvements include transportation safety projects, pavement repair and preservation work and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

The allocations also include:

- Nearly \$30 million for Transit and Intercity Rail Program projects which seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand rail service to increase ridership, integrate various rail and bus systems and improve rail safety.
- \$18 million for Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects that will relieve congestion, connect transportation systems and provide for better goods movement.
- \$15.8 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$19.2 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.
- The remaining \$74 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

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Among the projects that received funding allocations today was:

- \$3.7 million to the City of Seaside, Monterey County, for a reduction of Broadway Avenue to a single lane in each direction between Fremont Street & Del Monte Boulevard, the installation of pedestrian & bicycle facilities, and completion of the bicycle corridor between the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail and General Jim Moore Boulevard.

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

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