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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ALLOCATES \$1.7 BILLION TO EXPAND STATE'S ECONOMY AND UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$1.7 billion in funding for transportation projects that will strengthen the state's economy by sustaining and creating jobs and provide congestion relief for motorists statewide.

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

Approximately \$872 million of the funding was provided by Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, more than \$13 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

Some of the notable projects that received funding include:

- \$10.5 million to construct a 600 foot long by 36 foot wide side-hill viaduct (bridge) as part of restoring and stabilizing Hwy. 1 just south of the Rocky Creek Bridge in Monterey County. This section of highway was damaged in March 2011 following a severe winter of storms.
- \$1.7 million to replace and upgrade damaged railings on the Hwy. 101/Nojoqui Creek Bridge in Santa Barbara County. The existing railing was partially destroyed by a multi-vehicle accident in January.

Today's allocations include \$766 million in federal funds that will be applied to various local transportation programs statewide. The remaining allocations came from assorted state and federal transportation accounts.

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

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