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CALTRANS AWARDS NEARLY \$250 MILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

FRESNO – Caltrans has awarded nearly \$250 million to improve public transit and air quality across California. One-hundred twenty-seven projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations, and create jobs throughout the state.

“These projects give Californians a viable alternative to using their cars,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Public transit reduces traffic congestion and protects the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions.”

The funding comes from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a 10-year period to improve public transit in California. To date, Proposition 1B has provided more than \$2 billion in funding to nearly 900 transit projects statewide, with 340 completed.

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

Fresno County:

- *\$459,000 to the City of Clovis Transit Agency for the purchase of two new clean diesel buses and three new small buses or wheelchair accessible vans replacing aging less efficient vehicles.*
- *An allocation of \$100,000 to the City of Clovis for improvements to bus stops located throughout the city; improving mobility and safety for the public.*
- *An allocation of \$4.3 million to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency to purchase 24-new “low floor” passenger vehicles, providing easier and safer boarding for passengers, and four vehicles with heavy duty wheelchair lifts; including the purchase of four shuttle vehicles to provide service to work and school locations that established routes do not currently cover.*

Kern County:

- *\$2.9 million to Kern County for the purchase of two-47 passenger buses; four midsize buses to replace less efficient vehicles and three 41-passenger buses for longer routes, which will expand service operations.*

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received Proposition 1B transit funding, please see the attached file.

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