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### **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**FRESNO**— The state's vast transportation system received a major infusion of cash today, as the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$878 million in funding to 114 projects that will support job growth, alleviate traffic delays, and repair aging roads and bridges.

"The benefits these projects bring are a huge boon to our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "This investment in our transportation system creates jobs and improves the quality of life for all Californians."

The allocations include \$476 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

"This billion-dollar investment helps preserve California's great infrastructure of the past and put thousands of Californians to work building something new," said Brian Kelly, Acting Secretary of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. "These investments in preservation and innovation are absolutely critical to California's economy: In 2010, traffic congestion caused 95 million hours of delay, wasting fuel and squandering productive, economic activity."

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- An allocation of \$597,000 towards erosion control along State Route 178 in Kern County.
- An allocation of more than \$400,000 in the City of Fresno to replace metal beam guardrail with concrete barriers, widen shoulders, and replace existing roadside trees with ground plant cover along State Route 41 to increase safety and reduce future maintenance costs.

For information about all projects that received allocations today please see the attached file.

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