

SB 1 Repair Projects Pick Up Speed

More Than \$5 Billion in Expedited Construction Statewide Has Been Approved

The California Transportation Commission agreed in October to speed up 90 construction projects worth about \$3.4 billion, bringing the total approved for accelerated work to more than \$5 billion under the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or Senate Bill 1. SB 1 is expected to generate more than \$54 billion over the next decade for state and local transportation projects.

The projects are located throughout the state and vary in cost, from a \$2.5 million repainting of a portion of a bridge on State Route 33 in Ventura County to a \$339 million upgrade of shoulders, ramps and 116 miles of Interstate 10 in Riverside County.

Other expedited large projects include an almost \$136 million refurbishing of 25.4 miles of Interstate 5 between Dunsmuir and Mount Shasta; a \$247.2 million bridge project on I-5 in Sacramento; and nearly \$130 million for improving U.S. Highway 101 in Monterey County.

The law will effectively double maintenance dollars for state highways transportation. Cities and counties, also in line for a doubling of their transportation funds under SB 1, can use that money for basic maintenance, rehabilitation and critical safety projects on local streets and roads.

The [Rebuilding California](#) website offers an interactive map of SB 1-funded projects through the state.



Roads in need of repair such as Highway 113 in Yolo County will be fixed sooner after the CTC agreed to expedite pavement repair projects.

The law also emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency in the delivery of California's transportation projects. Cities and counties must annually highlight progress on projects funded by SB 1, and the process will be overseen by an independent Inspector General.

The law will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027. The department also will fix 7,700 traffic operating systems, such as ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards that help reduce highway congestion. **MM**

Accelerated Projects

Improving or replacing 66 bridges

Improving nearly 1,200 lane miles of pavement on highways across the state

Repairing more than 300 culverts and drainage systems

Installing nearly 2,400 elements that are part of Caltrans' traffic management systems to manage traffic and reduce congestion.

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