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NEARLY \$223 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED FOR STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

REDDING – Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated nearly \$223 million to 109 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking.

Thirty eight biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive \$10.3 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"Allocations like those made today help Caltrans continue to invest in, maintain and modernize California's transportation system," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California, whether you choose to travel via car, bike or transit."

The newly allocated funding also includes \$167.2 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 41 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

"Preventative maintenance is the most cost-effective means of protecting the state's infrastructure investment," continued Director Dougherty. "We adopted a 'fix it first' strategy because for every \$1 spent on preventative maintenance, we can save taxpayers up to \$14 in monies that would have been spent on more expensive and extensive repairs."

The allocations also include \$2.2 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$43 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

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Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:

SHASTA COUNTY- \$1 million was allocated to construct and modify sidewalks and curb ramps on State Route 273 from Wyndham Lane to Parkview Avenue in order to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Sidewalk and pavement gaps will be filled and barriers eliminated during this project.

SHASTA COUNTY- \$2.7 million was allocated to the McCandless Gulch Curve Improvement project on State Route 299 near Ingot, from 5.0 miles to 4.3 miles west of Buzzard Roost Road. The project is designed to increase safety by improving the alignment of three adjacent curves, modifying cross slopes and constructing shoulders.

SISKIYOU COUNTY- \$5.2 million was allocated for improvements to the Dunsmuir Grade Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility near Dunsmuir. A new office building will be constructed as well as new electrical and mechanical buildings. The funds will also pay for a new water tank, fire suppression plumbing, a new septic tank and leach field.

SHASTA COUNTY/SISKIYOU COUNTY- \$700 thousand was allocated to increase safety by installing centerline and shoulder rumble strips on State Route 89 in Shasta County from the SR 299 junction to the end of SR 89 in Siskiyou County. Funds will also be used for the same safety measures on State Route 97 beginning approximately five miles north of the town of Weed to the state line.

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

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