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SB 1 Provides Almost Half a Billion Dollars for New State Highway Maintenance Projects This Fiscal Year

“Fix-it-First” projects will restore and preserve the state’s existing infrastructure providing a safer and smoother commute for motorists

SACRAMENTO — Caltrans will begin more than 120 new “Fix-it-First” projects this fiscal year (July 2018 - June 2019), replacing, repairing and improving more than 6,700 lane miles of pavement, 250 culverts and 320 bridges across the state, due to funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. These projects got the green light after the department received almost half a billion dollars of SB 1 funding for new state highway maintenance projects this fiscal year.

“Without the funds from SB 1, some of these projects would be postponed, costing taxpayers a lot more money down the road,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “It would be like putting Band-Aids on our roads and bridges instead of the long-term repair and repaving projects provided by SB 1.”

Caltrans is planning to use about \$400 million in SB 1 funds for new maintenance projects to replace, repair and improve the existing state highway, bridges and drainage systems. Work includes repairing the state highway by eliminating cracks and potholes on roadways; replacing pavement; performing preventative maintenance work to preserve bridges and roads; replacing and repairing culverts/drainage systems to prevent flooding on roadways; widen striping size from four to six inches on roads to increase safety and visibility for motorists. See the attached list for more details.

New SB 1 funded maintenance projects coming to the Bay Area include:

- **Pavement Project on Mission Boulevard in Alameda County:** \$5.9 million pavement project will repair and replace 14.4 lane miles of State Route 84 from Mission Boulevard (State Route 238) in the city of Fremont to Interstate 680 in the town of Sunol in Alameda County.
- **Pavement Project on Highway 37 in Solano County:** \$4.5 million pavement project will improve 6.8 lane miles of State Route 37 from east of SR-37/SR-29 Separation to east of SR-37/Interstate 80 Connector in the city of Vallejo in Solano County.





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- **Pavement Project on Highway 9 in Santa Clara County:** \$2 million pavement project will improve 6.3 lane miles of State Route 9 from Skyline Boulevard in the town of Los Gatos to south of Sanborn Road in the city of Saratoga, and at Big Basin Way in the city of Saratoga in Santa Clara County.

Since the passage of SB 1, Caltrans has used SB 1 funds to accelerate more than 120 maintenance projects across the state. So far, Caltrans has completed 42 SB 1 funded maintenance projects, replacing more than 600 lane miles of state highway and improving 33 bridges. By the end of this calendar year, Caltrans is expected to improve an additional 178 bridges and repair or replace an additional 1,200 lane miles. For a complete list and to see an interactive map of SB 1 state and local projects, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system, including \$400 million specifically for bridges and culverts. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027. Caltrans will also fix 7,700 traffic operating systems, like ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards that help reduce highway congestion.

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