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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **\$745 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING WILL DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND UPGRADE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO** – The California Transportation Commission today allocated \$745 million in new funding to 118 transportation projects that will provide congestion relief for motorists statewide and bolster the state's economy.

"We're providing much-needed jobs and putting people to work building better roads, bridges, rail, and transit for California," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The allocations include nearly \$82 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, nearly \$14 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The remaining \$663 million in allocations today came from assorted transportation accounts funded by state and federal dollars.

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- \$5.8 million to construct the building for the Santa Cruz Metro Base operations by replacing the existing facility with a new environmentally friendly facility that includes solar and water reclamation components. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) is co-sponsoring this project.

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

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