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## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES BILLION-DOLLAR INFUSION OF FUNDING TO UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION AND PROMOTE JOBS**

CENTRAL COAST – Continuing the drive to rebuild the state's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$1 billion in funding for 153 transportation projects that will strengthen the state's economy by sustaining and creating jobs while providing congestion relief for motorists statewide.

"We're building transportation improvements that will benefit the state for decades to come and boost job growth in every region of California," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The allocations include nearly \$541 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, more than \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

Highlights of the funding allocations in District 5 include:

- \$382,000 for Highway 1 in Santa Cruz County--Upgrade metal beam guardrail, construct concrete barriers and upgrade drainage features at various locations on Hwy. 1 from the South Aptos Underpass to just north of Hwy. 9. This project will help reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions.
- \$450,000 to the City of Santa Cruz--Install traffic signal and construct protected left-turn lanes at the Soquel Avenue/Park Way Intersection. This project will reduce collisions, delays, travel times, widen the sidewalk and improve access to transit.
- \$2,000,000 to the City of Marina (Monterey County)--Construct Class II (non-separated) bike lanes in Marina on Imjin Parkway from Reservation Road to Imjin Road. This project will improve safety for bicyclists and add capacity for the regional bicycle system.

"These central coast projects will enhance safety for all users of our transportation system: motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists," said District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

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

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