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\$333 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING AWARDED TO UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION AND EXPAND STATE'S ECONOMY

CENTRAL COAST – The California Transportation Commission today allocated \$333 million in new funding to 91 projects that will improve the state's transportation system and strengthen California's economic recovery.

"Investing in our transportation infrastructure creates a better future for all Californians," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The allocations include \$233 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, nearly \$15 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The remaining allocations (\$100 million) came from assorted transportation accounts funded by state and federal dollars.

Notable local projects that received funding allocations are:

- \$375,000 to plant approximately 4,000 acorns, an irrigation system and a 7-year plant establishment in Nipomo in south San Luis Obispo County. The habitat creation project will plant over three thousand oak trees in order to mitigate adverse impacts to sensitive habitat during the construction of the Willow Road extension interchange.
- \$271,000 to construct centerline and shoulder rumble strips along 5.8 centerline miles to reduce the potential for cross-median collisions near Cholame, from east Junction Route 41 in San Luis Obispo County to the Kern County line.

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

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