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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The state's vast transportation system received a major infusion of cash, as the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$878 million in funding to 114 projects that will support job growth, alleviate traffic delays, and repair aging roads and bridges.

"The benefits these projects bring are a huge boon to our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "This investment in our transportation system creates jobs and improves the quality of life for all Californians."

The allocations include \$476 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

"This billion-dollar investment helps preserve California's great infrastructure of the past and put thousands of Californian's to work building something new," said Brian Kelly, Acting Secretary of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. "These investments in preservation and innovation are absolutely critical to California's economy: In 2010, traffic congestion caused 95 million hours of delay, wasting fuel and squandering productive, economic activity."

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- \$2.4 million to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transit Commission for the Broadway-Brommer Street Bike/Pedestrian Path in the City of Santa Cruz.
- \$180,000 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for the Rehabilitation of East Central Avenue between South Miller Street and South College Drive in the City of Santa Maria.

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- \$160,000 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments to rehabilitate Cabrillo Street between San Andres Street and La Coronilla Street.
- \$77,000 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments to rehabilitate Laurel Avenue from M Street to O Streets in the City of Lompoc.

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

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