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\$401 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO REVITALIZE CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND PURCHASE PASSENGER RAIL CARS

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$401 million in new funding to 39 projects that will help strengthen the state's economy by creating jobs and providing congestion relief for travelers statewide.

“The benefits these projects bring to California are a huge boon to the economy today,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, “and the investment in our transportation system will continue to serve travelers for generations to come.”

Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, will supply \$327 million in funds to 10 projects, including \$42 million toward the purchase of 42 new passenger rail cars. They will be put into service on all three state-supported Amtrak California routes – the Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin and Pacific Surfliner. This supplements \$168 million from other sources, including \$68 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

To date, the state has allocated more than \$11 billion in Proposition 1B funds for transportation purposes statewide.

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- \$355,000 allocated to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) for the Phase One extension of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Path on South River Road from Navajo Road to Creston Road in the City of Paso Robles. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) also allocated \$800,000 for Phase Two of this project for a total of \$1.55 million.
- \$11 million to Caltrans to improve rail safety on the Pacific Surfliner corridor section from San Onofre to downtown San Diego.

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

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