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

**LOS ANGELES**— The state's vast transportation system received a major infusion of cash today, 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 Californians 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:

**Los Angeles:** Nearly \$600,000 (each) to construct grade crossing safety improvements at Grandview Avenue and Sonora Avenue, which will also improve operations and traffic flow, reduce train delays and improve air quality;

Close to \$50 million for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor. Benefits include improved access to LAX and enhanced mobility for the entire region;

Almost \$115 million to construct a two-mile transit corridor that will connect the city's light rail system to high-speed rail through downtown Los Angeles, including three new





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underground stations. The project will improve passenger connectivity, increase regional mobility and improve air quality.

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

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