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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ALLOCATES \$1.7 BILLION TO EXPAND STATE'S ECONOMY AND UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION

LOS ANGELES– The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$1.7 billion in funding yesterday for transportation projects that will strengthen the state's economy by sustaining and creating jobs and provide congestion relief for motorists statewide.

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

Approximately \$872 million of the funding was provided by Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, more than \$13 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

Some of the notable projects that received funding include:

\$224.1 million – Golden State Freeway (I-5) HOV lanes from Magnolia Boulevard to Buena Vista Street in Burbank. The project extends from Empire Avenue to Burbank Boulevard and includes interchange modifications and railroad realignment. The work is scheduled to begin in early 2013 and the total project cost is estimated at \$452 million. The lead agency is Caltrans District 7 in partnership with the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

\$37.6 million – Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation in El Monte. The project will construct a double-track railroad bridge over a four-lane roadway. The lead agency is the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority with funding administered through Metro.

\$5 million – North Spring Street Grade Separation in Los Angeles. The project will widen the roadway to accommodate traffic lanes, a median, sidewalks and bike lanes and seismically retrofit the North Spring Street Bridge. The lead agency is the City of Los Angeles with funding administered through Metro.

\$52,000 – Landscape, sidewalk and crossing safety improvements from 10th to Santa Paula streets in Santa Paula. This project will encourage safe pedestrian mobility and includes a bicycle path that will, in the future, provide connectivity with a planned 31-mile trail from Ventura to Santa Clarita. Funding for this project is administered through the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC).

Yesterday's allocations include \$766 million in federal funds that will be applied to various local transportation programs statewide. The remaining allocations are from assorted state and federal transportation accounts. Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

