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CALTRANS AWARDS LOS ANGELES REGION NEARLY \$194 MILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

LOS ANGELES – Caltrans has awarded the Los Angeles area nearly \$194 million to projects that will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit facilities, and create jobs.

“These projects give Californians a viable alternative to using their cars,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Public transit reduces traffic congestion and protects the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions.”

The Southland received more than half of the \$301 million Caltrans awarded statewide. Some of the notable Los Angeles projects include:

- \$149.5 million for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Regional Connector Project, which will connect the Metro Gold Line, Blue Line and Expo Line and enable passengers to travel from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica.
- \$19.9 million for Metro's Bus Rehabilitation Program to repair and improve up to 321 buses.
- \$11.4 million to Metro extend light rail 8.5 miles from the intersection of Crenshaw and Exposition boulevards to the Metro Green Line at the Aviation/LAX Station.

The projects were chosen because they are already underway, and the new round of funding will ensure they stay on schedule.

The funding comes from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing \$3.6 billion over a 10-year period to improve public transit in California. To date, Proposition 1B has provided more than \$2 billion in funding to approximately 750 transit projects statewide, with 340 completed.

Caltrans also awarded funding to transit projects in Long Beach, Ventura County, and the city of Montebello. For more information those projects and to view a comprehensive list of the all projects statewide that received Proposition 1B transit funding, please see the attached file.

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