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\$271 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING AWARDED TO UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION AND ENHANCE STATE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

EUREKA – The California Transportation Commission today allocated \$271 million in new funding to 73 projects that will improve the state's highways and rail systems and enhance the state's economic recovery.

"We are focused on reducing traffic congestion, increasing safety, and improving goods movement to boost California's economy," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The awarded funding includes \$214 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, more than \$11 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The remaining \$57 million in allocations came from assorted transportation accounts funded by state and federal dollars.

Among the projects that received funding today were:

Willits - \$135 million in Proposition 1B funding to construct the first phase of the Willits Bypass.

Eureka - \$8.7 million to upgrade and correct building deficiencies at the main Caltrans District Office.

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Note to Media: Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations today, or contact Phil Frisbie, Jr., at 707-441-4678 or phil_frisbie@dot.ca.gov, to obtain a copy.

