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CALTRANS AWARDS \$301 MILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY

Stockton – Caltrans has awarded \$301 million to improve public transit across California. Seventy-two projects will upgrade transit service, purchase eco-friendly buses, modernize transit stations, and create jobs throughout the state.

“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 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.

Some of the notable projects awarded Proposition 1B funding include:

- \$4.7 million for the Merced Council of Governments to purchase 30 Dial a Ride Buses and 8 Gillig Buses.
- 1 million for the city of Turlock to purchase a CNG Slow Fill Compressor, construct Phase II of the Transit Transfer Center, and replace an Electronic Farebox System.

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

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received Proposition 1B transit funding, please see the attached file.

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