CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES $325.8 MILLION FOR STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Stockton – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated $325.8 million to 142 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. Fifty one biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive $27 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

“Caltrans is building transportation improvements that will benefit the state for decades to come,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only are we working to preserve our previous investments in the state highway system, but we are investing in projects that will expand the availability of alternative, more sustainable ways of getting from point A to point B.”

Active transportation projects funded include:

Merced County: $200,000 – Constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, pedestrian ramps and storm drains, while adding bicycle lanes and replacing street lighting on Walnut Avenue in Winton. The improvements will enhance safety and improve access for pedestrians and cyclists.

The newly allocated funding also includes $132 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 54 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, safety improvements, pavement repair and rehabilitation and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

“Caltrans is embracing a ‘fix it first’ strategy by focusing on preventative maintenance to our existing transportation infrastructure,” continued Director Dougherty. “We are striving to give California’s taxpayers the most bang for their buck because every $1 spent on preventative pavement maintenance translates into a savings of $6 to $14 that would have been spent on expensive pavement repairs.”

The allocations also include $8.4 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than $18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining $158.4 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:
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Amador County: $13,450,000 – Repair pavement on 31.2 lane miles of State Route 88 (SR-88), from Peddler Hill to west of Tragedy Springs Road. The work will improve ride quality and extend the service life along this stretch of highway.

San Joaquin County: $1,500,000 – Install ramp metering systems, closed-circuit monitors, and vehicle pull-outs at six on-ramps on SR-99 through Stockton to improve mobility and safety. The six on-ramps that will be upgraded are from SR-4 to Hammer Lane,

Stanislaus County: $3,654,000 – Repair pavement on 8.6 lane miles of SR-120, from the San Joaquin/Stanislaus County line to west of the Stanislaus River Bridge near Oakdale. The project also will install push-button signals and ramps at pedestrian crossings.

Calaveras County: $4,916,000 – Repair pavement on 38 lane miles of SR-4, from the Calaveras/Stanislaus County line to SR-49 in Altaville. The work will improve ride quality and extend the service life along this stretch of highway.

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

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