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NEARLY \$223 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED FOR STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Irvine – Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated nearly \$223 million to 108 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking.

Thirty seven biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive nearly \$10.3 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"Allocations like those made today help Caltrans continue to invest in, maintain and modernize California's transportation system," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California, whether you choose to travel via car, bike or transit."

An Active transportation project funded in Orange County:

\$465,000 to the Orange County Transportation Authority to close two gaps of the existing El Cajon Bikeway through the cities of Anaheim, Yorba Linda and Orange County.

The newly allocated funding also includes \$167.2 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 41 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, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

"Preventative maintenance is the most cost-effective means of protecting the state's infrastructure investment," continued Director Dougherty. "We adopted a 'fix it first' strategy because for every \$1 spent on preventative maintenance, we can save taxpayers up to \$14 in monies that would have been spent on more expensive and extensive repairs."

The allocations also include \$2.2 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 \$43 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.





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Among the projects that received funding allocations today in Orange County were:

\$4.5 million in and near the cities of Orange, Anaheim, Placentia, Fullerton, and Brea, from north of Interstate 5 to rehabilitate 69 lane miles of pavement by replacing existing concrete slabs to extend pavement service life and improve ride quality.

\$2.7 million in various cities along State Routes 57, 22 and 55 at various bridge locations to seal bridge decks with methacrylate, replace approach slabs, seal joints, repair spalls and overlay polyester concrete on a total of 19 bridges.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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