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Dumbarton Bridge Project Competes for National Awards Public Invited to Vote for "People's Choice"

OAKLAND - The Dumbarton Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project has been nominated to compete with 10 projects nationwide for the prestigious America's Transportation Award.

In August, the Dumbarton Project was awarded a Western Regional America's Transportation Award in its "Under Budget" category for improving seismic safety while coming in \$30 million under budget.

"We are very proud of this project," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "We were able to retrofit this bridge with cutting edge seismic technology while providing taxpayer's savings for use on other important projects."

The America's Transportation Award competition is judged by representatives of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Automobile Association, and the United States Chamber of Commerce. All ten finalists will be eligible for both the Grand Prize, which is awarded by a panel of judges, and the People's Choice Award, which is decided by popular vote of the general public.

The \$62.3 million Dumbarton Seismic Retrofit Project started in October 2010 and finished in 2013. The project featured a reinforced bridge deck, a strengthened superstructure, and new isolation bearings.

The Dumbarton retrofit was part of a \$9.08 billion program that funded the new Bay Bridge East Span and seismically retrofitted the following bridges: The Bay Bridge west span; the San Mateo-Hayward; the Richmond-San Rafael; the 1962 Benicia-Martinez; the 1958 Carquinez; the Antioch; the Vincent Thomas (Los Angeles); and the Coronado (San Diego).

Caltrans is inviting the public to participate in voting for the People's Choice award by visiting: www.AmericasTransportationAwards.org Votes are being accepted through October 2.

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