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111 PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AIR QUALITY PROJECTS RECEIVE \$63.3 MILLION IN FUNDING

Sacramento – Caltrans today announced it has awarded \$63.3 million to fund 111 public transit and air quality projects across California to upgrade transit service and purchase eco-friendly buses. All of the funding comes from Proposition 1B, the 2006 transportation bond, which includes \$3.6 billion to improve public transit in California.

“When the voters passed Proposition 1B, they wanted action and action is what they’re getting. Proposition 1B is paying for vital transportation projects all over California,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. “Investing in our infrastructure is strengthening our economy and creating jobs when we need them most.”

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

Bay Area

- \$3.9 million to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority for the Caltrain Positive Train Control System, which will help prevent train-to-train collisions, derailments, and reduce the possibility of a train moving on the wrong track.
- \$1.3 million to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to provide partial funding for the Warm Springs Extension Project that will add more than five miles of new rail line and a new station south of the existing Fremont Station.
- \$10.3 million to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to replace and repair various segments of the light rail system and help purchase 70 hybrid diesel/electric buses.
- \$4.8 million to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency toward the repair of eight light rail vehicles, construction of the Central Subway light rail line and for high-speed connectivity and communications upgrades.

San Diego

- \$1.59 million to the San Diego Association of Governments toward the purchase of 57 light rail vehicles for the Blue Line Light Rail Corridor Project, which will increase light rail capacity and improve service.

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- \$5.5 million to Sacramento Area Council of Governments for Universal Fare Card Implementation, a fully integrated regional transit electronic fare collection system.
- \$4.0 million to Sacramento Regional Transit toward the construction of the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Extension, which will add four miles of light rail track from Meadowview Station to Cosumnes River College.

Central Valley

- \$2.1 million to the city of Fresno/Fresno Area Express to build a facility to house paratransit equipment and services. The project will consolidate multiple rented facilities into one facility with money saved going to daily operations.
- \$875,248 to the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (seven regional transit operators in the southern Central Valley) to purchase eight buses and two transit utility vehicles, build bus shelters, add trash bins, and make bus stops compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act standards.
- \$353,674 to the Tulare County Association of Governments for the expansion of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station in Visalia to support the conversion to an all-CNG fleet.

Inland Empire

- \$3.3 million to San Bernardino Associated Governments for the Metrolink Positive Train Control Project.
- \$870,637 to Riverside County Transportation Commission to add 500 parking spaces at the La Sierra Metrolink station in Riverside and create a transfer location for the Orange County Transportation Authority/Riverside Transit Agency commuter route to Orange County.

"These projects will reduce traffic congestion and transportation-related pollution, improving our air quality and bringing us another step closer to reaching our emissions-reduction goals," said Caltrans Chief Deputy Director Cindy McKim.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received funding, please visit:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/Prop1BtransitProjectsMay2010.pdf>

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