Caltrans Releases the Spring Issue of:  
**The Mile Marker, A Caltrans Performance Report**

Caltrans has released the third issue of *The Mile Marker*, a periodic reporting of areas where the department is excelling and where further improvement is needed.

“As a government department that touches the lives of nearly everyone in the state every day, it is incumbent on us to provide factual information in a narrative that is easily understandable,” Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty wrote in the report’s welcome letter.

The Mile Marker is one of Caltrans’ steps to improve its transparency and accountability by making the department’s work more accessible and understandable to the public. Its intention is also to quantify and measure the department’s performance – what’s working, what’s not and what could be improved – based on consistent markers.

The Mile Marker features an at-a-glance chart showing the department’s progress from the previous report, where it’s reaching its goals and where it needs to improve.

The Mile Marker is distributed to the Legislature, local government agencies and transportation professionals statewide and around the country.

Caltrans also releases 23 statutorily required reports on a periodic basis on subjects including project delivery, finance, fish passage, state rail and highway maintenance.

**Copies of this issue of The Mile Marker are available at:**  
http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctjournal/MileMarker/2015-1/index.html (online)

**Copies of the 23 statutorily required reports are located at:**  
Report Highlights Caltrans’ Commitment to Improve Travel for Non-Motorized Users

Caltrans’ jump into the nation’s top ten bicycle-friendly states and the creation of the nation’s largest active transportation program are just a few of the achievements highlighted in Caltrans’ annual Non-Motorized Transportation Facilities Report.

The report is an in-depth look at Caltrans’ successes that emphasize the department’s mission to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California’s economy and livability.

“California has always been a transportation leader, and this report reinforces that hard-earned reputation,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Transportation is a vital part of our daily lives, and increasing the diversity of travel options is something the public wants. We are committed to making walking and biking safer.”

The report provides an overview on the state’s Active Transportation Program (ATP), the largest of its kind in the nation. In its first call for projects in May 2014, Caltrans received 771 project applications requesting more than a billion dollars. The California Transportation Commission has adopted the first program of projects for the ATP, which includes 265 projects using $368 million in ATP funds. Of this amount, $311 million is dedicated to 220 projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

The report also highlights program activities and completed projects, as well as other state and federal partnering programs to establish and improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Among the completed projects highlighted in the report is the Oak Manor Trail in the city of Ukiah. The project improved cross-town connection to schools, shopping centers and employment centers. It also gave pedestrians and cyclists a new off-street travel alternative.

“Caltrans’ has historically been known as a highways agency, but we are shifting our focus to creating a California transportation system that links communities and is safe for all travelers, including those who choose to travel by biking and walking,” said Dougherty. “We couldn’t accomplish this without our partners at all levels, from the federal government to grassroots organizations and the public.”

The state’s jump in 2014 from 19th to 9th in The League of American Bicyclists annual report is due to notable progress in legislation, funding and policy that will make it easier to build bike lanes and mandate drivers to give cyclists three-feet of space when they pass.

Also, as part of its effort to streamline construction of multimodal local streets and roads, in April 2014, Caltrans became the third state to endorse National Association of City Transportation Officials guidelines that include innovations such as buffered bike lanes and improved pedestrian walkways.

Caltrans also released its 2010–12 California Household Travel Survey Final Report that showed residents used walking, biking, transit and other non-motorized sources for 23 percent of trips. That was more than double the amount in the 2000 survey. This underscores the rising demand for non-motorized transportation.


Read more about The League of American Bicyclists report cards at: http://bikeleague.org/content/report-cards.
May is National Bike Month!

May is National Bike Month! Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists, this event is celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

As a national sponsor, the League provides resources to help plan events and each year the number and diversity of Bike Month celebrations continues to grow, accelerating the momentum around bicycling nationwide.

Bike to Work Day
This year, Bike to Work Day will be observed on **May 21, 2015**. Most trips Americans make are short: 50 percent are less than three miles, 40 percent are less than two miles, and 28 percent are less than one mile. These distances are ideal for beginning commuters. Bike to Work Day happens throughout California with a diversity of special events and competitions. In Fresno, Caltrans District 6 participates in the Bike to Work Corporate Challenge which is sponsored by iBikeFresno.org. The event is participated by local agencies and businesses within Fresno. District 6 has had a large amount of riders compete in this annual event and has placed first in the large corporation category a number of times. Other fun rides are organized throughout the month of May.

Team Bike Challenge
Gather your friends, colleagues and neighbors to form teams and pedal to win! It’s a fun and easy way to see just how much biking does for your health, budget and the environment.

How the Team Bike Challenge Works:
- Form a team of up to 5 people.
- Sign up your team.
- Earn points for each bike ride you take and your total daily mileage.
- Record your bike trips on the Team Bike Challenge website or mobile site.
- Compete with your friends on your personalized leaderboard.
- At the end of the month, the team with the most points wins.

The Team Bike Challenge competition Kicks Off May 1st, 2015!

For more information on the League of American Bicyclists and Bike to Work Month, please see:
http://bikeweek.org/bikemonth

For more information on Bike to Work Day, please see:
http://ibikefresno.org/

For more information on the Team Bike Challenge, please see:
http://teambikechallenge.com/welcome/about-tbc
2015 Active Transportation Program

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP) in the Department of Transportation (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354). The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The ATP administered by the Division of Local Assistance, Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs.

The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking,
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals,
- Enhance public health,
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

ATP Cycle 2 for 2015 has begun! The Call for Projects began in March 2015 and applications are expected to be due June 1, 2015.

Caltrans will be hosting a series of ATP training workshops that began in March and will continue through May, 2015.

1. ATP Cycle 2 – District Application Workshops (How to Apply for ATP Cycle 2)

This workshop is intended to assist applicants on how to apply for and complete the ATP Cycle 2 Application. The application workshops will be held in each of the Caltrans Districts (March – April 2015).
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2. Support for Smaller Agencies and Disadvantaged Communities: Developing Effective Active Transportation Projects and Programs

This workshop is intended to provide technical assistance to smaller agencies and disadvantaged communities to support development of impactful active transportation plans, programs, and projects that can successfully compete for ATP funding. The focus will be on the elements that make for a high quality bicycle or pedestrian plan, project, or program.

QUESTIONS AND CONTACTS

For More information on the program, please see:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html

For more information on the planned workshops, please see:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/workshops-training-cycle2-2.html

If you have any questions regarding the ATP, please contact the Program Managers:

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For questions regarding BTA and TE projects prior to ATP, please contact:
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UPDATE ON MADERA COUNTY PROJECTS

**Signal Countdown/Accessible:** Install signal countdown heads/accessible pedestrian signs in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Tulare at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list February 2015. Ready to advertise May 2015; award contract late summer 2015. Curt Hatton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3445.

**Fre/Mad Wire Theft:** In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded on 11/19/2013. Construction contract approved December 9, 2013; in construction; end construction summer 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**FRE 41 Seismic Restoration:** Seismic restoration of SRs 33, 41, 43, and 233/152 in Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2016; begin construction fall 2017. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**FRE/MAD Roadside Safety:** Roadside safety improvements in Fresno and Madera Counties on SR 41 at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Madera 41 Passing Lanes:** On SR 41 north of Road 208, near Rio Mesa. Funding: RIP, Measure, and local. Ready to List spring 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Madera County Bridges:** Corridor enhancements on SR 99 in Madera County in and near the City of Madera and the City of Chowchilla at various locations from the Avenue 7 overcrossing to Le Grand Avenue overcrossing. Funding: IIP, TE. Ready to list achieved spring 2014; project awarded summer 2014; in construction. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Mad 99 CAPM:** CAPM AC overlay on SR 99 near the City of Madera from north of the Avenue 7 overcrossing to south of the south Madera overcrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List summer 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**San Joaquin River 6-Lane:** Replace the SR 99/San Joaquin River bridge and widen SR 99 from Grantland Avenue overcrossing in the City of Fresno to north of the Avenue 7 overcrossing in Madera County. Funding: Prop 1B Bond. In construction; construction complete summer 2016. The new northbound bridge is nearing completion and roadway work of the river continues. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

**Tulare Madera VDS:** Install Vehicle Detection systems on SR 99 in Fresno County from PM 18.7 to PM 22.5; in Tulare County from PM 0.1 to PM 28.0; in Madera County from PM 16.4 to PM 26.5. Funding: Minor A. PA&ED Ready to List February 2016; advertise April 2016; award contract summer 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-8051.

**SR 99/Avenue 12 Interchange:** Construct new bridge at SR 99/Avenue 12 near the City of Madera. Funding: RIP, Measure, Prop 1B Bond, local. Major construction started May 2013 with completion of construction anticipated by summer 2016. Contractor continues work on realigned local roadways and bridge work. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.


**Fourth Street Interchange Improvements:** Widen the Fourth Street overcrossing at SR 99 in the City of Madera. Funding: RIP, Measure, local. Project in construction; contract to be accepted soon. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Fairmead Median Barrier:** Construct median barrier on SR 99 near Fairmead from 0.6 mile south of the Avenue 21-1/2 overcrossing to 0.7 mile south of the Avenue 21-1/2 overcrossing to SR 152. Funding: SHOPP. Construction complete. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Route 152 Panel Replacement:** AC overlay on SR 152 from the Merced/Madera County line to the SR 152/SR 99 interchange. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List early 2017. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (519) 243-3588.

**HST-Fresno to Merced Segment:** High Speed Train System from south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno to the City of Merced. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Begin construction fall 2014; complete construction summer 2017. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is headquartered in Fresno. This geographically diverse district is the second largest of the 12 Districts statewide, stretching from the southernmost part of Yosemite National Park in the north to the Mojave Desert. It includes Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Interstate 5 and State Route 99 run the length of District 6, serving as the main north-south arteries for not just the Central Valley, but for the entire state as well.