



# NEWS RELEASE

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### **\$2.2 BILLION IN NEW FUNDING ALLOCATED TO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO HELP DRIVE STATE'S ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**Fresno** – Continuing the push to rebuild California's infrastructure and spur job growth, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$2.2 billion in new funding to 146 highway, transit, and rail projects statewide.

The funding included \$863 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, the state has allocated more than \$9 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

"We are putting transportation dollars to work creating jobs and making transportation improvements that will benefit Californians now and for decades to come," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- An allocation of \$16,280,000 for a widening project in Tulare County on Road 80 from Avenue 342 to Avenue 384. This project will increase capacity and safety by widening the existing facility to four (4) lanes, two in each direction, with a median divider.
- An allocation of \$22,296,000 for the Plaza Drive Interchange/Auxiliary Lanes Project in Visalia. This project, on State Route (SR)198 from SR99 to Plaza Drive, and on Plaza Drive from Airport Drive to Goshen Avenue will construct auxiliary lanes on SR198 and widen the roadway along Plaza Drive.
- An allocation of \$88,178,000 for the rehabilitation of 62 lane-miles of State Route 99 near Bakersfield, between Beardsley Canal Bridge and State Route 46. The renewed Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement will improve safety and ride quality.

For information about all projects that received allocations please see:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsaugust2011.pdf>

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