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\$138 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING WILL UPGRADE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

FRESNO – The California Transportation Commission has allocated \$138 million in new funding to 32 projects that will improve highways, bridges, and passenger rail and further strengthen the state's economy.

"From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing good paying jobs while at the same time reducing traffic congestion for the people and businesses in California," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The allocations include approximately \$25 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

The remaining \$113 million in allocations came from assorted transportation accounts funded by state and federal dollars.

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- An allocation of \$7 million for the Cartmill Avenue Interchange Project on State Route 99 near Tulare. This project will increase vehicle capacity, reduce traffic congestion, and improve overall safety.
- An allocation of \$7.7 million for Pavement Rehabilitation Project on State Route 99 near Tulare. This project will improve ride quality, extend pavement service life, and reduce cost of maintenance along 10.4 lane miles.
- An allocation of \$1 million for the McFarland Rumble Strip Project on State Route 99 near McFarland. This project will reconstruct and widen northbound median shoulder and add rumble strips to reduce collisions and improve overall safety.

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

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