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More Than Half a Billion Dollars Allocated to Preserve and Upgrade Highways and Bridges for All Californians

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated more than \$533 million for 120 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects throughout California, including more than \$229 million for fixit-first projects funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The CTC Allocation of SB 1 Funds helps Caltrans stay on target to reach 2027 goals.

Projects allocated SB 1 funds at the June CTC meeting will improve 11 bridges, more than 346 lane miles of pavement, upgraded 547 congestion reducing devices, and repair 155 culverts to prevent flooding on highways.

Area state highway projects allocated SB 1 funds include:

- Pavement Preservation on State Route 79 in Riverside County: \$11.1 pavement preservation project will upgrade curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, install vegetation control, upgrade dikes and guardrail, and improve 32.5 lane miles of State Route 79 from the Riverside/San Diego County line to west of Anza Road near the City of Temecula in Riverside County.
- Traffic Management Systems Project on State Route 210 in San Bernardino County: \$4.4 million traffic management systems project will help reduce congestion and improve operation efficiency by installing Closed Circuit TV cameras and new communication conduit to connect to vehicle detection equipment along State Route 210 from East Avenue in the City of Rancho Cucamonga to west of Beech Avenue in the City of Fontana, and Interstate 15 at SR-210/I-15 separation in San Bernardino County.

Other SB 1 funding included \$20 million for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, which is dedicated to projects that will improve truck corridors, border access, the freight rail systems, the capacity and efficiency of ports, and highways to better handle and move freight.

More that \$8.2 million of SB 1 funding was also allocated to the Local Partnership Program (LPP) to help match investments that local communities have made in their region through voter-approved transportation tax measures.

In addition, the CTC approved an allocation of more that \$22.9 million in SB 1 funds for 30 locally administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects, which range from improving sidewalks and bicycle lanes to creating safer routes to school for children who ride their bicycles or walk to school.

SHOPP is the state highway system's "fix-it-first" program that funds safety improvements, emergency repairs, highway preservation and operational highway upgrades. A significant portion of the funding for this program comes from SB 1.

Since SB 1 was signed into law April 2017, Caltrans has repaired and replaced 115 bridges and paved almost 1,500 lane miles of the state highway system.

SB 1 invests approximately \$5.4 billion per year to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California as well as strategically investing in transit. These funds are split equally between state and local projects and will allow Caltrans to fix more that 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts on the state highway system by 2027.

More information and updates on these and other projects can be found on Caltrans' social media channels.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. Visit <u>SB 1</u> for complete details.

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