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California Transportation Commission Approves Funding to Improve Local Streets and Roads

Revenue generated by gas tax triples funds for eligible cities and counties

[Sacramento] – Today, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved the initial list of California cities and counties eligible to receive a portion of \$1.2 billion in estimated Local Streets and Roads Program funding for the next fiscal year.

The Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1) dedicates funding to maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on city- and county-owned streets and roads for the next decade and beyond. Because each city and county sets their own priorities for how to use this funding, it ensures the money is being spent on projects that really matter to the people who use these roads the most.

"A state of good repair has always been a priority for the Commission," says Commission Chair Fran Inman. "Without revenue from the gas tax, cities and counties would have to delay or cancel critical road and bridge repairs. The projects funded by the gas tax provide important safety and quality-of-life improvements like maintaining and rehabilitating bridges, repainting crosswalks so kids can get to school safely, and filling potholes to prevent costly vehicle repairs."

After the Commission approves the final list of eligible cities and counties in August, the State Controller's Office will distribute SB 1 revenue each month by formula among the eligible cities and counties. The California Department of Finance estimates \$1.2 billion will be available for the Local Streets and Roads Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19, nearly three times the estimated \$461 million for FY 2017-18. This reflects the first full year of transportation revenue generated by SB 1.

The initial list of eligible cities and counties approved by the Commission today includes 450 cities and 57 counties across California. In total, those jurisdictions submitted project lists identifying over 2,200 priorities to improve local streets and roads. As part of SB 1's transparency measures, agencies must provide annual expenditure reports to the Commission.

A complete list of the initial eligible cities and counties adopted today is available on the Commission website, <u>here</u>.

More information on the Local Streets and Roads Program can be found online at: www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lsrp/.

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