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## **California Transportation Commission Commits \$2.7 Billion To Safety, Congestion, and Freight Improvements**

**[San Diego]** – The California Transportation Commission (Commission) today approved \$2.7 billion in funding for 61 transportation projects that will increase safety, decrease congestion, and move goods more efficiently throughout the state.

At its meeting today, the Commission approved funding for three competitive programs created by the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1): the [Local Partnership Program](#), the [Solutions for Congested Corridors Program](#), and the [Trade Corridor Enhancement Program](#). The amount of money requested far outweighed what was available for this first round of funding.

“Before SB 1, California’s transportation infrastructure was crumbling faster than we could maintain, repair, or replace it,” says Commission Chair Fran Inman. “The intense competition for these programs is proof that the gas tax increase is very much needed.”

In total, local and state agencies submitted more than 150 project applications requesting more than \$5 billion dollars. The total available for the first round of funding is about \$2.7 billion.

“There is such a great need for transportation improvements in California that narrowing down the final lists of projects to fund wasn’t easy,” says Executive Director Susan Bransen. “Thankfully, SB 1 provides ongoing resources, and agencies whose projects could not be funded this time are encouraged to apply for money during the next round of funding.”

“It’s important to think about this funding as a river, not a pond,” explains Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg. “By increasing the gas tax, SB 1 provides a steady, ongoing source of revenue for the next decade and beyond, so there will continue to be funding for much-needed projects.”

Highlights from the competitive programs adopted by the Commission today are as follows:

### **Local Partnership Program: Competitive**

The objective of the Local Partnership Program is to reward local entities who are already making their own extra investments in transportation. These matching funds will support the efforts of cities and counties with voter-approved or imposed fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation. In January, the Commission approved the formula portion of the Local Partnership Program, and has since dedicated \$180.6 million in funding for 63 projects.

### **Local Partnership Program: Competitive (*continued*)**

- Approximately \$309 million awarded to 27 projects with a total value of more than \$1.7 billion
- Three-Year Program (Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2019-20)
- Project Examples:
  - San Diego County: \$12.5 million to close a road gap on Citracado Parkway in Escondido, providing a critical link to the regional trauma center at Palomar Medical Center. The project will construct a new bridge, as well as street and transit improvements.
  - Madera County: \$5 million to build a new, two-lane road connecting State Route 41 with Indian Springs Road in Oakhurst. The project includes a new bridge, installation of traffic signals, and improvements at multiple intersections.
- Final Project List, by county:  
[http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_CompetitiveLPP.pdf](http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/2018_Adopted_CompetitiveLPP.pdf).

### **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program**

The purpose of the Congested Corridors Program is to fund projects that reduce congestion in highly-traveled and highly-congested corridors in a manner that also improves air quality and provides more transportation choices.

- Approximately \$1 billion awarded to nine projects with a total value of approximately \$3.5 billion
- Four-Year Program (Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2020-21)
- Project Examples:
  - San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties: \$233.2 million to build 22 miles of new, managed lanes in San Mateo County and convert approximately nine miles of carpool lanes to express lanes in Santa Clara County. This will reduce congestion, increase reliability, improve safety and air quality, and will allow for faster travel times and more transit options. This project is also receiving \$20 million in Local Partnership Competitive funding.
  - Sacramento County: \$110.3 million to build seven miles of carpool lanes on US 50 from Interstate 5 to just east of Watt Avenue, and expand light rail service from Sunrise Blvd. to Downtown Folsom.
- Final Project List, by county:  
[http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/sccp/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_SCCP.pdf](http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/sccp/docs/2018_Adopted_SCCP.pdf).

### **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program**

Freight movement generates about one-third of California's \$2.2 trillion economy. The purpose of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program is to fund infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement.

- Approximately \$1.4 billion awarded to 28 projects with a total value of more than \$4 billion
- Three-Year Program (Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2019-20)
- Project Examples:
  - Kern County: \$25 million for the Bakersfield Freeway Connector Project, which will improve the transition of freight traffic between State Route 58 and State Route 99, reducing the need to travel on local surface streets.
  - Los Angeles County: \$128.6 million to improve efficiency, safety, and reliability while reducing truck trips and vehicle emissions through rail improvements at the San Pedro Bay Ports and the elimination of at-grade railroad crossings along the Alameda Corridor-East and the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo rail corridors.
- Final Project List, by county:  
[http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/tcep/docs/2018\\_Adopted\\_TCEP.pdf](http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/tcep/docs/2018_Adopted_TCEP.pdf).

With the action taken today, the Commission has now completed the first round of funding for every SB 1 program under its purview, totaling over \$9.2 billion in projects that will provide benefits to communities across California.

For more information on these programs, visit the Commission's SB 1 webpage at:  
<http://catc.ca.gov/programs/SB1.html>.

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