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California Transportation Commission Awards \$1 Billion to Disadvantaged Communities to Encourage More Walking and Biking

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The California Transportation Commission today approved \$1 billion for 93 new walking and biking projects as part of the 2023 Active Transportation Program. All the projects will benefit disadvantaged communities throughout California, and two-thirds will implement safe routes for children to walk or bike to school.

“The Commission’s investments today are critical to California’s efforts to make its transportation system safer and more sustainable and equitable,” said Chair Lee Ann Eager. “These projects will improve quality of life, build healthier communities, reconnect neighborhoods, and allow Californians to access jobs, schools, community resources, transit, and critical services, without the use of a car.”

The \$1 billion in projects awarded today make up more than half of the 2023 Active Transportation Program. The Commission will award an additional \$700 million in the spring.

The Active Transportation Program is the state’s only dedicated funding source for walking and biking projects. The program is in high demand and highly oversubscribed. For the 2023 program cycle, the Commission received a record \$3.1 billion in funding requests for 434 projects. In recognition of the tremendous need, the program received a one-time \$1 billion augmentation in the 2022-23 State Budget as part of a nearly \$15 billion transportation infrastructure package.

“We are very appreciative of the additional funding provided by the Governor and Legislature for this program cycle, which is allowing us to fund dozens of additional projects,” said Executive Director Mitch Weiss. “However, more sustained funding is needed to clear the remaining backlog of critical projects still awaiting funding and support the increasingly ambitious and transformative nature of proposed projects.”

Examples of projects selected for funding as part of the 2023 Active Transportation Program include:

Sacramento / West Sacramento I Street Bridge Deck Conversion Project



This project will repurpose and modernize a historic bridge to close an active transportation gap and foster economic development between low-income and disadvantaged neighborhoods in West Sacramento and Sacramento. The project will construct and connect new ADA compliant bicycle/pedestrian ramps on both sides of the Sacramento River and enhance the upper deck to facilitate and encourage active transportation between the two cities.

Coachella Valley Arts and Music Line Project



This project will provide nearly nine miles of protected bicycle lanes and bicycle paths that will directly connect 11 disadvantaged schools. These improvements will provide significant separation and protection for people biking and walking along the project corridors. The project scope includes several innovative safety features including raised and/or recessed bicycle and pedestrian crossings.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network



This project will provide over four miles of safe bicyclist and pedestrian access to 10 schools, one college, 18 parks, 13 public beaches, four libraries, two community centers, and numerous senior and affordable housing projects. The two project segments are part of a transformative 32-mile Trail Network that will connect cities within Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

For more information, visit the Commission's Active Transportation Program webpage at: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

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