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California Transportation Commission Approves \$2 Billion for 56 New Projects that Will Create More than 100,000 Jobs

SACRAMENTO, Calif.– The California Transportation Commission (Commission) today approved \$2 billion for 56 new projects throughout the state to reduce traffic, improve goods movement, increase transit service, expand California’s managed lanes network, and invest in bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The funded projects would create more than 100,000 jobs over the next several years.

Funding for these projects comes from three programs created by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1, Beall) and includes three years of funding from 2020 to 2023. The Commission’s website has a list of the projects approved for each program – the [Solutions for Congested Corridor Program](#), the [Trade Corridor Enhancement Program](#), and the [Local Partnership Competitive Program](#)—and also a complete list of [projects by region](#).

“These projects are going to benefit California in multiple important ways,” said Commission Chair, Hilary Norton. “From an economic perspective, they will move people and goods more efficiently while creating over 100,000 jobs during one of the most difficult periods in our state’s history. From a climate perspective, they will move us toward a more inter-connected and multimodal transportation system that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by getting more people to take transit, walk, or bike. This will be a game changer for transportation in California, especially as the state moves toward making travel on all of these modes cleaner.”

Projects focused on goods movement will help the state’s freight sector—which is responsible for an estimated one-third of the state’s economy and jobs—by adding new lanes on routes where trucks get stuck in traffic. They also may provide benefits for commuters and other travelers as well. In Central California, the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project will eliminate freight and passenger train interferences, which will both improve the efficiency of the freight network and allow for expanded passenger rail service. Projects such as this will have a substantial impact on regional and local economies while also further stimulating economic growth for the movement of goods to national and international markets. Since many counties in California also fund transportation projects through sales tax-based investments, the expansion of capacity for goods movement – and the increased resulting sales taxes from these deliveries -- can also help fund a variety of local transportation initiatives.

Projects to improve transit services will benefit public transportation systems throughout the state. In Southern California, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s NextGen Bus Speed and Reliability Improvements will add 80 miles of bus priority lanes to keep buses moving despite traffic. In Northern California, the Bay Area Rapid Transit Train Control

Modernization Project will add more trains per hour along the Transbay Corridor that moves people to and from San Francisco and the East Bay. Projects such as these will help California move toward a cleaner transportation system to meet state climate goals, while also helping Californians who depend on transit to better access jobs, healthcare, and other important destinations.

Approximately 60 percent of the funding approved is for projects located in Southern California and 40 percent for projects located in Northern California, which reflects the funding distribution historically used for transportation projects in California. This geographic balance ensures communities throughout the state share equitably in the transportation benefits and the jobs created.

The Commission received 130 application requests for \$3.7 billion -- almost twice the funding available. Commission staff and staff from the California Department of Transportation evaluated the projects based on transportation, economic, environmental, and other criteria established by legislation and through public workshops. Teams of evaluators with various transportation backgrounds reviewed the project applications and ranked them according to the established criteria, and the highest-ranking projects within the funding constraints of each program were recommended for Commission approval.

The California Transportation Commission is an independent commission responsible for funding the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements throughout California. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature on state transportation policies and plans. More information about the California Transportation Commission can be found at: www.catc.ca.gov.

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