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California Transportation Commission Awards Over \$90 Million to Combat the Effects of Climate Change

LONG BEACH – The California Transportation Commission (Commission) today awarded \$90.8 million to eight projects across California that make the state’s transportation system more resilient to the impacts of climate change. The investments made through the Commission’s Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) leverage an additional \$57 million of funding and support projects in climate-vulnerable communities with a total cost of more than \$147.8 million. Projects funded through the program make roadways and transit systems more resilient to sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural hazards exacerbated by the changing climate and construct emergency evacuation routes.

“The increased severity and frequency of extreme weather events is not only impacting California households, but our economically critical transportation infrastructure as well,” said Commission Chair Darnell Grisby. “Many of today’s investments support rural communities, which are particularly vulnerable to economic disruption from climate impacts.”

The investments include the following projects:

Redemeyer Road Extension (Mendocino County)



1. Flooded road in Mendocino County

The Redemeyer Road Extension Project:

- **Total project cost: \$51.9 million**
- **LTCAP funding: \$21.8 million**
- **Estimated project completion: 2028**
- Provides alternative access route for community evacuation and access by emergency response crews
- Constructs a two-lane road with paved shoulders and an all-weather bridge across the Russian River

LA Metro A Line Overhead Catenary System Resiliency Upgrade (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority)



2. LA Metro light rail train

The LA Metro A Line Overhead Catenary System Resiliency Upgrade Project:

- **Total project cost: \$10.7 million**
- **LTCAP funding: \$10.6 million**
- **Estimated project completion: 2030**
- Replaces 24.2 miles of existing catenary wires with auto-tension catenary wires, increasing the system's resiliency to extreme heat
- Safeguards the system from experiencing delays or cancellation of service affecting approximately 30,000 daily riders

La Palma Ave. Storm Drain Improvement and Resiliency (City of Anaheim)



3. Street flooding on La Palma Ave.

The La Palma Ave. Storm Drain Improvement and Resiliency Project:

- **Total project cost: \$22 million**
- **LTCAP funding: \$21.8 million**
- **Estimated project completion: 2028**
- Addresses recurrent flooding that leads to lane closures, disrupted vehicular traffic and transit flow and severely impacts pedestrian access to nearby K-12 schools by constructing:
 - 5,325 linear feet of underground storm piping
 - 16,000 square feet of bioswales
 - 22 catch basins and trash screens
 - 15 trees for stormwater retention and heat mitigation
 - 12 accessible pedestrian signals
 - 9 Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps
 - 1 detention basin

The complete list of recommended projects can be found on the Commission's website at this link: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/local-transportation-climate-adaptation-program>.

The Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program provides \$400.5 million over five years, with \$148 million in one-time state funding and \$252.5 from the federal Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program established in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

For more information, visit the Commission's website at catc.ca.gov.
For more information about California's transportation investments, visit build.ca.gov.

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