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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Stockton – The state's vast transportation system received a major infusion of cash today, as the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$878 million in funding to 114 projects that will support job growth, alleviate traffic delays, and repair aging roads and bridges.

"The benefits these projects bring are a huge boon to our economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "This investment in our transportation system creates jobs and improves the quality of life for all Californians."

The allocations include \$476 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

"This billion-dollar investment helps preserve California's great infrastructure of the past and put thousands of Californians to work building something new," said Brian Kelly, Acting Secretary of the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. "These investments in preservation and innovation are absolutely critical to California's economy: In 2010, traffic congestion caused 95 million hours of delay, wasting fuel and squandering productive, economic activity."

Highlights of the funding allocations include:

San Joaquin County: \$5,000,000 to construct a four-lane pass over the railroad on Lathrop Road from 7th Street to McKinley Avenue in Lathrop. This project will improve traffic flow, and reduce air pollutants due to less engine idle time.

Merced County: \$40,750,000 to construct a second rail track from Merced to Le Grand. This project will increase efficiency of rail traffic flow on the main track to accommodate increasing passenger demand. Passengers will benefit by reduced trip times and improved reliability.





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San Joaquin County: \$2,587,000 to replace the concrete bridge deck and joint seals at the Mokelumne River Bridge near Rio Vista. This eagerly anticipated project will reduce cost and frequency of bridge maintenance, and improve traffic safety and operations.

For information about all projects that received allocations today please see the attached file.

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