

## SACRAMENTO REGION RECEIVES \$242 MILLION IN PROP. 1B FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Region Secures Six Projects for Corridor Mobility Improvement*

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**SACRAMENTO** – The California Transportation Commission allocated the first portion of funds (\$4.5 billion) from the voter-approved Proposition 1B Transportation Bond. The six-county Sacramento region received funding for six projects totaling over \$242 million. Projects were submitted to the CTC by regional transportation planning agencies and Caltrans. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments nominated projects in Sacramento County, while the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Planning Commission nominated projects in their counties.

According to SACOG Board Chair and El Dorado County Supervisor Rusty Dupray, “congestion is a major concern of everyone who drives in this region, and the six projects approved today will go a long way to improving our transportation system. We are pleased that these projects were selected for the first part of the comprehensive transportation bond passed by voters last year.”

The region is working to follow the Blueprint smart growth patterns to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. SACOG is seeking a mix of highway, local road and transit projects through the variety of transportation programs to emerge from the \$19.9 billion in transportation bonds approved by voters. The six projects approved are part of the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, one of 12 programs from Proposition 1B. According to Caltrans estimates, these regional projects will save drivers and their passengers 1.7 million minutes per day during peak travel times. The projects funded were:

**\$22 million – White Rock Road Widening, Prairie City Road to Sunrise Boulevard**

In Sacramento County and the city of Rancho Cordova: Between Sunrise Boulevard and El Dorado County Line; the project will include a four-lane roadway along the existing road alignment of White Rock Road between Sunrise Boulevard and Prairie City Road. The White Rock Road project was not included in the CTC staff recommendation, but the Commission used \$150 million that had been set aside for traffic management systems to fund this and other additional projects from the list.

**\$80 million – Carpool lanes U.S. 50, Watt Avenue to Sunrise Boulevard**

In Sacramento County: from Watt Avenue to Sunrise Boulevard; the project will add HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) or carpool lanes to U.S. 50.

**\$20 million – HOV lanes U.S. 50, El Dorado Hills to Bass Lake**

In El Dorado County: between the El Dorado County Line and the Bass Lake Road interchange; the project will add HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) or carpool lanes to U.S. 50.

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**\$46.3 million – HOV & Auxiliary lanes I-80, Roseville (Phases II & III)**

In Placer County: these two projects will add HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) or carpool lanes and auxiliary lanes to Interstate 80. Auxiliary lanes add additional freeway capacity between two interchanges and support local traffic traveling shorter distances. Phase II is between the Sacramento County Line and Eureka Road; Phase III extends HOV and auxiliary lanes from Eureka Road to Highway 65.

**\$73.7 million – Route 65 Lincoln Bypass**

In Placer County: near Lincoln, from Industrial Boulevard to south of Yuba County Line; the project will add a new 4-lane Route 65 Lincoln Bypass.

The CTC selected from their staff's recommended Pool of Appropriate Projects in programming \$4.5 billion, forty percent of which must be spent in Northern California. For more information contact Communications Manager Rebecca Thornton Sloan at (916) 321-9000 or [rsloan@sacog.org](mailto:rsloan@sacog.org).

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