

HIGHWAY 99 FUNDS HEADED TO SACRAMENTO REGION

California Transportation Commission approves \$118 million within the region

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SACRAMENTO – The California Transportation Commission allocated \$1 billion on March 15 from the voter-approved Proposition 1B Transportation Bond for Highway 99 improvements. The six-county Sacramento region received funding for four projects totaling \$118,580,000 in Sacramento and Sutter counties. Projects were submitted to the CTC by Caltrans and regional transportation planning agencies. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments nominated projects in Sacramento and Sutter counties.

According to SACOG Board Chair and El Dorado County Supervisor Rusty Dupray, “Highway 99 is a major corridor for commerce and commuters. These four projects will go a long way to upgrading this critical piece of northern California’s transportation network.”

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 four projects approved are part of the Highway 99 Improvements Account, one of 12 programs from Proposition 1B. The projects funded were:

- Garden Highway to Sacramento Avenue—Widen to 4 lanes and add a 2-lane bridge east of the existing Feather River Bridge (award: \$73.5 million; contract award date: 2009)
- Interchanges at West Elverta Road in Sacramento County (\$19.1 million; 2011)
- Interchanges at Riego Road in Sutter County (\$19.1 million; 2011)
- Auxiliary lanes between Calvine Road and Florin Road onramps and offramps (\$6.8 million; 2010)

The projects are consistent with the Sacramento Valley Route 70/99 Corridor Business Plan. The California Transportation Commission is distributing these funds based on a north/south split: 15 percent to the north for the Sacramento Valley and counties north of Sacramento/San Joaquin County line, and 85 percent to the south for the San Joaquin Valley. Funding is for safety, operational enhancements, rehabilitation, or capacity improvements necessary to improve Highway 99 in the Central Valley.

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