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Sacramento Region Receives \$24,463,000 in Funding for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects



SACRAMENTO – Senate Bill 1 brings the Sacramento region an additional \$24,436,000 in new transportation funding via the 2017 California Active Transportation Program. The additional funding was approved on October 18 by the California Transportation Commission. The funding will provide money to active transportation projects across the region to provide safe and inviting active transportation amenities for more residents. Having specialized active transportation options enables more people to walk and bike for transportation and exercise. When people walk and bike for transportation, there is an increase in personal health, reduction of pollution from cars, and reduction of traffic by taking more cars off the road.

Senate Bill 1 is the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 that will provide the State of California stable, on-going transportation funding. Senate Bill 1 has multiple programs to disperse the new funds, including the Active Transportation Program that provides dedicated funding for bike lanes, pedestrian paths, sidewalks, safe routes to school, and other projects that enable people to choose active transportation over auto transportation. The existing Active Transportation Program has previously provided a source of funding for projects in the region. As the Sacramento region continues to grow and be a desirable place for families, active

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transportation projects like the ones funded by Senate Bill 1 will improve safety for kids and adults who bike and walk for all kinds of trips.

The Sacramento region is encouraged by these newly funded projects as they will help continue to improve the region's air quality and increase residents' options for transportation.

Sacramento region projects awarded new Senate Bill 1 funding are listed below.

City of Citrus Heights

The City of Citrus Heights was awarded \$5,866,000 for a new trail called the Electric Greenway. The Greenway will create a nearly 3-mile long, off-street trail for cyclists and pedestrians through parts of Citrus Heights and Orangevale. The project spans Arcade Creek Park Preserve to the west (near the intersection of Sunrise/Sayonara) and Wachtel Way to the east (at the Citrus Heights City Limits boundary with unincorporated Sacramento County). The project will connect seven parks, schools and the City's commercial district (Sunrise Marketplace) to distinct neighborhoods. Citrus Heights aims to improve quality of life and public health, increase recreational opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing active transportation options for residents. The Electric Greenway project is likely to be the single biggest catalyst of active transportation in Citrus Heights and a significant increase in walking and biking is anticipated once completed.

For media inquiries, please contact Casey Kempenaar at 916.727.4772.

City of Davis

The City of Davis was awarded \$3,540,000 to improve safety around Montgomery Elementary School and better connect the Olive Drive neighborhood to the school and other destinations to the east. The project will design and construct safety improvements for Montgomery Elementary School and a bicycle/pedestrian bridge from the US40/Olive Drive existing pedestrian and cyclist path to the path on the Pole Line Road overcrossing. The project will reduce route distance by over half the distance, compared to other off-street paths, for students and parents traveling to the school from Olive Drive. The new facility will also improve bicycle/pedestrian connectivity between neighborhoods to the east, Olive Drive, downtown, and UC Davis.

For media inquiries, please contact Stacy Winton at 530.757.5661.

El Dorado County

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El Dorado County was awarded \$3,419,000 to construct a bicycle and pedestrian path on the El Dorado Trail from Missouri Flat Road to the town of El Dorado. The completed project will expand the trail system to a total of 6.1 miles. from west Placerville, near the El Dorado County Government Center, to the town of El Dorado. The path will provide enhanced active transportation options for residents in low income neighborhoods, school age children, and a growing number of retired and senior citizens. The project will be constructed as a 10-foot wide paved path with signage and improved roadway crossings in two locations at Blanchard and Forni Roads, and will include pedestrian railing where appropriate, benches, and exercise stations. This trail extension project is part of a local and regional plan to develop the El Dorado Trail as a connector for the communities of Placerville, Diamond Springs, and El Dorado, and ultimately connects existing and planned communities within Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, and Latrobe in western El Dorado County.

For media inquiries, please contact Carla Hass at 530.621.4609.

City of Placerville

The City of Placerville was awarded \$1,886,000 for the Upper Broadway Pedestrian Connection Project. This project was developed by the City of Placerville as a result of public stakeholder input and concern that the bicycle facility improvements proposed in the Upper Broadway Bike Lanes Project would not fully address the needs of pedestrians on Broadway and to nearby educational, social, and community services and locations. The Upper Broadway Bike Lanes Project proposes to construct sidewalk and pedestrian improvements to increase safety for people walking and biking within this disadvantaged community. Planning and constructing the two projects together will result in cost savings of an estimated \$2.9 million for the city by eliminating the need to redesign and reconstruct parts of the project at different times.

For media inquiries, please contact Rebecca Neves at 530.642.5383.

City of Roseville

The City of Roseville was awarded \$2,212,000 for the Washington Boulevard Bikeway and Pedestrian Pathways Project. The project is located on Washington Boulevard between Diamond Oaks Road and Sawtell Road, and will be implemented with the Washington/Andora Widening Project. The new funding allows Roseville to put in safer, dedicated facilities for biking and walking as part of the larger project than would have been otherwise included.

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City of Sacramento

The City of Sacramento was awarded \$3,333,000 to provide a new bike path along the American River Parkway. The Two Rivers Trail (Phase II) project will provide a 2.4-mile path connection between Sutter's Landing Park and H Street, by Sacramento State. The project will expand the riverfront trail which currently ends at H Street. Key access points include H Street connecting East Sacramento and Sacramento State; Glenn Hall Park connecting the River Park neighborhood; and the eastern edge of Sutter's Landing Park connecting to 28th Street providing access to Midtown. The new low stress bikeway will help Sacramento toward its goal to increase bicycle ridership. The path is also designed for other forms of recreation like running, walking, and accessing the river.

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Sacramento County

The County of Sacramento was awarded \$4,180,000 for the Folsom Boulevard Complete Street Improvements, Phase 1 Project. The project is located on the south side of Folsom Boulevard between Mayhew Road and Bradshaw Road in Sacramento. Currently, the only existing sidewalk along this segment of Folsom Boulevard is located in front of the Butterfield Light Rail Station. This project will create an additional sidewalk along Folsom Boulevard between Bradshaw Road and Mayhew Road. The project will also add better lighting, pedestrian signals, and landscaping. When completed, the Folsom Boulevard Complete Street Improvements, Phase 1 Project will directly connect the community to the Butterfield Light Rail Station and provide easier access and safer walking conditions for transit commuters, residents, schools, and businesses along this important regional corridor.

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