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#### **CALTRANS MISSION:**

Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability



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# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY

On August 21, 2014, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted 148 biking and walking projects, collectively valued at more than \$430 million, in the state's 2014 **Transportation** Program (ATP), making it the nation's largest. The CTC will allocate nearly \$221 million to the projects at its future meetings.

"We started the Active Transportation Program to establish California as a national leader in developing bike and pedestrian facilities," said California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly. "This program is the nation's largest state commitment to bicycling, walking and other forms of active transportation. This program will increase transportation options for all Californians while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving public health and safety."

"Today's transportation system is more than just highways," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Our Active Transportation Program supports a healthy, active lifestyle that also helps achieve California's safety, mobility and greenhouse gas reduction goals."

year, Governor Last Brown signed legislation (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354) creating the ATP. The new program replaced a patchwork of small grant programs with a comprehensive program. Here some of the significant projects adopted under the new active transportation program:

• Fresno County: CSU Fresno – Barstow Avenue Bikeways.

Kern County:
 Tehachapi – Valley
 Boulevard Bikeway.

Kern County:
 Wasco – Teresa
 Burke School & Fil burn Walking Path.

The adopted projects comprise two components: the Statewide Program (\$183.8 million for 126 projects) and the Small ban/Rural Program (\$37.3 million for 22 projects). Nearly percent (\$191.5 million) of the funds for these components are directed at 130 projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

"Making it easier and more convenient to walk and bike is a direct investment in our health," said Mary D. Nichols, Chairman of

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# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY, CONTINUED

the California Air Resources Board. "This funding will help cities and counties throughout California take steps to fight air pollution and reduce greenhouse gases."

Caltrans received approximately 770 applications from cities and counties across California, totaling nearly \$1 billion in project requests, an excess in demand of three-to-one. California's nine largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Bay Area, Fresno, Sacramento, San Diego, Southern California, San Jose, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Kern) are still eligible to recommend projects to the CTC on an additional \$147 million in active transportation funds designated specifically to their regions based on population. The CTC will adopt projects submitted by MPOs in November.

Continuing the drive to rebuild California's transportation infrastructure, the Commission also allocated nearly \$706 million in funding to 125 transportation projects that will improve and maintain the state's vital transportation system. More than \$552 million of the funding will pay for "fix it first" projects that will repair bumpy pavement, preserve roads in good condition to prevent them from deteriorating, upgrade aging bridges and make roads safer for all.

"To get the most bang for the buck for taxpayers, Caltrans targets dollars where they are most effective - pavement preservation," said Dougherty. "Every \$1 spent on preventive pavement maintenance saves Californians \$8 that would have been spent on expensive pavement repairs."

The allocations also include nearly \$21 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

Here are some of the significant projects that will improve and/or preserve California's valuable investments in its transportation system that received allocations:

- Kern County: \$47,985,000 Interstate 5 near Lost Hills, between Lerdo Avenue and State Route 46. Replace outside truck lane with continuous reinforced concrete pavement, rehabilitate shoulders and roadway, upgrade metal beam guardrail to improve safety, ride quality and future maintenance cost along 42 lane miles of Interstate.
- Fresno County: \$17,477,000

   Interstate 5 near Mendota, from south of Panoche Road to north of Russell Road.
   Pavement rehabilitation project to improve safety, ride quality and future maintenance costs along 16.8 lane miles of Interstate.

Kings County: \$17,100,000

 Interstate 5 near Kettleman City, from 3.3 miles south of Utica Avenue to State Route 41. Pavement rehabilitation project to improve safety, ride quality and future maintenance costs along 30 lane miles of Interstate 5.

Please see Page 3 for a listing of all projects in District 6 that have received awards.

Detailed information about the ATP can be found at Caltrans' webpage:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/ LocalPrograms/atp/index.html

Or:

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# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY, CONTINUED

STATEWIDE COMPONENT					
ID	Со	Agency	Project Title	Total Project Cost (hundreds of thousands of dollars)	Total Fund Request (hundreds of thousands of dollars)
0287	FRE	CSU Fresno	Barstow Avenue Bikeways	\$2,075	\$872
0294	FRE	Fresno COG	Regional Active Transporta- tion Plan Safety and Education for an	\$150	\$150
0313	KER	Delano	Active Delano School Com- munity	\$393	\$393
0315	KER	Kern Co	Highland Elementary Pedes- trian Improvements Horace Mann Pedestrian	\$330	\$275
0316	KER	Kern Co	Improvements	\$372	\$310
0582	KER	Tehachapi	Valley Blvd Bikeway	\$1,292	\$1,292
0329	KER	Wasco	Palm Avenue Elementary School Pedestrian Infrastruc- ture Improvements	\$458	\$458
0333	KER	Wasco	Teresa Burke School & Fil- burn Walking Path	\$1,794	\$1,794
0042	KIN	Kings Co	Pavement rehabilitation project to improve safety, ride quality and future maintenance costs along 30 lane miles of Interstate 5.	\$17,100,000	
0357	TUL	Tulare Co	SRTS Plan	\$110	\$110
SMALL URBAN AND RURAL COMPONENT					
ID	Co	Agency	Project Title	Total Project Cost (hundreds of thousands of dollars)	Total Fund Request (hundreds of thousands of dollars)
0705	MAD	Chowchilla	Roberston Blvd/SR233 & 11 Street Pedestrian Improve- ments	\$550	\$550

# CALTRANS CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO BE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE BY REPORTING ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND WHERE IT NEEDS TO IMPROVE

On August 21, 2014, Caltrans released the second issue of *The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report*, an ongoing assessment to share with the public the department's performance and progress as it works to protect, improve and modernize California's transportation system.

"Caltrans is continually moving forward to be a successful, performance-driven, transparent organization," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "The Mile Marker is our way of being accountable to the public and stakeholders on how we are doing on critical transportation metrics.""

This issue shows that Caltrans needs to make improvements in certain aspects related to its key performance areas: safety, mobility, sustainability, delivery and maintenance. Caltrans met 5 of its 17 performance targets during this reporting period, up from four during the last reporting period due to an increase in the percentage of Caltrans' total annual state expenditures going to small businesses. Of the 12 goals not yet met, progress is being made on seven of them.

"We are investing in an integrated multi-modal transportation system to move people and goods throughout California," continued Dougherty. "Our newly adopted goals of

safety, sustainability, stewardship, system performance and organizational excellence are clearly articulated and discussed in this issue. We hope you enjoy it."

The articles within this issue of *The Mile Marker* take a look at several projects and efforts currently underway by Caltrans that reflect a new mission and focus – providing a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. These include:

- Retrofits of California's highway lighting system to LED fixtures, which will reduce up to 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year once complete.
- The construction of a new rock shed and bridge along State Route 1 at Pitkins Curve, which will greatly reduce the cost of maintaining the highway from an estimated \$112 million to only \$1.7 million over the next 50 years.
- An increase in the number of zero-emission and hybrid vehicles in its fleet in order to meet Governor Brown's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- The creation of new partnerships with the bicycling community, allowing them to test different road surface treatments during a pavement improvement project on State

Route 1, and ultimately being able to provide a pavement surface that meets the needs of everyone using the road.

The Mile Marker is one of the steps Caltrans is taking to improve its transparency and accountability by making the department's work more accessible and understandable to the public. Its intention is also to quantify and measure the department's performance – what's working, what's not and what could be improved – based on consistent markers.

"I applaud Caltrans' continuing efforts toward introducing performance management within the department, as evidenced by the release of the second edition of *The Mile Marker*," said Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal, chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation. "By monitoring performance data and by reporting on that data, we can better work together to deliver our highest priority transportation services to the public."

This report is an extension of reforms begun by Dougherty since being appointed director in 2012. That year, Dougherty initiated a program review to evaluate the entire department and make it more efficient. Caltrans incorporated input from local transportation partners and worked with the independ-

# CALTRANS CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO BE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE BY REPORTING ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND WHERE IT NEEDS TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED

ent State Smart Transportation Initiative group. Caltrans is using the data from those reviews as the foundation for a new five-year strategic plan. In partnership with the California State Transportation Agency, Caltrans has already crafted a new mission, vision and set of goals for the department (please see below).

As part of the program review, Dougherty also made significant changes to the department's organizational structure, making Caltrans a leaner, better-organized agency by merging divisions and functions. Caltrans is also strengthening its relationship with other agencies by changing the way it does business as it works with counties and cities to improve transportation across California.

Caltrans also releases 23 statutorily required reports on a periodic basis on subjects including project delivery, finance, fish passage, state rail and highway maintenance.

Copies of this issue of The Mile Marker are available here:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctjournal/Mile Marker/2014-2/index.html (online)

http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctjournal/Mile Marker/2014-2/MileMarker 2014v1Iss2print.pdf (print)

The 23 statutorily required reports are located here:

<u>http://dot.ca.gov/reports-legislature.htm</u>

### **CALTRANS NEW MISSION, VISION, GOALS, AND VALUE STATEMENTS!**

#### MISSION

Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability

#### **VISION**

A performance-driven, transparent and accountable organization that values its people, resources and partners, and meets new challenges through leadership, innovation and teamwork

### **GOALS**

 Safety and Health: Provide a safe transportation system for workers and users, and promote health through active transportation and reduced pollution in communities.

- Stewardship and Efficiency: Money counts. Responsibly manage California's transportation-related assets.
- Sustainability, Livability and Economy: Make long-lasting, smart mobility decisions that improve the environment, support a vibrant economy, and build communities, not sprawl.
- System Performance: Utilize leadership, collaboration and strategic partnerships to develop an integrated transportation system that provides reliable and accessible mobility for travelers.
- Organizational Excellence:
   Be a national leader in delivering quality service through excellent employee performance, public communication, and accountability.

#### **VALUES**

- Integrity: We promote trust and accountability through our consistent and honest actions.
- Commitment; We are dedicated to public service and strive for excellence and customer satisfaction
- Teamwork: We inspire and motivate one another through effective communication, collaboration and partnership
- Innovation: We are empowered to seek creative solutions and take intelligent risks.

### CALTRANS DIRECTOR TO LEAD WESTERN TRANSPORTATION ASSOCATION

On July 16, 2014, Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty stepped into the role of President of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) at the organization's annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He previously served as Vice-President.

"Transportation agencies continue to face challenges in preserving our nation's infrastructure, particularly as we look towards the potential insolvency of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the increasing need for long-term solutions to more sustainable transportation financing," Dougherty said. "I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve in this position and look forward to addressing these challenges and others as part of this regional organization."

In his role as President, Dougherty will preside over all WASHTO meetings and, along with the Vice President, serve as the Regional Representative to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Executive Committee. He replaces outgoing president John Halikowski, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Malcolm Dougherty was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to be the Director of Caltrans in May 2012. He leads

the \$11 billion organization and 19,000 employees who build, maintain and operate the 50,000 lane miles of California's world-class transportation system. He is also leading an expansive effort in California to modernize the state's transportation department to meet safety, mobility, equity and sustainability objectives.

Director Dougherty has over 21 years experience with Caltrans and before becoming Director served as the Chief Deputy, Chief Engineer and Fresno District Director. He also has held management positions in Design, Project Management, Maintenance and Traffic Operations during his career at Caltrans. His focus throughout his career has been on safety, efficient project delivery, partnerships with all stakeholders, and leading a professional and ethical workforce to provide a sustainable transportation system for the people of California.

WASHTO is comprised of the Departments of Transportation or Highway Departments of the 18 westernmost states and representatives of the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management. The transportation agencies of the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, and the Navajo Nation also serve as nonvoting, associate

members of the Association. The purpose of WASHTO is to serve its member departments by:

- Contributing to national policies on transportation issues that are responsive to members' needs;
- Promoting a closer relationship between its members;
- Advocating legislation that supports efficient and effective transportation systems, economic competitiveness and the environmental integrity of member states;
- Providing a forum for exchanging ideas, exploring and adapting techniques, promoting quality and best practices for implementation:
- Working with the United States Department of Transportation and other governmental agencies.

More information on the organization and its members, please go to:

http://www.washto.org/

# Caltrans and CHP Warn Drivers of Maximum Enforcement Around Construction Work Zones

Beginning in July 2014, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) began are warning motorists statewide that the CHP is conducting maximum enforcement of traffic laws in active construction zones as part of a public safety campaign focused on work zone safety.

As part of this campaign, Caltrans will activate its electronic highway message signs in active construction and maintenance work zones around the state to display the following warning:

# WORKERS AHEAD CHP ON PATROL MAX ENFORCEMENT

"This is about protecting the safety of California's motorists and the men and women working along the state's highways," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Using our highway message signs and increasing CHP's presence around these areas, we are reminding California drivers to do their part in reducing collisions and hazardous conditions in these work zones."

Currently, there are more than 700 active projects underway worth more than \$11 billion.

As part of the maximum enforcement effort, the CHP will have their patrol officers increase the time spent patrolling active work zones in their areas, while also conducting proactive enforcement efforts. Drivers should be aware that any traffic infraction committed within a construction work zone will result in a doubling of the usual fine.

"Through a combination of education and enforcement our goal is to provide the safest environment possible for highway workers," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Motorists are reminded to reduce their speed, watch for highway workers and safely move over a lane when passing work crews. These simple actions can mean the difference between life and death."

"Without a doubt, working on a highway construction project is a dangerous job," said Assembly member Bonnie Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation. "For the millions of drivers on our roads each day, these signs will get the message across loud and clear - a little extra vigilance can save a life."

"Highway workers are doing their part to make our road-ways safe and reliable for everyone," said Director Rhonda Craft of the Office of Traffic Safety. "We need to do our part by slowing down and using extra caution around active work zones."

The enforcement message will be displayed July 28-August 1 and September 23-25 on any electronic highway message signs within five miles in advance of active construction work zones. The enforcement message will be activated when there are no critical emergency or traffic safety messages or Amber Alerts.

### CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Announcing the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide-Call for Applications!

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) current Mission: Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Current significant efforts were also considered during grant program development, such as California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities Vision and Core Concepts: State Smart Transportation Initiative Assessment and Recommendations: Caltrans Program Review Major Actions; California Transportation Plan 2040 Vision and Goals; and, Smart Mobility 2010 Principles. Grant Program Overarching Objectives were also identified to ensure consideration of these major efforts in transportation planning, including: Sustainabil-Preservation. Mobility. ity. Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, and Equity.

In addition, grant administration processes have been streamlined and made consistent to benefit our partners. Most notable is the earlier release date of the *Grant Application Guide*, the earlier application deadline, and an earlier grant award announcement date. With this

advanced process, grant recipients can anticipate starting project activities in July 2015, pending State Budget approval.

The intent of the Grant Program remains unchanged. Although dedicated grants no longer exist for Environmental Justice, Community-Based Transportation Planning, and Transit Planning, these important areas are still eligible for funding under the new Grant Program. Caltrans still provides transportation planning grants to promote a balanced, comprehensive multimodal transportation system. These grants may be used for a wide range of transportation planning purposes, which address local and regional transportation needs and issues. The implementation of these grants should ultimately lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements. The Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning provides the following transportation planning grants:

### Strategic Partnerships Sustainable Communities

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Schedule for FY 2015-16 Grant Awards

September 2, 2014 — Release Call for Applications September – Grant Marketing Events

October 31 at 5 PM - Application Deadline

**November 2014** – District Grant Application Review/Ranking

December 2014/January 2015HQ Grant Committee Review/Funding Recommendations

**February 2015** – Management Approval of Committee Recommendations

March 2015 – Send Preliminary Notifications to All Applicants

**April 2015** – Send Conditional Award Letters with State Budget Contingency

July 2015 – Grantees May Begin Work, Pending State Budget Approval

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### CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM, CONT.

### Strategic Partnerships

Consistent with the intent of partnership planning, the Strategic Partnerships grant funds planning projects that encourage regional agencies to partner with Caltrans to identify and address statewide/interregional transportation deficiencies in the state highway system, strengthen government-to-government relationships, and result in programmed system improvements, all in an effort to achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

Who May Apply as **Primary Recipients** – Metropolitan Planning Organizations/Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (MPO/RTPAs); **Sub-recipients** – Transit Agencies, Universities, Community Colleges, Native American Tribal Governments, Cities and Counties, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, and Other Public Entities.

**Estimated Budget** – \$1.5 Million, Federal Highway Administration – SPR, Part I **Local Match** – 20% of the total project amount

#### **Sustainable Communities**

The Sustainable Communities grant funds transportation planning projects that identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, encourage stakeholder collaboration, involve active public engagement, integrate Smart Mobility 2010 concepts, ultimately result in programmed system improvements, and achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

Who May Apply as **Primary Recipients** – MPO/RTPAs, Transit Agencies, Cities, Counties, and Native American Tribal Governments; **Sub-recipients** – Transit Agencies, Universities, Community Colleges, Native American Tribal Governments, Cities and Counties, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, and Other Public Entities.

**Estimated Budget** – \$8.3 Million Total (\$2.8 Million, Federal Transit Administration, Section 5304; \$5.5 Million, State Highway Account)

**Local Match** – 11.47% of the total project amount

## **UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS**

Fresno ITS Freeway Crossings: Caltrans and the City of Fresno will design and construct an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to help synchronize traffic signals along freeway crossings. Funding: Minor A. Ready to List early 2015; advertise late 2021. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

HST – Bakersfield to Fresno Segment: High Speed Train System from the City of Bakersfield to south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Begin construction fall 2014; end construction summer 2018. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

Fre/Mad Wire Theft: In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded on 11/19/2013. Construction contract approved December 9, 2013; in construction; end construction summer 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559)243-3588.

Panoche Overlay: Pavement Rehabilitation on I-5 from south of the Panoche Road overcrossing to north of the Russell Road overcrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise fall 2014; begin construction end of 2014; complete construction summer 2015. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

Jacalitos Creek Bridge: Replace bridge on SR 33 near the City of Coalinga at Jacalitos Creek. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise summer 2014; begin construction early 2015; end construction spring 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

FRE 41 CAPM: Pavement preservation on SR 41 north of the City of Lemoore from Harlan Avenue to Elkhorn Avenue. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2014; advertise summer 2014; begin construction end of 2014; complete construction early 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

Ventura Viaduct Deck Seal: On SR 41, near Fresno, 1.3 miles north of the SR 41/99 Separation. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List spring 2014; advertise summer 2014; end construction late 2015. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**180 Westbound Ramp Barrier:** Replace existing right side metal beam guard rail with concrete barrier on southbound SR 41 to the westbound SR 180 interchange ramp in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Begin construction spring 2014; complete construction fall 2014. Earle Jones, Project Manager, (559) 243-3471.

Ramp Improvement at SR41 at various locations and at SR180: Install concrete barriers on SR 41 and SR 180 at at Abby Avenue. ramps McKinley Avenue, Shields Avenue. Shaw Avenue. Herndon Avenue, and Friant Avenue in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list achieved January 30, 2014; advertise spring 2014; award contract summer 2014; begin construction late summer 2014; complete construction summer 2015. Judy Aguilar-Luna, Project Manager, (559) 243-3457.

Ramp Meter Replacement Planting: Replacement planting on SR 41 between Ashlan Avenue overcrossing to Herndon Avenue undercrossing in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. In construction and on schedule; complete construction summer 2016. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

Olive Avenue Signals: At SR 99/Olive on- and off-ramps in

## **UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS, CONTINUED**

the City of Fresno; ramp metering included. Funding Minor A. CTC approved funding June 2010. Advertise fall 2014; complete construction early 2015. Steven Milton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3451.

HST-Fresno to Merced Segment: High Speed Train System from south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno to the City of Merced. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Begin construction fall 2014; complete construction summer 2017. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

SR 99 Realignment from Clinton to Ashlan: Realignment of SR 99 to accommodate the High Speed Train System from south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno to Ashlan Ave. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Begin construction fall 2015. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

San Joaquin River 6-Lane: Replace the SR 99/San Joaquin River bridge and widen SR 99 from Grantland Avenue overcrossing in the City of Fresno to north of the Avenue 7 overcrossing in Madera County. Funding: Prop 1B Bond. In construction; construction complete summer

2016. The contractor has shifted traffic to the new southbound bridge and demolition of the old northbound bridge is complete. The new northbound bridge and roadwork south of the river continues. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

Veterans Blvd. Interchange: New interchange on SR 99 between Herndon Avenue and Shaw Avenue on Veterans Boulevard in the City of Fresno. Funding: Measure, local. Project design progressing. Begin construction 2016 pending funding approval. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

Kerman Roundabout SR 145/Jensen: SR 145 at Jensen Avenue in the City of Kerman. Funding: SHOPP. Construction is ongoing; end construction fall 2014. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

Fre 168/180 Wire Theft: In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded on 11/19/2013. Construction contract approved December 9, 2013; in construction; end construction summer 2015. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559)243-3588.

168 Median Barrier: Construct median barrier on SR 168 in the City of Clovis between the Herndon Avenue undercrossing to the Clovis Avenue undercrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

Prather Curve Correction: Realign the curve on SR 168 and Auberry Road near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list fall 2014; advertise fall 2014; begin construction end of 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

Auberry Road Intersection: Intersection improvements at the SR 168/Auberry Road intersection near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list fall 2015; advertise winter 2015; begin construction early 2016; complete construction early 2017. Hussein Senan, Project Manager, (559) 243-3586.

Munger Point Enhancement: Enhance Maynard Munger vista point on SR 168 east of the community of Prather. Funding: STIP, TE. Project is requesting a time extension and will be redesigned and

## **UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS, CONTINUED**

re-advertized. All bids from the first advertisement were rejected due to a lack of funds. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

180 West Freeway Landscape: Highway planning on SR 180 in and near the City of Fresno from west of Brawley Avenue to Teilman Avenue. Funding: STIP. Ready to list summer 2015;end construction fall 2020. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

180 Braided Ramps: On SR 180 between SR 41 & SR 168 in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Design-Build project was awarded and construction contract was approved January 2012. ramps are now open in their final configuration. There will still be minor items to address. The new sound wall is now complete near the Romain Park area (NB 41 to EB 180 connector). The EB 180 connector ramp to SB 41 has been widened to accommodate future metering. There will be ongoing minor construction activities for the next 2 to 3 months. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**180 Braided Ramps Landscaping Project:** Freeway

landscaping in Fresno from west of the SR 180S/SR 41 separation to east of the Peach Avenue overcrossing. Funding: Measure. Ready to list fall 2014; construction should begin early summer 2015. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

180 Freeway Landscape: Highway planting and install irrigation on SR 180 in the City of Fresno between west of Clovis Avenue overcrossing to east of Temperance Avenue. Funding: RIP. CTC approved funding March 2012. Contract approved in September 2012; in construction; end construction winter 2016. Due to drought conditions the planting phase scheduled to start in May has been delayed to November of this year. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 2: SR 180 from Academy Avenue to Smith Road near the community of Centerville. Funding: Measure, Prop 1B Bond. Project was awarded April 23, 2013; construction began August 2013; end construction spring 2015. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 3: SR 180 from Smith Rd. to Alta Main Canal near the community of Centerville. Funding: RIP, Measure. Ready to list early 2015; advertise summer 2015; award contract late summer 2015; begin construction fall 2015 (pending funding availability). In design phase. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

Kings River Overflow Bridge Replacement: Replace the Kings River overflow bridge on SR 180 northeast of the City of Sanger. Funding: SHOPP. Contract is currently under winter suspension. Anticipate commencement of construction activities in September 2014. Construction is expected to last 2 seasons. Hussein Senan, Project Manager, (559)243-3586.

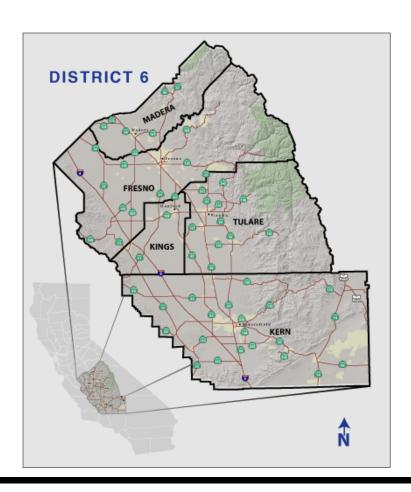
Cali Aqueduct Deck Replacement: Replace the California Aqueduct bridge deck on SR 198 near the City of Huron. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list late 2015; advertise early 2016; begin construction early 2016; complete construction spring 2016. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.



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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is headquartered in Fresno. This geographically diverse district is the second largest of the 12 Districts statewide, stretching from the southernmost part of Yosemite National Park in the north to the Mojave Desert. It includes Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Interstate 5 and State Route 99 run the length of District 6, serving as the main north-south arteries for not just the Central Valley, but for the entire state as well.



Visit District 6 on the web at www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/