

# Caltrans Update

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



### California Schools Cash In By Taking The Caltrans “Distraction School Zone Challenge”

Three California schools have cashed in on a new Caltrans highway safety campaign designed to educate students about the dangers of distracted driving in work zones. The Distraction School Zone Challenge is part of Caltrans’ “Be Work Zone Alert” campaign.

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Register now! The registration deadline has been extended to October 15, 2015. Just visit <http://beworkzonealert.com/distraction-zone.html> for more information.

For more information about the department’s activities, connect with Caltrans at: [www.dot.ca.gov/socialmedia](http://www.dot.ca.gov/socialmedia)

## THE NEW DISTRICT 6 BICYCLE GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The new District 6 Bicycle Guide with Complete Street Elements is now available on the internet!

The Bicycle Guide provides a variety of information including safety tips, State laws related to bicycles, and how to equip and operate your bicycle. There are bicycle maps with detailed information for each County in District 6 that show the routes that are open to bicycles, and elevation maps for those routes. There is a section on the Highway Design Manual and its direction for bike lanes on State Highways.



*California Classic Century Ride  
Saturday, May 16, 2015*

The Guide also includes a Complete Streets component, with information on pedestrian, transit, and non-roadway modes access. A complete street provides for the needs of travelers of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities and products on the State highway system. A Complete Street views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system.

“Caltrans’ has historically been known as a high-ways agency, but we are shifting our focus to creating a California transportation system that links communities and is safe for all travelers, including those who choose to travel by biking and walking,” said Director of Caltrans Malcolm Dougherty. “We couldn’t accomplish this without our partners at all levels, from the federal government to grassroots organizations and the public.” The District 6 Bicycle Guide is an integral part of implementing this shift in focus.

## THE NEW DISTRICT 6 BICYCLE GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE, CONT.



*Bike to Work Champions  
May 2015*

Last May, as part of National Bike Month, Caltrans District 6 participated in the Bike to Work Corporate Challenge, sponsored by iBikeFresno.org. Event participants included local agencies and businesses in the Fresno area. Caltrans District 6 has had a large number of riders compete in this annual event and has placed first in the large corporation category a number of times. Other fun rides are organized throughout the month of May.

To those interested in participating in National Bike Month events or Bike to Work Day, the Guide includes a section with contact information.

District 6 offers miles of bicycle travel on long stretches of level terrain in the Central Valley and along rolling or mountainous terrain in the national and state parks. The abundant sunny weather in this part of California is ideal for biking most of the year. We hope that the Guide will encourage people to get out and take advantage of our unique and beautiful part of California!

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*To access the Bicycle Guide, please go to:*

*<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/docs/BicycleGuide.pdf>*

*For more information on the League of American Bicyclists, please go to:*

*<http://bikeleague.org/>*



## **PROPOSITION 1B: GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

After nearly 10 years since it was passed by voters, over \$15 billion from Proposition 1B has been put to work by Caltrans and its partners for more than 2,000 projects, bringing significant and critically needed investment to California's transportation infrastructure. Without this funding, numerous projects to California's roads, bridges, transit and rail systems would not have been possible.

"In 2006, voters approved nearly \$20 billion for transportation infrastructure and entrusted Caltrans and its partners to put that money to work, and we delivered," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "As this one-time program sunsets, Caltrans urges policymakers to come up with a long-term, stable source of transportation funding to ensure that these investments don't go to waste because California is not providing enough funding to maintain this infrastructure."

Proposition 1B represented the largest state expenditure on transportation infrastructure since the governorship of Edmund "Pat" Brown in the 1950s. Some of the major allocations included in Proposition 1B included:

- \$4.5 billion for 90 corridor projects for efforts to reduce congestion on state highways and major access routes.
- \$2.5 billion for 87 projects improving freight movement on state highways and rail system, and in ports.
- \$3.6 billion to nearly 1,200 projects for public transit and rail systems improvements, including projects to upgrade transit service, modernize transit stations and help purchase cleaner-running buses.
- \$1 billion for 23 projects making improvements to State Route 99, which traverses approximately 400 miles of the state's central valley.

Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) also channeled approximately \$2 billion worth of project savings to pay for more than 50 new or expanded projects. Caltrans, the CTC and their transportation partners statewide kept project costs down through competitive bidding, low administrative costs and stretching the savings as far as possible to give taxpayers the most value for their money. Additionally, over the course of Proposition 1B implementation, Caltrans was still able to fully deliver with its capital outlay support staffing declining to the lowest levels in 18 years. The CTC recently issued a report on the benefits of Proposition 1B, which can be linked here: [http://www.catc.ca.gov/1baccount/Proposition\\_1B\\_Report\\_9-2-15.pdf](http://www.catc.ca.gov/1baccount/Proposition_1B_Report_9-2-15.pdf)

## **PROPOSITION 1B: GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENT, CONT.**

“Caltrans and our partners made sure every dollar counts when it came to improving California’s transportation infrastructure,” continued Dougherty.

Significant projects in Fresno County that benefited from Proposition 1B:

**State Route 99 San Joaquin River 6-Lane Project** incorporated both Fresno and Madera Counties. The project added two additional lanes within the median and replaced and shifted the San Joaquin River Bridge to the west. This three-mile widening project now incorporates the final six lanes along highway 99 throughout all of Fresno County. This \$68 million project received 100% Proposition 1B funding and continues to ease congestion, improve mobility and enhance safety by expanding the highways capacity.

**State Route 99 Island Park 6-Lane Project:** In Fresno County from just north of Ashlan Avenue to just north of the Herndon/Grantland Avenue undercrossing within the City of Fresno. The project added two additional lanes within the median along a 3.9-mile segment of SR 99. This \$17 million project received 100% Proposition 1B funding and continues to ease congestion, improve mobility and enhance safety by expanding the highways capacity.

**State Route 99 Goshen to Kingsburg 6-Lane.** This project widened the existing four-lane freeway to a six-lane freeway from the community of Goshen in Tulare County to just north of the Tulare/Fresno County line near the City of Kingsburg, a total of approximately 13.8 miles. This project added lanes in the median with the exception of the section across the Kings River, from Dodge Avenue to Mendocino Avenue (Road 12, 18th Avenue), which was widened to the west. State Route 99 bridges at the Kings River were replaced. This \$77 million project was funded by Interregional Improvement Program (IIP), State Route 99 Bond, and Federal High Priority Project funding.

Proposition 1B, approved by California voters in November 2006, authorized the issuance of \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds for specific transportation programs intended to relieve congestion, facilitate goods movement, improve air quality and enhance the safety of the state’s transportation system. To date, the state has allocated more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funding for transportation purposes statewide.

A comprehensive list of all programs that received Proposition 1B funding can be found at <http://www.bondaccountability.dot.ca.gov/bondacc/>.

## **CALTRANS COMMEMORATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADA, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING ACCESS**

As the nation and California commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Caltrans celebrates the progress that has been made and recommits to its efforts to allocate \$1.1 billion over thirty years to improve access on its sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities for persons with disabilities.



“Caltrans is committed to addressing the mobility needs of all Californians and has even made that pledge of providing reliable and accessible mobility one of our department’s main goals,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and, here at Caltrans, we will continue to work to do the same.”

Since the early 1990s, Caltrans has been improving sidewalk access through its roadway and bridge rehabilitation programs. In 2010, Caltrans committed to:

- Developing and designing projects totaling \$1.1 billion over the next 30 years to improve pedestrian access. Caltrans’ goal is to remove more than 1,500 pedestrian access barriers each year.
- Ensuring that each new construction or rehabilitation project addresses access barriers as part of that project.
- Revising design guidance to ensure that any maintenance projects performed by Caltrans adjacent to pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks, include the installation or upgrade of curb ramps. Additionally, in cases where projects include work on lanes and shoulders that would be used by pedestrians, Caltrans must ensure they comply with accessibility requirements.

Caltrans also created the ADA Infrastructure Program in 2010 as a single statewide focal point for infrastructure-related ADA compliance issues. This program’s primary functions are to develop and coordinate guidelines and policy improvements. For example:

- Starting in 2011, Caltrans made it easier for people with disabilities and the public to let it know which access barriers are of greatest concern through Caltrans’ online access request form. As a result, the department has removed more than 400 access barriers based on public requests.

## **CALTRANS COMMEMORATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADA, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING ACCESS, CONTINUED**

- Caltrans also formed the Caltrans Access Advisory Committee (CTAAC), which includes members from various ADA organizations statewide, to provide input on the department's policies, practices, procedures, project priorities and methods of communications with departmental divisions and community advocates.

Caltrans operates and maintains an extensive statewide pedestrian system with more than 4,000 miles of sidewalk, 2,190 on and off ramps, 300 pedestrian undercrossings and overcrossings, 336 park-and-rides and more than 300 rest areas and vista points—all with pedestrian paths. The majority of this pedestrian infrastructure is also located on routes that pass through urban centers and regular maintenance and upgrades are required to keep the system functioning and accessible.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law in 1990 and is the “Bill of Rights” for people with disabilities, covering employment, public accommodations, government services and telecommunications. The ADA forbids any discrimination on the basis of disability, by both public and private entities. California’s laws guaranteeing individuals with disabilities the right to access publicly funded facilities and privately funded public accommodations have been on the books for more than 30 years. Under these laws, people with disabilities have a right to accessible public transportation, including properly designed facilities.

For more information on the Americans with Disabilities Infrastructure Program, please see:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/ada\\_infrastructure\\_program.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/ada_infrastructure_program.htm)

To file an access request, please go to:

<http://portalqa.adaac.org/index.php/cases/addFromRedirect/Caltrans>



## UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS

**Signal Countdown/ Accessible Pedestrian Signals:** Install signal countdown heads/accessible pedestrian signs in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Tulare at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Contract awarded; begin construction fall 2015. Curt Hatton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3445.

**HST – Bakersfield to Fresno Segment:** High Speed Train System from the City of Bakersfield to the City of Fresno station. Funding: CHSRA (ARRA). Begin construction summer 2015; end construction summer 2018. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

**Fre-Tul Sign Panel Upgrade:** Upgrade sign panels in Fresno County on Routes 41, 168, 180, and in Tulare County on Route 198. Funding: SHOPP. Awarded in August and is in construction. Emad Abi-Rached, Project Manager, (559) 243-3460.

**Fresno ITS Freeway Crossings:** City of Fresno will design and construct an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to help synchronize traffic signals along freeway crossings. Funding: Minor A, CMAQ. Ready to List summer 2016;

advertise late 2016. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Fresno Co. Drought Relief:** Repair irrigation systems and replace booster pumps in Fresno County at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. In construction. Victor Shaw, Project Manager, (559) 243-3441.

**I-5 Cable Barrier:** Install high tension cable barrier on I-5 from PM 21.5 in Kings County to PM 2.25 in Fresno County and from the El Dorado Avenue overcrossing to the I-5/SR 198 separation. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List spring 2016. Scott Friesen, Project Manager, (559) 243-3436.

**Panoche Overlay:** Pavement Rehabilitation on I-5 from south of the Panoche Road overcrossing to north of the Russell Road overcrossing. Funding: SHOPP. Project awarded to Security Paving Company, Inc. and is in construction. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**Seismic Restoration-Var:** Seismic restoration of SRs 33, 41, 43, and 233/152 in Fresno, Kings, and Madera

Counties. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer 2016; award late 2016; begin construction early 2017; end construction late 2017. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Mendota Intersection Improvement:** Construct a roundabout in Fresno County in the City of Mendota, on SR 33 at SR 180. Funding: CMAQ and Measure C. Implementing Agency-City of Mendota. Ready to list summer 2016. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**FRE HI Friction:** Install high friction surface treatment on freeway ramps at various locations in Fresno on Routes 41, 99, 168, and 180. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to List spring 2016. Jeannie Wiley, 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. Construction complete. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**McKinley 41 NB Ramp Guardrail:** Replace MBGR with concrete guardrail on SR 41 northbound on-ramp



## UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS, CONTINUED

from McKinley Avenue. Funding: Minor A. In construction. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**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.

**FRE/MAD Roadside Safety:** Roadside safety improvements in Fresno and Madera Counties on SR 41 at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**41 Seismic Retrofit:** Bridge seismic retrofit on old Route 41 Bridge between Madera County and Fresno County near the Community of Friant. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2016; end construction late 2017. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Goshen to Kingsburg 6-Lane.** Widen SR 99 in and near the City of Kingsburg between the North Goshen overhead to the SR 99/SR 201 inter-

change. Funding: Prop 1B Bond. Work continues on work continues on pavement and final striping. Work is finishing in the median north and south of the bridge. The project will be completely open to traffic upon completion of ongoing final paving. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

**Tulare Madera VDS:** Install Vehicle Detection systems on SR 99 in Fresno County from PM 18.7 to PM 22.5; in Tulare County from PM 0.1 to PM 28.0; in Madera County from PM 16.4 to PM 26.5. Funding: Minor A. Ready to List February 2016; advertise April 2016; award contract summer 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Olive Avenue Signals:** At SR 99/Olive on- and off-ramps in the City of Fresno; ramp metering included. Funding: Minor A. Project is in construction. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**SR 99 Realignment for HST:** Realignment of SR 99 to accommodate the High Speed Train System from south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno to Ashlan Ave. Fund-

ing: CHSRA (ARRA). 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 2015. The new lanes opened to traffic June 2015. 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.

**168 Pull Outs:** Construct freeway maintenance access in the Cities of Fresno and Clovis on State Route 168 from the 180/168 separation to Shepherd Avenue. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list late 2016; advertise early 2017; begin construction spring 2017. Jeannie Wiley,

## UPDATE ON FRESNO COUNTY PROJECTS, CONTINUED

Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**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. In construction. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Prather Curve Correction:** Realign the curve on SR 168 and Auberry Road near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Advertise spring 2015; bid opening is July 28, 2015; construction to start late summer 2015. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Auberry Road Roundabout:** Intersection improvements at the SR 168/Auberry Road intersection near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list fall 2015; advertise early 2016; begin construction spring 2016; complete construction 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Munger Point:** Enhance Maynard Munger vista point on SR 168 east of the community of Prather. Funding: STIP, TE. Project is being re-

designed since the first advertisement. The project could not be awarded as all bids were greater than the Caltrans cost for the project. In construction. Jeannie Wiley, 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 spring 2016; end construction fall 2020. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**180 Braided Ramps Landscaping Project:** Freeway landscaping in the City of Fresno from west of the Route 180S/Route 41 separation to east of the Peach Avenue overcrossing. Funding: Measure. Project advertised in February 2015; project awarded in March 2015; began construction fall 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. Design completed in June 2015; construction will be delayed at least one year

due to lack of available funding. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

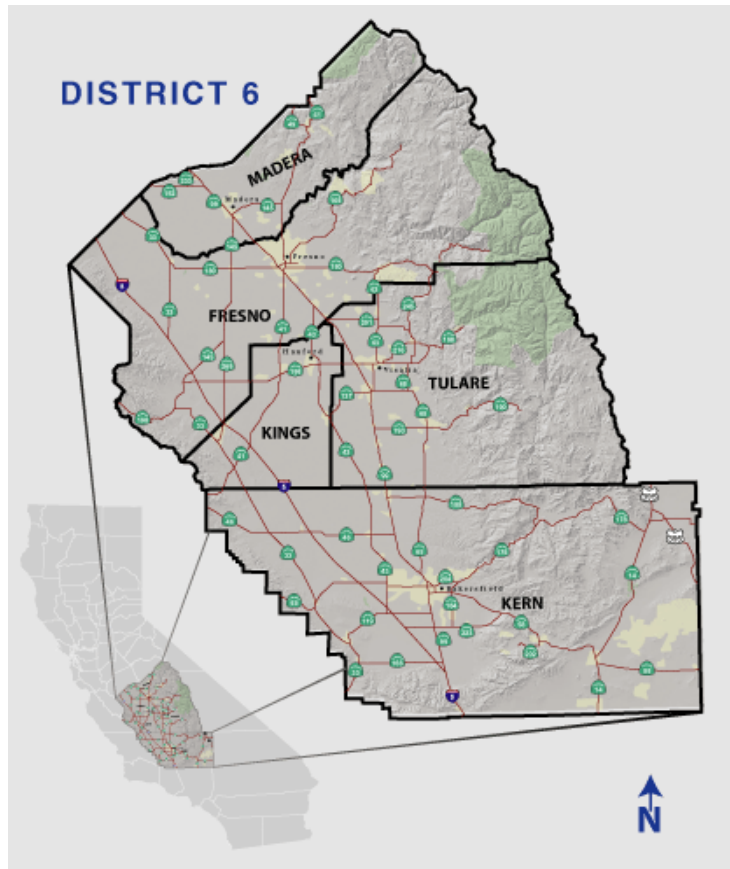
**Cali Aqueduct Deck Replacement:** Replace the California Aqueduct bridge deck on SR 198 near the City of Huron. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list late 2015; advertise early 2016; begin construction early 2016; complete construction spring 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.



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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.*



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